

MV MERMAID II ITINERARIES



MV MERMAID II : BALI-KOMODO BALI ITINERARY

Day	8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS 20 DIVES	Dives
Day 1	Check-in on board MV Mermaid II between 14:00-16:00 hours in Bena Harbour Bali. After the boat and safety briefing, we'll set up equipment and you can settle into your cabin. Dinner will be served at 19:00 hours as we cruise into the sunset on overnight journey to Moyo Island, north west Sumbawa	0
Day 2	Start your adventure with a great dive in the calm, clear waters of Angel Reef at Moyo Island. Massive elephant ear Massive elephant ear and barrel sponges, schools of long fin banner fish and red tooth triggers In their hundreds, frog fish, nudibranchs, eels, surgeon fish, snapper, dog tooth tuna checking out what is for lunch ! Visit the local village then its lunch for us! Next is a great dive at Panjang Reef – are the pygmy seahorses here? Then we cruise 2 hours to Satonda Island for a world class night dive after watching a million bats fly at sunset. After a great dive and dinner we cruise overnight to Sangeang Island, off the north coasts of Sumbawa	3
Day 3	2 dives at Sangeang Island for rare nudibranchs, pygmy seahorse and underwater hot springs that support this very unique marine life Cruise to Gili Banta for exhilarating dives at Tanduk Rusa turtles, colorful reef stone fish, Spanish dancers – calm sea- a great place to stay the night	4
Day 4	If the tide is right we hunt grey reef shark and dolphin at Taka Toko Gili Lawalaut. Dive 2 is a fast drift with pelagics and manta at Lighthouse Reef or the Old Passage. Then Crystal Rock awesome soft corals and the chance for sharks, turtles, giant Maori wrasse, a ‘fish soup’ dive with a high chance of eagle rays too! Then we cruise south for fascinating night dive at Pink Beach near the entrance to the Komodo National Park	4
Day 5	Start your day with an exciting visit to Komodo National Park to walk with the dragons ! Then relax as we cruise 2 hours south to Horseshoe Bay Raja Island. Spectacular Then relax as we cruise 2 hours south to Horseshoe Bay Rinja Island. Spectacular diving await at the world famous site Cannibal Rock – rare nudibranchs, frogfish, spectacular corals, sponges, ascidians, huge black coral bushes, turtles, cuttlefish, loads of reef fish too Watch dragons on the beach, monkey, deer, wild pigs along the shore, go beach combing.... Maybe even a chance to follow whales and dolphin feeding in the calm bay. We overnight at this peaceful place, night diving at one of the many fabulous spots	3
Day 6	The Three Sisters call us to Padar Island for sharks and nudibranchs, surgeon fish and devil Rays. Manta Alley or Takat Makasar follows for the chance for a manta aggregation – WOW! Batu Bolong aka ‘Current City’ is the home for large Napoleon Wrasse, turtles, blue fin trevally Or maybe a dive at Tatawa Kecil – we check out the currents first to make sure the dive will be cool for everyone on board! Then we say goodbye to Komodo National Park with a fabulous Night dive at Gili Banta with Coral Cat Shark or we cruise west enjoying a post dinner night dive along the way. Overnight we cruise to Satonda Island	4
Day 7	We enjoy two fantastic dives at Sumbawa Surprise – macro enthusiasts will be in 7th heaven then on to Moyo Islands for more chances for ghost pipe fish, ribbon eels, turtle, cuttlefish and more before we cruise	2

Day 8	After breakfast we transfer you ashore at 8.30am to continue your vacation...or its time to head home to start planning your next Mermaid Liveboards cruise!	0
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TOTAL DIVES	20
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MV MERMAID II : BALI-KOMODO-MAUMERE ITINERARY

