

# CORAL EXPLORERS 2020

The ultimate nature interpretation experience to compliment the ultimate dive package

Back by popular demand, Coral Explorers returns and expands with three very special programs:

**Coral Explorers Komodo** 3-10, May 2020 and 12-19, May 2020

**Coral Explorers Raja Ampat** 24-31, May 2020



## KOMODO

With the brand new luxury liveaboard Coralia

May 3-10, 2020  
May 12-19, 2020



## RAJA AMPAT

At the heart of Raja Ampat with Papua Explorers Eco Resort

May 24-31, 2020



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**Coral Explorers** is a program designed to connect people to nature and immerse participants in the abundant waters of Raja Ampat and Komodo while contributing to conservation in Raja Ampat. **Papua Explorers SEA Centre** is a local foundation that actively works on coral reef restoration and education of locals and training them to be job-ready for the growing tourism industry in the area. All proceeds of Coral Explorers Program goes to **Papua Explorers SEA Centre** and makes your diving mean something more.

**Coral Explorers** is a very different kind of dive experience - it's a week where you can explore the world's richest reefs and have them explained to you by world-famous coral reef science communicator Russell Kelley and a marine park manager Rachel Pears. This is experiential diving done right - or edutainment - interesting information and innovative interpretation presented in a low key 'ask-me-anything' style - all set to a non-stop program of world class diving.

Each day Russell and Rachel give presentations and photograph a mystery beastie or two as highlights from the day's diving (your welcome to submit your own!) and show you their secrets. As authors of the Coral Finder / Reef Finder Russell and Rachel are never happier than when showing people how to identify anything using their simple visual recipes - completely latin free! Of course along the way there'll be the usual mix of dolphins, whales, mantas and mobulas and lashings of good fun with interesting people from around the world.

Program highlights include, but are not limited to ;



**Coral Reef Ecology:** a.k.a. Why corals are amazing? How do reefs “work” and why are they so important?

**The Origins of Raja Ampat/Komodo:** Where did Raja Ampat/ Komodo come from, how did it get there and where is it going?

**Why are there so many species?** Discover why Raja Ampat is the world's epicentre of biodiversity and why Komodo follows it.

**Coral Threats:** Learn about the global and local threats to coral reef health including Crown of Thorns Starfish. In the Raja Ampat program, you can join a CoTs mission and

contribute to the conservation efforts of Papua Explorers SEA Centre.

**What is THAT Thing?** Learn to identify anything from fish to tentacles, to shapes and holes, without being a marine biologist using Russell's recipes for easy ID. You'll be surprised how with a few simple visual tips, you can put any beastie in a group.

**Sex on the reef:** Secret cycles of reef creatures and how to be in the right place to see them.

**Plant your own coral (Raja Ampat only)** Take part in a hands-on reef restoration, plant your very own coral and contribute to a wider restoration effort.

## A Typical Day:

A typical day during your Coral Explorers trip will include 7am breakfast, followed by 2 morning dives before a full buffet lunch.

The afternoon consists of 1 afternoon dive, followed by sunset talks by Russell and Rachel. Sunset or night dives will be arranged within the context of learning sessions, for example following the “Night vs Day” module.

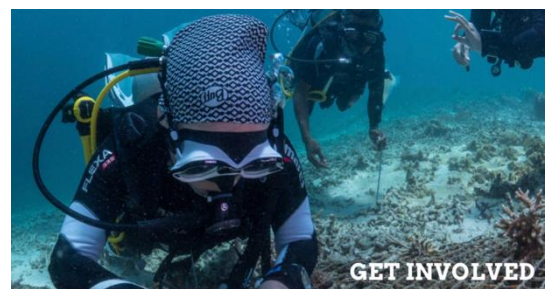
You are encouraged to explore what you have learnt with Russell and Rachel during the day dives, contribute photos for evening Q&A sessions and contribute hands on to one of our projects; monitoring, ID, transplantation or otherwise!

Dives will take place at some of Raja Ampat’s and Komodo’s (and the world’s!) most famous dive sites, all bursting with life and colour. With suitable conditions we may even get the opportunity to do some exploration dives - discovering new/rarely dived reefs, and who knows what else!

## Your Hosts:

### *Russell Kelley*

Russell is a scientist, marine educator, film-maker and author specialising in ocean literacy and capacity building. His published work spans scientific papers, book chapters, educational tools and international television productions. He is manager of BYOGUIDES and author of the Indo Pacific Coral Finder and the Reef Finder - the world's first searchable, smart ID guides. Russell runs coral ID and biodiversity training courses world-wide and is widely recognized for his communications work promoting ecosystem connectivity. Russell is both a geologist and biologist and loves explaining how ecosystems work in an entertaining and engaging way.



### *Dr. Rachel Pears*

Diving the Galapagos islands was life-changing for Rachel, leading her to switch from engineering to pursue a career in marine conservation. Rachel is now a Marine Park manager on the Great Barrier Reef, Australia, and works on coral resilience, sustainable fisheries and reef surveys. As program coordinator for the Coral Identification Capacity Building Program she brings 20 years international experience in natural resource management and marine science. She is never happier than when helping people understand reefs.

