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Damai II Liveaboard

Nov 25th-Dec 5th, 2020

Dec 7th-Dec 17th, 2020

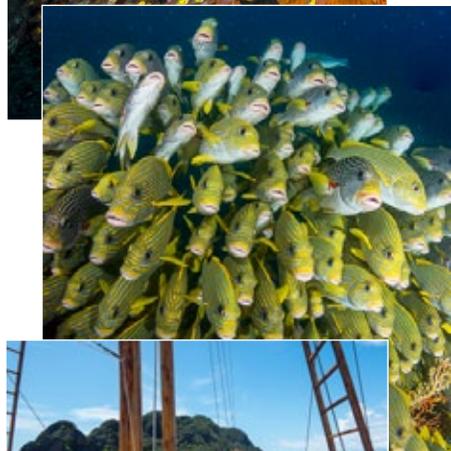
Join Optical Ocean Sales for one or two 10 day all-inclusive Photo Expeditions on the luxurious Damai II liveaboard from Halmahera to Sorong and from Sorong around Raja Ampat back to Sorong the second trip! These cruises feature a wide range of areas with unique diving opportunities to photography everything from mantas to nudibranchs, soft coral mangroves and more! Do one or the other – or both!

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

Departing from the Sultanate of Ternate, the Damai II liveaboard will make the first stop at the volcanic island of Tidore to enjoy schooling fish and some cool macro. From here you will island hop through the picturesque northern Maluku islands; from Makian into the archipelago of Goraici with its seamounts with possible manta sightings and great reefs and beautiful coral gardens 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. Cross the Seram Sea to the remote island of Pulau Pisang with its spectacular topography of pinnacles and plateaus teeming with schooling fish. Continue onto Misool in the south of Raja Ampat to experience the unique Blue Water Mangroves where the reef meets the mangrove roots. An excellent opportunity for wide angle photography. We shall spend our final cruise days enjoying the variety of dive sites around Misool in southern Raja Ampat, which provide a superb mix of wide angle and macro subjects, along with plenty of excellent "muck" diving and the opportunity to visit local villages. Our liveaboard cruise ends in Sorong.

Raja Ampat (Dec. 7-17th, 2020):

Departing from Sorong, Papua, the Damai II liveaboard will make the first stop at the eastern end of the Dampier Straits for a check-out dive. We will spend the following day here diving iconic sites like Cape Kri, Blue Magic and Mioskon enjoying the schooling fish, cruising sharks and maybe rays and pygmy seahorses. We will head west to Gam where there are beautiful orange softcorals at Citrus Ridge and fish action at Mayhem before heading to Wofoh for an afternoon wall dive and night dive. The following morning we hope to experience some Manta action at Kawe followed by a macro afternoon in Aljui Bay. That night we will move south to Penemu for some world class coral reefs and the photo opportunity of the lagoon from the viewpoint. Moving south to the unique destination of the Blue Water Mangroves for some wonderful wide angle opportunities and then east to the colourful softcoral-covered reefs around the island of Misool where we can enjoy the pinnacles at Wayilbatan and Fiabacet or a nice drift along the channel at Neptune Fan Sea. Moving north we will explore the caves at Farondi with another opportunity for a lagoon tour on the tenders and then our last morning's diving we will enjoy a critter hunt on the black sand slopes at Batanta. Our Raja Ampat liveaboard cruise will end in Sorong.



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

Master Cabins: (2 cabins): \$6595 pp

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

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