Day	8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS 20 DIVES	Dives
Day 1	Check-in on board MV Mermaid II between 13:00-15:00 hours in Benoa Harbour Bali. After the boat and safety briefing, we'll set up equipment and you can settle into your cabin. Dinner will be served at 19:00 hours as we cruise into the sunset on overnight journey to Moyo Island, north west Sumbawa	0
Day 2	Start your adventure with a great dive in the calm, clear waters of Angel Reef at Moyo Island. Massive elephant ear Massive elephant ear and barrel sponges, schools of long fin banner fish and red tooth triggers In their hundreds, frog fish, nudibrancs, eels, surgeon fish, snapper, dog tooth tuna checking out what is for lunch ! Visit the local village then its lunch for us! Next is a great dive at Panjang Reef – are the pygmy seahorses here? Then we cruise 2 hours to Satonda Island for a world class night dive after watching a million bats fly at sunset. After a great dive and dinner we cruise overnight to Sangeang Island, off the north coasts of Sumbawa	3
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Day 4	If the tide is right we hunt grey reef shark and dolphin at Taka Toko Gili Lawalaut. Dive 2 is a fast drift with pelagics and manta at Lighthouse Reef or the Old Passage. Then Crystal Rock awesome soft corals and the chance for sharks, turtles, giant Maori wrasse, a ‘fish soup’ dive with a high chance of eagle rays too! Then we cruise south for fascinating night dive at Pink Beach near the entrance to the Komodo National Park	4
Day 5	Start your day with an exciting visit to Komodo National Park to walk with the dragons! Then relax as we cruise 2 hours south to Horseshoe Bay Rinja Island. Spectacular Then relax as we cruise 2 hours south to Horseshoe Bay Rinja Island. Spectacular diving await at the world famous site Cannibal Rock – rare nudibrancs, frogfish, spectacular corals, sponges, ascidians, huge black coral bushes, turtles, cuttlefish, loads of reef fish too Watch dragons on the beach, monkey, deer, wild pigs along the shore, go beach combing.... Maybe even a chance to follow whales and dolphin feeding in the calm bay. We overnight at this peaceful place, night diving at one of the many fabulous spots	3
Day 6	The Three Sisters call us to Padar Island for sharks and nudibrancs, surgeon fish and devil Rays. Manta Alley or Takat Makasar follows for the chance for a manta aggregation – WOW! Batu Bolung aka ‘Current City’ is the home for large Napoleon Wrasse, turtles, blue fin trevally Or maybe a dive at Tatawa Kecil – we check out the currents first to make sure the dive will be cool for everyone on board! Then we travel further east in the Komodo national park and begin our journey to Maumere	4
Day 7	After arriving in the Maumere area we enjoy some of the amazing critter diving this area offers. Unique diving, interesting area with loads to offer all levels of divers	2
Day 8	After breakfast we transfer you ashore at 8.30am to continue your vacation...or its time to head home to start planning your next Mermaid Liveboards cruise ! With this itinerary we strongly recommend you allow a day for looking around Maumere area – this way you can maximize the number of dives and enjoy some of the great muck diving Maumere offers. Perhaps if you would like to sightseeing then contact info@mermaid-liveboards.com and we can recommend some sightseeing packages for this fascinating area. Trips starting in Maumere follow a similar itinerary however in reverse ! disembarking in Bali around 8:30am on the last day for transfer to your hotel or the airport	0

