

MV MERMAID I INDONESIA ITINERARIES



MV MERMAID I : BALI-KOMODO-BALI ITINERARY

Day	10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS	28 DIVES	Dives
Day 1	Check-in on board MV Mermaid I between 13:00-15:00 hours in Benoa Harbour Bali. After the boat and safety briefing, equipment is prepared then settle into your cabin. Dinner is served at approx. 19:00 hours as e cruise overnight to Moyo Island off the north west coast of 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 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 ! Then we cruise to Satonda Island for a macro dive followed by a world class night dive after watching a million bats fly at sunset. After a great dive and dinner we cruise overnight to Sangeang Volcano off the north coast of Sumbawa.		3
Day 3	The Nusa Tenggara region has some extremely interesting and unique marine life. Today we spend the day diving around Sangeang Volcano - 2-3 dives for rare nudibrancs, pygmy seahorse, leaf scorpion fish, blue ribbon eels, black sand diving with all its treasures and underwater hot springs that supports this very unique marine environment. Night dive here too or head on over to Gili Banta for the chance for Star Gazers and coral cat shark.		4
Day 4	Current depending, we start the day at GPS Point Gili Banta famous for its sharks and pelagic fishes. Then we enter the Komodo National Park and for more exhilarating blue water/fish soup diving ! Gili Lawalaut has several great dives - if the tide is right we hunt grey reef shark and dolphin at Taka Toko Gili Lawalaut. Lighthouse Reef and The Old Passage offer fast drifts with pelagics, maybe manta ! Crystal Rock offers awesome soft corals in gold and orange hues plus the chance for sharks, turtles, Giant Maori wrasse, a "fish soup" dive. Tonight we dive the famous Pink Beach - spectacular colours and Frogfish, slipper lobster, basket stars, robust sea cucumbers unique to the area plus more !		4
Day 5	Start your day with an exciting visit to Loh Liang Komodo National Park to walk with the dragons ! And as we quietly walk through the bush setting look out for Komodo dragons, deer, wild boar and birds. Then relax as we cruise south to dive the Three Sisters or Pillarsteen at Padar Island. Next stop is a diver's paradise - Horseshoe Bay Rinja Island - home of one of the top 10 dives in the world- Cannibal Rock - an abundance of corals, sponges, ascidians, sea apples, black corals, turtle, cuttlefish, loads of reef fishes too ! Here we can also watch dragons scavenging 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, diving at one of the many fabulous spots.		3
Day 6	More world class dives today as we relax in Horseshoe Bay Rinja Island - the Yellow Wall of Texas is absolutely stunning covered with enormous yellow soft corals. Go slowly along the wall looking for unique creatures but don't forget to look out into the blue to see what's coming by... maybe e make a deep dive to check if the tiny yellow pygmy seahorses are on the giant gorgonians at depth		4

Day 7	Today we'll head on over to Manta Alley to watch in awe as these magnificent creatures feed, play and get cleaned at the many cleaning stations. In the afternoon we can check out more big fish dives maybe at Loh Serah, Tatawa Kecil or the infamous "Current City" Batu Bolong - come face to face with reef sharks, turtles and giant Wrasse. Many good night dives around here - Gili Darat is great for sleeping turtles, colourful reef stonefish, Spanish dancers - calm sea - a good place to sleep.	4
Day 8	The diving around Gili Lawalaut, Tatawa Kecil, Gili Darat is so awesome you will all want more so today we make 2-3 dives in clear arm blue waters - loads of fish both big and small. Then we'll head off for a a night dive at either Gili Banta or maybe Batu Putih in Sumbawa - both interesting sites. Overnight we cruise back to Satonda and Sumbawa - solar powered nudibranchs, ghost pipefish anyone ?	4
Day 9	We enjoy two good dives around Sumbawa and Moyo Islands - a chance to shoot anything you missed at the trip beginning. Then the crew wash your equipment for you while you relax on the sundeck or downloading your pictures, enjoying our trip video as well just before dinner with all your new friends.	2
Day 10	After breakfast we transfer you ashore o continue your vacation...or its time to head home to start planning your next Mermaid cruise !	0

TOTAL DIVES 28



MERMAID I : BALI-KOMODO-MAUMERE ITINERARY

Day	10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS	27 DIVES	Dives
Day 1	Check-in on board MV Mermaid I 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 our 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! 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 coast of Sumbawa		3
Day 3	3 dives at Sangeang Island for rare nudibranchs, pygmy seahorse and underwater hot springs that support this very unique marine life. Then cruise to Gili Banta for the night dive at Star Gazer beach which will deliver many unusual species and hunters in action		4
Day 4	2 dives at Gili Banta on with reefs/walls and submerged mounts offering dives with pelagics, turtles, schooling fish and clear waters. Then 2 dives at Gili Lawalaut. Sites like Castle Rock, Crystal Rock, Lighthouse Reef, The Old Passage will delight with fast drifts and great fish action. Loads of feeding action for late afternoon and morning dives here. The chance for grey reef shark, mantas, dolphins, turtles, napoleon wrasse make these dive exciting for all.		4

fabulous night dive with fire urchins, zebra crabs, frogfish, nudibranchs, amazing basket stars and more.