## About Papua Explorers



Papua Explorers Resort is located on Gam Island, just along the coastline of world-renowned Dampier Strait. The resort is 10 to 15 minutes away from world's most famous dive sites like such as Cape Kri, Manta Sandy/Manta Point and Blue Magic.

Comprised of 15 water bungalows, Papua Explorers was constructed using traditional Papuan construction methods and local, natural materials. The water bungalows, called 'pondoks' are designed to be in perfect harmony with the tranquil surroundings, and during your stay you will feel the sea breeze cooling your room, enjoy the songs of the tropical birds and relax to the sound of the sea gently lapping upon the shore.

Over water restaurant provide an almost 360 degree view of the strait and nearby islands, with a spectacular view of sunrise for early birds, and the sunset at the close of each day. Meals comprise of freshly prepared international and local dishes and are served buffet style, with an additional snack of cookies, cake or banana fritters each afternoon.



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## About Coralia



Coralia is a liveaboard that is committed to creating sustainable and unforgettable human-nature experiences, while conserving the oceans we cruise in and developing the local communities we work with. Coralia's journeys are led by our very experienced cruise directors Debbie and Jerry, who have been leading liveaboard cruises all over Indonesia for more than 10 years.

Coralia is a dream come true for every nature enthusiast! Luxurious cabins, spacious decks with lots of relaxation areas, delicious food, and of course spectacular diving and snorkeling.

Coralia's eight spacious cabins offer modern comfort and style while incorporating traditional details. Each cabin is air-conditioned, non-smoking, and has a spacious private bathroom with warm freshwater showers, towels and hairdryer. Environmentally friendly, natural soap and shower amenities are provided free of charge. In the cabin itself guests will find cozy beds, a sofa, working desk and closet. A safety box, regular and USB charging stations provide further comfort.

Our four luxurious master cabins on the main and upper deck additionally feature each a private balcony, sun chair and outside sofa, where guests can indulge in the tropical scenery and never miss a sunrise or sunset. All our cabins are named after coral species – a tribute to the stunning underwater world of Indonesia.

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## Prices

### Komodo @ Coralia Liveaboard

**Trip #41** (3-10 May 2020) or **Trip #42** (12-19 May 2020):

- **USD 3780 / person** for **master cabins**, double occupancy,
- **USD 3465 / person** for the **lower deck cabins**, double/twin occupancy.

Single cabin surcharge: + 55%.

The Coral Explorers program participation is **167USD** (or 150EUR) per person and includes Reef Finder Book.

For more information please contact: [info@coralia-liveaboard.com](mailto:info@coralia-liveaboard.com)

### Raja Ampat @ Papua Explorers Eco Resort

At Papua Explorers Resort, we offer a **15% summer discount** on our packages rates from **3rd May to 30th September 2020**:

DELUXE WATER BUNGALOW - RATES		PER PERSON, IN EURO CURRENCY		
Package	Nights	Occupancy		
		Single	Double	Triple
<b>DIVER PACKAGE</b>	7 nights	EUR 2865 -15%	EUR 2350 -15%	EUR 2145 -15%
	10 nights (Sun-Wed)	EUR 3975 -15%	EUR 3255 -15%	EUR 2965 -15%
	11 nights (Wed-Sun)	EUR 4370 -15%	EUR 3580 -15%	EUR 3255 -15%
	14 nights	EUR 5330 -15%	EUR 4370 -15%	EUR 3985 -15%
	17 nights	EUR 6470 -15%	EUR 5305 -15%	EUR 4840 -15%
	21 nights	EUR 7570 -15%	EUR 6205 -15%	EUR 5655 -15%
<b>NON-DIVER PACKAGE</b>	7 nights	EUR 2105 -15%	EUR 1650 -15%	EUR 1405 -15%
	10 nights (Sun-Wed)	EUR 3000 -15%	EUR 2355 -15%	EUR 2010 -15%
	11 nights (Wed-Sun)	EUR 3300 -15%	EUR 2585 -15%	EUR 2215 -15%
	14 nights	EUR 3910 -15%	EUR 3060 -15%	EUR 2615 -15%
	17 nights	EUR 4750 -15%	EUR 3720 -15%	EUR 3180 -15%
	21 nights	EUR 5550 -15%	EUR 4345 -15%	EUR 3720 -15%
<b>SHORT STAY – (NON-DIVER PACKAGE)</b>	3 nights (Sun-Wed)	EUR 895 -15%	EUR 745 -15%	EUR 680 -15%
	4 nights (Wed-Sun)	EUR 1195 -15%	EUR 995 -15%	EUR 905 -15%

Short stays can only be confirmed 45 days prior to arrival date, subject to availability.

Coral Explorers program participation is **150EUR/person** and includes Reef Finder book.

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