TOTAL DIVES	20
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MV MERMAID II ITINERARY SORONG-RAJA AMPAT-SORONG			
Day	9 DAYS/8 NIGHTS	26-28 DIVES	Dives
Day 1	Check-in on board MV Mermaid I. As guest arrivals take place all through the day depending on flights you are welcome to board when you arrive and spend some time looking around Sorong, gearing up etc. Following the boat and safety briefing - its overnight to the Misool area.		0
	<p>It is almost impossible to put together a daily itinerary due to the magnificent diving everywhere we go. No trip is the same with so many different sites to visit and explore. If there is somewhere in particular you really have your heart set on please discuss with the Cruise Director who will do their utmost to get you there – conditions, ship and your safety allowing!</p>		
Day 2-4	Misool area – with literally 100’s of dives around this magnificent area we will be in diver’s paradise for a few days. Soft corals, gorgonians – some of the prettiest corals in the world – and the kingdom of the pygmy seahorse ! Pinnacles with masses of fish. Blue water mangroves (crocs depending!) Islands we will thoroughly enjoy the Misool area including Sagof Islands, Wagma and Farondi islands; Wailbatan and Warakaret Island, Kalig, Pele Islands		12
Day 5-7	Fiabacet and Farondi Islands and after the 3rd dive of the day spend some time going around the lagoons in the dinghy for amazing sights and wildlife. Then we may head north to Waigeo Island Perhaps we will spend the day around Batanta Island, a black sand environment – great muck diving ! The Mantas call us to Dampier Strait where they hang out at their cleaning stations. But this place is also fabulous for macro diving with critters such as Pegasus, Pontohi Pgymy Seahorse, pipefish etc. And two dives at a small island called Arborek, with a lovely village and a jetty great for diving ! The jetty pillars are covered in soft corals – a photographer’s delight and also good for macro such as signal gobies, nudibrancs and more Pohntohi’s etc. Dive around the island of Kawe a great place for schooling fish, and beautiful reefs covered in black coral bushes. And dive Alyui Bay (or a full day around Alyui Bay). In Alyui Bay there is a pearl farm. We can tour the pearl farm and learn how they harvest the pearls, and the whole process of pearl farming. You can even buy pearls. Diving in Alyui bay is good for macro and wide angle. Walls covered in soft corals and sea fans with lots of nudies and pygmys. Also a great night dive in the jetty; Raja Epaulette Shark (walking sharks), wobbegongs, crocodilefish, toadfish and frogfish. Dive around the island of Yanggefo - beautiful mangrove areas, stunning reefs covered in orange and purple soft corals, and submerged reef with lots of schooling fish, and pygmies. The Strait of Dampier are also well known for the amount of schooling fish. There are several pinnacles with zillions of fish. Also the tips (capes) of several islands with again lots of schooling fish; schools of barracudas, school of bigeye jacks, snappers, zillions of fusiliers and surgeonfish, etc.... And lots of wobbegongs		12
Day 8	2 dives in the Strait of Dampier. More of the same. Fish, fish, fish, glorious corals and all! Then back to Sorong we must go. The crew will take care of rinsing and packing your equipment during this 4-5 hour run		2
Day 9	After breakfast we transfer you ashore to continue your vacation...or its time to head home to start planning your next Mermaid Liveboards cruise ! With so many new itineraries and opportunities to choose from you will be back and back and back for more and most welcome on board Mermaid Liveboards – Asia’s Premier Liveboard Fleet !		0

Note: 8day/7 night trip – cut 1 day from North (days5-7) Total Dives 22-24

TOTAL DIVES 26-28

MERMAID II : RAJA AMPAT ITINERARY		Dives
Day	12 DAY/11 NIGHTS 34 DIVES	
Day 1	<p>Check-in on board MV Mermaid I. As guest arrivals take place all through the day depending on flights you are welcome to board when you arrive and spend some time looking around Sorong, gearing up etc. Following the boat and safety briefing - its overnight to the Misool area.</p> <p>It is almost impossible to put together a daily itinerary due to the magnificent diving everywhere we go. No trip is the same with so many different sites to visit and explore. If there is somewhere in particular you really have your heart set on please discuss with the Cruise Director who will do their utmost to get you there – conditions, ship and your safety allowing!</p>	0
Day 2 -6	<p>Misool area – with literally 100's of dives around this magnificent area we will be in diver's paradise for a few days. Soft corals, gorgonians – some of the prettiest corals in the world – and the kingdom of the pygmy seahorse ! Pinnacles with masses of fish. Blue water mangroves (crocs depending!) Islands we will thoroughly enjoy the Misool area including Sagof Islands, Wagma and Farondi islands; Wailbatan and Warakaret Island, Kalig, Pele Islands</p>	20
Day 7-9	<p>Fiabacet and Farondi Islands and after the 3rd dive of the day spend some time going around the lagoons in the dinghy for amazing sights and wildlife. Then we may head north to Waigeo Island Perhaps we will spend the day around Batanta Island, a black sand environment – great muck diving ! The Mantas call us to Dampier Strait where they hang out at their cleaning stations. But this place is also fabulous for macro diving with critters such as Pegasus, Pohtohi Pgymy Seahorse, pipefish etc. And two dives at a small island called Arborek, with a lovely village and a jetty great for diving ! The jetty pillars are covered in soft corals – a photographer's delight and also good for macro such as signal gobies, nudibranchs and more Pohtohi's etc. Dive around the island of Kawe a great place for schooling fish, and beautiful reefs covered in black coral bushes. And dive Alyui Bay (or a full day around Alyui Bay). In Alyui Bay there is a pearl farm. We can tour the pearl farm and learn how they harvest the pearls, and the whole process of pearl farming. You can even buy pearls. Diving in Alyui bay is good for macro and wide angle. Walls covered in soft corals and sea fans with lots of nudies and pygmys. Also a great night dive in the jetty; Raja Epaulette Shark (walking sharks), wobbeongs, crocodilefish, toadfish and frogfish.</p> <p>Dive around the island of Yanggefo - beautiful mangrove areas, stunning reefs covered in orange and purple soft corals, and submerged reef with lots of schooling fish, and pygmies. The Strait of Dampier are also well known for the amount of schooling fish. There are several pinnacles with zillions of fish. Also the tips (capes) of several islands with again lots of schooling fish; schools of barracudas, school of bigeye jacks, snappers, zillions of fusiliers and surgeonfish, etc.... And lots of wobbeongs</p>	12
Day 10	<p>2 dives in the Strait of Dampier. More of the same. Fish, fish, fish, glorious corals and all! Then back to Sorong we must go. The crew will take care of rinsing and packing your equipment during this 4-5 hour run</p>	2
Day 11	<p>After breakfast we transfer you ashore to continue your vacation...or its time to head home to start planning your next Mermaid Liveboards cruise ! With so many new itineraries and opportunities to choose from you will be back and back and back for more and most welcome on board Mermaid Liveboards – Asia's Premier Liveboard Fleet !</p>	0
TOTAL DIVES		34