Day 6	Start your day with an exciting visit to Komodo National Park to walk with the dragons! Then relax for around 1.5 hours as we cruise south to Manta Alley, home to a large school of reef mantas. After exhilarating manta dives we cruise to Horseshoe Bay to night dive at Torpedo Alley. This site offers some of the most weird and wonderful critters and macro diving you will ever see !	3
Day 7	Next 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	4
Day 8	3 dives around the Lintah Strait, the strait between Komodo Island on the west and Rinca and Flores on the east. The Lintah Strait has super clear waters and vast diversity of marine life from sharks and mantas, many species of rays including Mantas, turtles galore, schooling fish and even nudibranchs if you can take your eyes off the rest of the action going on around you ! There are a choice of dive sites including Batu Bolong, Takat Makassar, Tatawa Besar, Tatawa Kecil, Batu Tengah, and Siaba Kecil. With a night dive that can be either a critter dive at Wainiloo, or a reef dive in northern Komodo. Then we cruise overnight to Maumere...	3
Day 9	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 10	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 sightsee then contact indo.liveboards@gmail.com and they 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 27



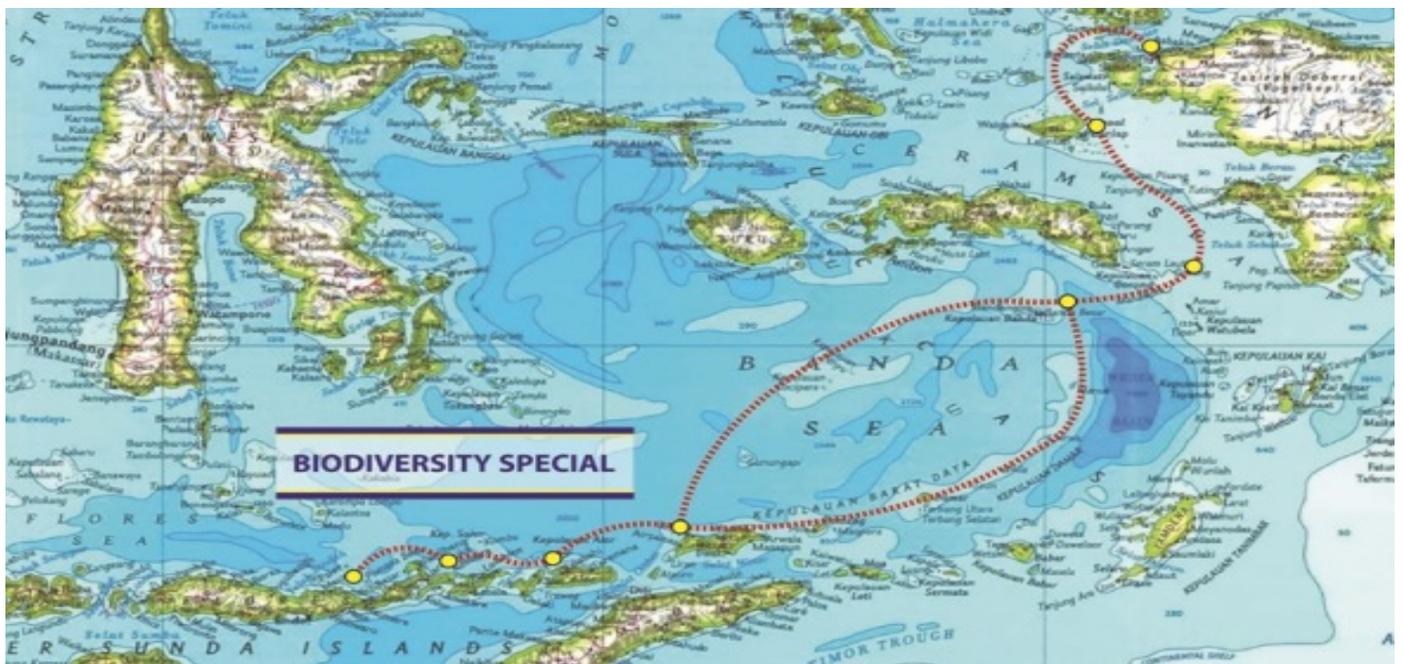
MV MERMAID I : SORONG-RAJA AMPAT-SORONG ITINERARY

