

News, Travel & Events

Manta Rays Focus of Annual Photo School and Competition on Remote Island of Yap

Hey! You there sitting in your wet suit and fins in that bathtub filled with warm water! Daydreaming about getting back in the swim and going diving when the world opens for business again?

Now's the time to start planning your next adventure while you have time on your hands.

Manta Ray Bay Resort and Yap Divers is a once-in-a-lifetime destination for scuba divers, both new and experienced, who want to dive or snorkel among its namesakes. Located on the remote, exotic island of Yap in the western Pacific, Yap is home to a resident population of these gentle giants that often come within an arm's length of divers. It also enjoys one of the best-preserved cultures in the Pacific Ocean that's a dream-come-true for photographers and divers alike.

Beginning in late August, two weeks every year are devoted to the MantaFest Photography School & Competition, the resort's annual celebration of underwater photography. This year, shooters from around the world will once again gather between August 30 - September 12 to dive in the bathtub-warm waters with the manta rays, reef sharks, sea turtles, and colorful inhabitants and coral of the protected reef that surrounds the main island.

A team of professional photographers will join in the action above and below water, sharing their knowledge in workshops and one-on-one sessions. Topics range from Lightroom workflow, film editing

and histograms to drone flying and everything in between. A competition culminates on the final day when everyone comes together on the Mnuw, the antique Indonesian schooner that serves as the hotel's restaurant and bar. There they show their work on the large outdoor screen, collect prizes, cheer each other on, and down ice-cold steins of Stone Money Beer that's brewed on the premises.

To help you emerge from isolation and get back in the world, Manta Ray is offering a travel special between now and December 31, 2022. Make your reservation and put down a deposit of only 10% with final payment not due until 30 days prior to arrival. Plus, you'll receive a refund guarantee of 100% should you need to cancel due to any COVID-19-related issue. You can also purchase vouchers for \$100 each for redemption at checkout worth \$150 each for on-premise expenses. Buy as many as you want, there's no limit.

So, stop daydreaming and start making plans for that next great dive adventure. Guaranteed it's more fun and a whole lot more comfortable than sitting in that bathtub in those fins.

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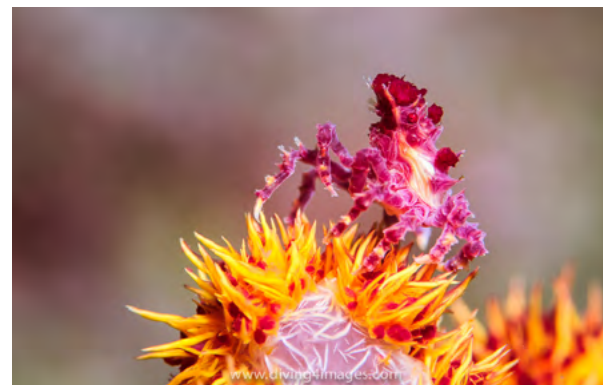
Panoramic freshwater infinity pool

From water-makers, with UV treatment, to black water treatment, Oasis was designed to minimise any impact on the environment.

5* PADI-affiliated dive centre, designed for photographers, and dive boats that are second to none, with freshwater deck showers, toilets and, above all, space.



Triton Bay Feb 6-20 2021



Heading back yet again to this very special and remote dive resort. Some of the most colourful reefs on the planet await us here, reef fish biomass higher than anywhere else and all that mixed with great critter life too.

Just about everyone who has joined me here has been back for more...

Soft & hard corals with trees and a blue sky, simple beauty!

Dates & Logistics

February 6th 2021

Jakarta to Kaimana via Sorong
 CGK-SOQ, ID 6288 Batik Air,
 0535-1305

SOQ-KNG, IW1528 Wings Air,
 1410-1510

February 20th

KNG- SOQ, IW 1529 Wings Air,
 1220-1330

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Seventh Annual United Nations World Oceans Day Photo Competition



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World Oceans Day encourages you to make a difference in your life, in your community, and in the world by taking action to protect our ocean - for present and future generations. Despite the huge challenges facing the world's oceans such as plastic pollution, overfishing and climate change, by working together we can achieve a healthier ocean that will provide for the billions of humans, plants and animals which depend on it every day.

Photography is a powerful medium to convey a feeling or a message. This open and free photo competition seeks to inspire the creation of imagery capturing the beauty, the challenges and

the importance of the ocean and humankind's relation to it, hoping to contribute to actions to preserve it.

For the 7th time, Dive Photo Guide is hosting the United Nations World Oceans Day Photo Competition.

The photo competition has 10 thematic categories open for submissions.

Entries must be submitted electronically in accordance with the contest guidelines and subject to the contest rules.

All entries must be submitted by May 3, 2020 at 12 midnight Eastern Standard Time (EST).

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Underwater Camera Operator Certification Course

The art of Underwater Cinematography requires a profound knowledge of your camera, as well as an understanding of the intricacy of filmmaking. Composition, lighting, camera movement, angles, stability and the numerous necessary adaptations to an ever-changing aquatic realm are an integral part of the creative process required for good footage. Capturing behaviour, action and emotion really bring your shots to life.

The Underwater Camera Operator Certification Course is a robust underwater course, designed to give a complete, hands-on experience in underwater cinematography and provide the fundamentals of how to be a Professional Camera Operator, underwater.

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