Day	MV MERMAID II ITINERARY BIODIVERSITY SPECIAL	Dives
	16 DAYS 15 NIGHTS 48 – 50 DIVES	

Day 1	Embark in Sorong. Check-in on board MV Mermaid I. As guest arrivals take place all through the day depending on flights you are welcome to board when you arrive and spend some time looking around Sorong, gearing up etc. Following the boat and safety briefing - its overnight to the Strait of Dampier. Cruise overnight to the Dampier Strait (40nm). Total dives 0.	0
Day 2-3	Dampier Strait – Raja Ampat. The first 2 diving days of the trip will be spent around the Dampier Strait, the strait between the island of Waigeo, the Bird's Head peninsula and the northern side of Batanta Island. The Dampier Strait is known for the variety of diving, from giant mantas, to mangroves, beautiful reefs, many pinnacles and sea mounts covered in schooling fish, aggregations of sweetlips, schooling barracudas, schools of bumphead parrotfish, massive schools of fusiliers, and lots of wobbegong sharks. It is also a great location for critters and macro subjects, with several species of pygmy seahorses, and a large variety of nudibranches. There are also several jetties to do some great night dives, where we can see raja epaulette sharks, toadfish, frogfish and crocodile fish. In the afternoon, between dives, we can visit several traditional Papuan villages, meet the locals and walk in white sandy beaches. Cruise overnight to Misool (90nm).	7
Day 4-5	Misool – Raja Ampat. The next 2 days will be around the island of Misool, where there literally hundreds of dive sites. Misool is a heaven for wide angle photographers. The prettiest soft corals reefs in the world are located in Misool, as well as having multiple pinnacles surrounded by masses of schooling fish, barracudas, jacks and snappers. There will be some excursions with the tenders through some amazing inner lagoons, fantastic scenery and wild life sightings. Cruise overnight to Pulau Koon, Ceram (110nm).	7
Day 6	Pulau Koon – Ceram. Pulau Koon is a small island on the southeast of Ceram, half way between Raja Ampat and the Banda Islands. Walls covered in soft corals, and sandy slopes with hard coral bommies. But the most interesting feature of this island is the amount of schooling fish and pelagic, barracudas, bigeye trevallies, aggregation of red snappers, pompanos, batfish, and giant groupers. Cruise overnight to the Banda Islands (80 nm). Total dives 3 or 4 depending on the weather.	3-4
Day 7-8	Banda Islands. The next two days will be spent in the Banda Islands, also know in the old days as the Spice Islands. Many of the dive sites around the Bandas are wall dives. Walls covered in massive gorgonians, soft corals, barrel sponges and some very interesting swimthroughs. But there are other attractive dive sites such as pinnacles with enormous groups of schooling pyramid butterflyfish, triggerfish and pelagic fishes such as tunas passing through, spectacular hard coral reefs next to the volcano, and great muck dives with lots of mandarinfish in the local jetty. The Banda Islands are much more than diving. It is also a cultural and historical experience. We will spend one morning walking around the village of Banda Naira with a local guide, and visit the local museum, the Old Dutch fort, the old colonial governor's house, the local fish market, and we will have breakfast at a nutmeg plantation. Cruise overnight to Manuk (65 nm).	7
Day 9	Manuk – Banda Sea. Manuk, an extinct volcano about 65 nm south of the Banda Islands, is one of 2 places in Indonesia where there are huge aggregations of sea snakes. Chinese sea snakes and	

