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Trip 1: Halmahera to Raja Ampat



Damai II Liveaboard
Nov 25th-Dec 5th, 2020

Join Optical Ocean Sales for the first of two 10 day all-inclusive Photo Expeditions on the luxurious Damai II liveaboard from Halmahera to Sorong. These cruises feature a wide range of areas with unique diving opportunities to photograph everything from mantas to nudibranchs, soft coral mangroves and more!

Halmahera to Raja Ampat (Nov 25th - Dec 5th, 2020):



Halmahera liveaboard trips offer divers the chance to dive all corners of this remote and diverse archipelago. North of the Banda Sea and west of the world famous Raja Ampat lies this underpopulated island and its neighboring archipelago of volcanoes, sandy islands and mangroves.



Departing from the Sultanate of Ternate, the Damai II liveaboard will make the first stop at the volcanic island and seamount of Tifore to enjoy huge schools of barracudas and jacks, reef sharks and some cool macro. From here you will island hop through the picturesque northern Maluku islands; from Makian into the archipelago of Goraici and its seamounts, great reefs and beautiful coral gardens with possible manta sightings. Then we'll go to Pulau Kusu with soft coral fans and lots of fish and onto Pasir Karo with sloping reefs with lots of big and small critters. Our expedition will continue to Bacan with its world class muck diving in the morning along the black sand slopes in front of the boat-building beach, and its schooling barracuda off the wall in the afternoon, reported to be the largest in Indonesia.



Cross the Seram Sea to the remote island of Pulau Pisang with its spectacular topography of pinnacles and plateaus teaming with schooling snapper and tuna. We will continue on to dive the north part of Raja Ampat for this leg, depending on weather.



Blue Water Mangroves A unique environment where soft corals and small fans grow close to the roots of mangrove, creating a small garden where juvenile fish, archerfish, nudibranchs and some other invertebrates are the most common inhabitants. Extremely interesting for photographers.



Batanta The last day of diving will be entirely dedicated to pure muck dive: seahorses, ghost pipe fish, mimic octopus... critter hunt!! In the afternoon, after lunch we will be heading towards Sorong where our trip ends.

MV Damai II: This beautifully designed wooden boat was designed to offer a personal luxury service, that only a vessel of this size, that is dedicated to small groups can provide. With a length of 40 meters (130 feet) and a beam of over 9 meters (29.5 feet) the vessel has 7 staterooms with a choice of single cabins, twins, doubles or two spacious master cabins with private balconies. All cabins are large and furnished with queen or king sized beds, and ensuite heads. There is a spacious indoors camera room like found in a resort. Optical Ocean Sales staff will be aboard to help you get the most of your underwater photography.

Included in your Package: 10 Days/11 Nights on board the Damai I Liveaboard • 4 dives a day • Full equipment, nitrox, laundry and massages and port fees included! - a \$400 value! • UW photo assistance from OOS • All meals served in a fine dining environment • Beer, drinks and wine each night onboard • Transfers to/from boat.

Prices: Single Cabins: (2 cabins): \$6995 pp • Twin Share Cabins: (2 cabins): \$5995 pp

Not Included: Airfare, transit hotels, park fees. Land tours or resorts before, or after, are available, ask us!

**Deposits are non-refundable, but transferable to another person. Additional periodic payments to be made. 3% surcharge for credit cards.*

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