Day	10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS	30-32 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. 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!		0

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 (crops depending!) Islands we will thoroughly enjoy the Misool area including Sagof Islands, Wagma and Farondi islands; Wailatan and Warakaret Island, Kalig, Pele Islands

Day 6-8	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, nudibracs 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 pygmy’s. Also a great night dive in the jetty; Raja Epaulette Shark (walking sharks), wobbegongs, crocodile fish, 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 is 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 big eye jacks, snappers, zillions of fusiliers and surgeonfish, etc.... And lots of wobbegongs	12
Day 9	2 dives in the Straits 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 10	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

TOTAL DIVES 30-32



MV MERMAID I : BIODIVERSITY SPECIAL ITINERARY

Day	16 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS	48 – 50 DIVES	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).		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		7

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).

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| 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 mandarin fish 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 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 Pulau Nila (70nm). | 4 |
| 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 |

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.

Day 16 08.00am Disembark in Maumere

TOTAL DIVES 48-50



MV MERMAID I : RAJA AMPAT TO LEMBEH SULAWESI ITINERARY

Day	12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS	30 - 32 DIVES	Dives
Day 1	Check-in on board MV Mermaid II. 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

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)

Day 7	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 to see what is passing by ! Wow! After this exhilarating day we cruise overnight to Pulau Tifore	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 I : RAJA AMPAT – BANDA SEA - AMBON ITINERARY

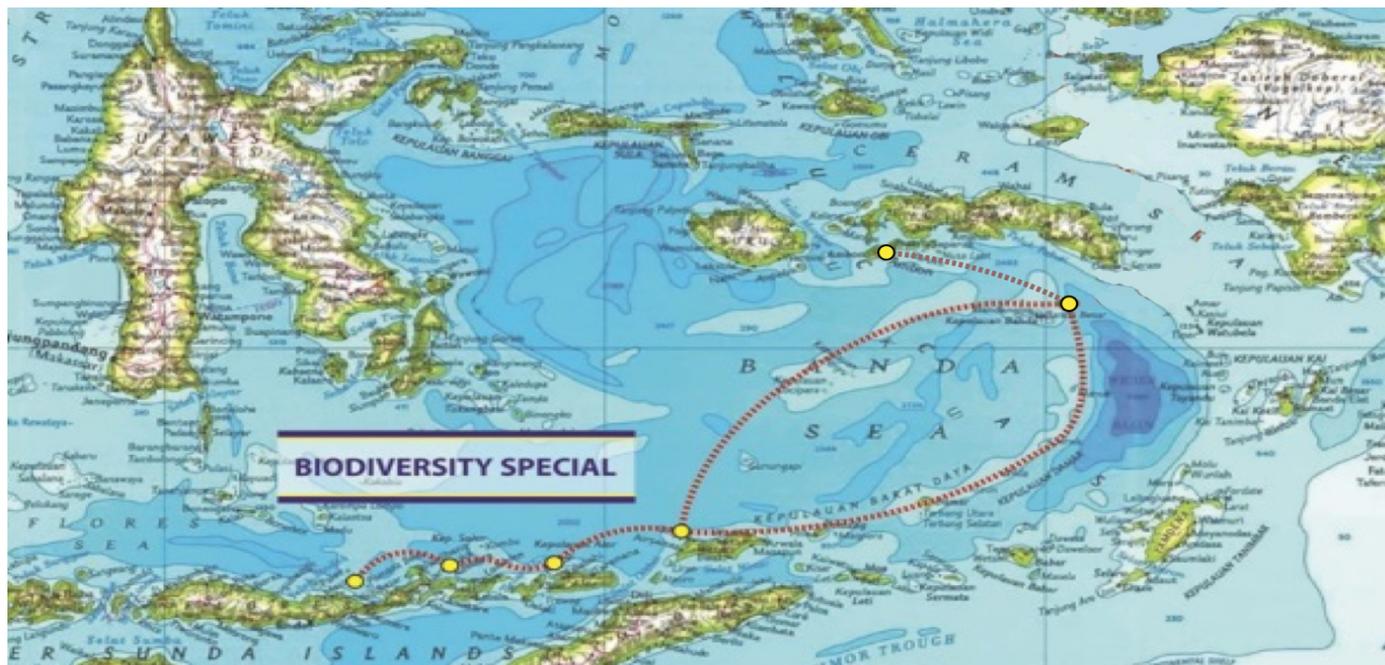
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Day 2-4	The next 3 days will be spent around the Dampier Strait, the strait between the island of Waigeo, the Bird's Head peninsula and the northern side of Batanta island. The Dampier Strait is known for the variety of diving, from giant mantas, to 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 rain anemone, checks, toadfish, frogfish and crocodile fish in		

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white sandy beaches. Cruise overnight to Misool.