gorgonians with zillions of fusiliers and pelagic fishes such as spanish mackerels and dogtooth tunas passing through. Cruise overnight to Pulau Nila (70nm).

- Day 10 Pulau Nila – Banda Sea. Approximately 26 nm northeast of the island of Nila in the Banda Sea, there is a submerge reef called Nil Desperandum, consisting mainly of walls and steep slopes going several thousand meters deep, with beautiful hard corals in the reef top. The reef is several miles long, and it can be dived all the around. Napoleons, turtles and reef sharks are usual sightings in this reef.
- 5 nm east of Nila there is an atoll called Dusborgh, with similar topography to Nil Desperandum, with crystal clear water is another great place to see pelagic fish, tunas, mackerels, jacks, rainbow runners passing by. Cruise overnight to Pulau Damar (70nm). 4
- Day 11 Pulau Damar – Banda Sea. Day 11 will be spend diving around the 3 small islands surrounding the island of Damar, Neus Leur, Terbang Utara, and Terbang Selatan. White sandy beaches and completely covered by tropical forests, they contain some of the prettiest and healthiest reefs in the Banda Sea. Walls covered with massive barrel sponges and gorgonian sea fans. Reef tops full of soft corals and small tropical reef fishes. And visibility up to 50 meters. Cruise overnight to Gunung Api (108nm). 3
- Day 12 Gunung Api – Banda Sea. Weather depending, we will be diving day 11 at Gunung Api. A small volcano in the middle of the Banda Sea. Gunung Api is one of those very rare and very special places where not many divers get to go and dive. Underwater ridges, steep slopes with black sand and walls covered in soft corals. But the most amazing feature of this small volcano is the amount of sea snakes that can be found surrounding the island. Spend the time between dives observing the hundreds of frigates that live on the island. Cruise overnight to Wetar (76 nm) 4
- Day 13 Wetar. After cruising every night for one week, we have finally crossed the Banda Sea and arrived at the island of Wetar. In Wetar we will do 3 dives, in the small island of Reong, and in Cape Nunukae. Pulau Reong is a small island on the northwest coast of Wetar and separated by a small channel only 700 meters wide. More walls, like many of the dive sites in the Band Sea, covered in small soft colors but of a great variety of colors and zillions of triggerfish of every species. Cape Nunukae, about 6 nm southwest of Pulau Reong, is a large ridge with slopes on both sides and covered with a hard coral reef on the shallow area of the ridge, and soft corals on the slopes in the deeper areas. Strong currents can be had at the end of the ridge, where large aggregations of schooling fish can be found. Cruise overnight to Alor (98 nm). 3
- Day 14 Alor. Alor is one of the old time favorites dive spots for those people coming to dive in Indonesia year after year due to its variety of dive sites. Healthy reefs, pinnacles, walls, great muck dives, cold water, warm water, strong currents and protected areas. Alor has it all. Cruise overnight to Lewaling, Kawula Island (50 nm). 4
- Day 15 Lewaling Bay – Kawula Island. The last day of diving will be done at Lewaling Bay, in the island of Kawula. With the background of a volcano rising from the western shores of Lewaling Bay, the last 2 dives of the trip will be done in two different capes, Cape Bacatan and Cape Sirumerang. Both dive sites have a mix of ridges, walls with overhangs, white sandy slopes and very shallow reef tops. Then we will cruise overnight to Maumere. Cruise overnight to Maumere, Flores (90 nm) Total dives 2. 2
- Day 16 08.00am Disembark in Maumere

TOTAL DIVES 48-50



MV MERMAID II : RAJA AMPAT TO LEMBEH SULAWESI ITINERARY

Day	12 days/11 nights	30-32 DIVES	Dives
Day 1	Check-in on board MV Mermaid II We start cruising towards the Dampier Strait (South Waigeo)..		0-2
Day 2/3	<p>The Strait Of Dampier is the Strait between Waigeo and the Bird's Head Peninsula. Together with Misool, it is the best known area for diving in Raja Ampat. All the dive sites around the Dampier Strait are known for the huge amount of schooling fish; schooling barracudas, schools of bigeye trevallies, oceanic triggerfish, spadefish, surgeonfish, and snappers. Besides the schooling fish, it is also an area where we get to see blacktips, whitetips, and wobbegongs sharks. Some of the best manta dives are also located in the Dampier Strait. These are Manta Sandy (or Manta Mantra), and Blue Magic. Manta Sandy been a sandy slope with several bommies that the mantas use as a cleaning station. And Blue Magic, a small pinnacle where the giant mantas congregate, and also get cleaned. Some of the best mangrove dives are also located in the Dampier Strait, around the island of Yanggefo and the island of Gam. The Dampier Strait is not only known for the amount of schooling fish, the mantas, or the mangroves, but also for the bommies that can be found in the shallow areas of the reefs. Some of these bommies are covered with beautiful soft corals, as well as with glassfish. And of course we cannot forget the dive sites in some of the jetty from the local villages, where the pillars of the jetties are covered in soft corals and small critters.</p> <p>Best known dive sites in the Dampier Strait :Cape Kri, Sardine Reef, Chicken Reef, Mioskon, Blue Magic, Mike's Point, Manta Sandy, Arborek Jetty, Mangrove Ridge, Citrus Ridge. Cruise overnight to Misool</p>		7
Day 4/5	<p>Misool is the most southern island in Raja Ampat, and it is surrounded by several hundred small islands and rocks. Some of the nicest soft coral reefs in the world are located in Misool. It is impossible to describe only several dive sites since there are literally hundreds of them. Every year new dive sites are discovered around Misool. Many of the dive sites around Misool are just as fishy as the ones from the Dampier Strait, with same schools of barracudas, spadefish, pinjalo snappers, and zillions of fusiliers. But Misool is also a great macro place. It is known as the kingdom of the pygmy seahorses, as well as having small allied cowries in the gorgonian seafans, and nudibranches. Best known diving areas around Misool: Within each of the following areas, there are always several dive sites. Wagma, Farondi, Balbulol, Sagof, Daram, Yellit, Boo, Warakaraket, Fiabacet, Kalig, Wayilbatan, Wayil, Pele and Nampele (Blue Water Mangroves). Cruise overnight to Pulau Pisang</p>		7
Day 6	<p>Pulau Pisang – These are a set of 2 islands and 2 small rocks between Misool and Halmahera. We spend the whole day here. The diving is pretty nice, sloping reefs with healthy soft on the deeper areas and hard corals bommies in the shallows. When the currents are strong, the dive sites can be very fishy, schooling bumphead parrotfish, zillions of blue triggerfish, and dogtooth tunas passing by. Cruise overnight to the Strait of Pantini (Halmahera)</p>		3
Day 7	<p>Strait on Pantini – whole day in the south of Halmhera. 2 great pinnacles break the surface – excellent dive sites due to the amount of schooling fish as well as the healthy state of the soft corals. Blacktips, Whitetips, turtles and napoleons are some of the highlights. Strong currents here will disctate when we dive. Other sites offer great opportunities as well. Procco Channel between 2 islands – starts with a sandy slope with several large bommie then we enter the channel and hook on</p>		3

Day 8	Pulau Tifore: a small island between Halmahera and Lembeh with a great submerged reef about ½ mile from the island. The main attraction here is definitely the barracudas – hundreds and hundreds have made this their home for years. Really amazing especially if you can get inside the swirling vortex of the barracudas. Cruise overnight to Sulawesi	3
Day 10	Lembeh Strait – some of the best muck diving in Indonesia ! Black sand environment full of critters. Frogfish, all kinds of octopi, spiny devilfish, nudi heaven, etc... Everybody more or less knows what diving in Lembeh is like. Travelling tomorrow then only 2 dives sorry – not travelling then enjoy more this world renown area is famous for.	4
Day 11	More of the wonders of Lembeh - Travelling tomorrow then only 2 dives sorry – not travelling then enjoy more this world renown area is famous for.	2-4
Day 12	Disembark in for transfer to your resort or on to Manado for the next leg of your adventure. Lembeh is home to some wonderful dive resorts with the opportunity of hours of fabulous diving. Contact Mermaid Liveboards or your agent to book you in – while in Lembeh it would be shame not to maximize your opportunity to stay here or perhaps head north for the walls of Bunaken National Park – also brilliant diving.	0