- 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, big eye trevallies, aggregation of red snappers, pompanos, batfish, and giant groupers. Cruise overnight to Manuk. 3
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- Day 9-10 The next two days will be spent in the Banda Islands, also known 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 butterfly fish, triggerfish and pelagic fishes such as tunas passing through, spectacular hard coral reefs next to the volcano, and great muck dives with lots of mandarin fish 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 Nusa Laut, Saparua Island, or to Ambon. 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 on to your next destination

TOTAL DIVES 32-34



MV MERMAID I : RING OF FIRE - MAUMERE-ALOR-BANDA SEA-AMBON or reverse

Day	12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS	36-38 DIVES	Dives
Day 1	Check-in on board MV Mermaid I. Guests are required to arrive the day prior – 2 dives will be held this day – 1 at the fabulous critter sanctuary provided by the pier and another super reef dive just a few hours from Maumere. Cruise overnight to Kawula 100nm.		2
Day 2	Dive Cape Bacatan and the bay of Lewaling at the island of Kawula. 3 daylight dives along walls and ledges covered in sea fans and soft corals – chance for pygmy seahorse and critters here as well. Cape Bacatan is a good place to spot whitetips, blacktips, occasional grey reef sharks. Also a popular spot for eagle rays, napoleon wrasse, loads of schooling fish. A great muck night dive will be done in front of a traditional fishing village. Cruise overnight to Alor 70nm..		3
Day 3	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 Wetar 95nm		4
Day 4	.In Wetar we will do 4 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 Banda 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 a few hours to Gunung Api 75nm.		4
Day 5	Gunung Api – during October and November we have the chance to see the schooling hammerheads this area is becoming famous for. Gunung Api is already a rare and unusual dive site consisting mainly of sea snakes – mostly Chinese green snakes with a few banded sea snakes as well. No need to be scared but be prepared to have some awesome dives !!! Overnight to Damar 110nm.		4
Day 6	Today we dive several small islands – Neus Leur, Terbang Seletan, Terbang Utara and Damar. The island of Damar and its 3 surrounding small islands have spectacular diving. Like many dives in the Banda Sea there is crystal clear water and beautiful walls covered in massive sponges and beautiful soft corals. Cruise a few hours to Nila 54 nm.		4
Day 7	Surrounding the island of Nila there are 2 atolls, Dusborg and Nil Desperandum. It's at these 2 atolls where there is a good chance of seeing hammerhead sharks – even without – the reefs are fabulous, healthy walls and 50+ metre visibility. Cruise overnight to Gili Manuk 70nm		4
Day 8	.Manuk – Snake Volcano – sometimes more snakes than Gunung Api (still no need to be afraid !) The site also offers a black sand reef dive with loads of fish and pretty hard corals. If sharks were delighting all at Nila there is a chance to stay there this day instead – making 3 dives then travelling through to the Bandas.		4
Day 9-10	Banda Islands today ! Walls, swimthroughs, sponges and sea fans – good diving and great for wide angle.		7

metres offering spectacular walls and stunning reef tops – visibility usually 40-50+ metres. The night dive is at the pier in front of an hotel ! Black sand and volcanic rock with an unusual amount of large and not shy mandarin fish – also great for critters and one for the nudibranc fans.

The next day as well as 3 more great dives – we will go on land for an excursion on the island of Banda Neira visiting the local museum, Dutch fort, nutmeg plantation, local market and small but very old Chinese temple. We have breakfast at the nutmeg plantation ! Cruise overnight to Nusa Laut 75nm or Ambon 110nm.

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| Day 11 | Today we either do 2 dives at Nusa Laut – healthy reefs, chance for dugong...or onto Ambon for some fabulous muck dives with critters galore – this area is known for many rare and unusual species including the psychedelic frogfish and Ambon scorpion fish | 2 |
| Day 12 | Disembark 08:00am in Ambon or Maumere if doing the trip in reverse leg of the amazing adventure for morning or afternoon flights to your next destination | |

TOTAL DIVES 36-38