TOTAL DIVES 30-32



MV MERMAID II : RAJA AMPAT – BANDA SEA - AMBON ITINERARY

12 days/11 nights 32 -34 DIVES

Day		Dives
Day 1	Check-in on board MV Mermaid I. As guest arrivals take place all through the day depending on flights you are welcome to board when you arrive and spend some time looking around Sorong, gearing up etc. Following the boat and safety briefing - its overnight to the Dampier Strait area	
Day 2-4	The next 3 days will be spent around the Dampier Strait, the strait between the island of Waigeo, the Bird's Head peninsula and the northern side of Batanta island. The Dampier Strait is known for the variety of diving, from giant mantas, to mangroves, beautiful reefs, many pinnacles and sea mounts covered in schooling fish, aggregations of sweetlips, schooling barracudas, schools of bumphead parrotfish, massive schools of fusiliers, and lots of wobbegongs sharks. It is also a great location for critters and macro subjects, with several species of pygmy seahorses, and a large variety of nudibranches. There are also several jetties to do some great night dives, where we can see raja epaulette sharks, toadfish, frogfish and crocodilefish. In the afternoon, between dives, we can visit several traditional Papuan villages, meet the locals and walk in white sandy beaches.Cruise overnight to Misool.	11
Day 5-6	The next 2 days will be around the island of Misool, where there literally hundreds of dive sites. Misool is a heaven for wide angle photographers. The prettiest soft corals reefs in the world are located in Misool, as well as having multiple pinnacles surrounded by masses of schooling fish, barracudas, jacks and snappers. There will be some excursions with the tenders through some amazing inner lagoons, fantastic scenery and wild life sightings.Cruise overnight to Pulau Koon, Ceram.	7
Day 7	Pulau Koon is a small island on the southeast of Ceram, half way between Raja Ampat and the Banda Islands. Walls covered in soft corals, and sandy slopes with hard coral bommies. But the most interesting feature of this island is the amount of schooling fish and pelagic, barracudas, bigeye trevallies, aggregation of red snappers, pompanos, batfish, and giant groupers.Cruise overnight to Manuk.	3
Day 8	Manuk, an extinct volcano about 65 nm south of the Banda Islands, is one of 2 places in Indonesia where there are huge aggregations of sea snakes, Chinese sea snakes and banded sea kraits. It is an incredible experience to dive surrounded on all sides by sea snakes. The island is surrounded by black sandy slopes with hard coral reefs, volcanic ridges covered in gorgonians with zillions of fusiliers and pelagic fishes such as spanish mackerels and dogtooth tunas passing through.Cruise overnight to the Banda Islands.	4
Day 9-10	The next two days will be spent in the Banda Islands, also know in the old days as the Spice Islands. Many of the dive sites around the Bandas are wall dives. Walls covered in massive gorgonians, soft corals, barrel sponges and some very interesting swimthroughs. But there are other attractive dive sites such as pinnacles with enormous groups of schooling pyramid butterflyfish, triggerfish and pelagic fishes such as tunas passing through, spectacular hard coral reefs next to the volcano, and great muck dives with lots of mandarinfish in the local jetty. The Banda Islands are much more than diving. It is also a cultural and historical experience. We will spend one morning walking around the village of Banda Naira with a local guide, and visit the local	7

Day 11	The last diving day of the trip will be around either the island of Nusa Laut, or in Ambon Bay. Nusa Laut is a small island, next to the island of Saparua, which has some beautiful hard coral fringing reefs as well as walls similar to those of the Banda Islands. Or we will spend the day around Ambon, where there are several options such as wrecks, caves or doing some really interesting muck dives looking for rhynophias, frogfish (including the psychedelic frogfish), harlequin shrimps, and many other critters.	2
Day 12	08.00am Disembark from the boat	

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