

April 14 Saturday

We left Salatiga at 6:35 am. After about 2 hours of riding on the bus we got to the ferry port at 8:10 in TanjungEmas, Semarang. We took the KapalKartiniCepat and got to Karimunjawa at 1:00 pm. 10 minutes later we were on another boat heading to the island of Menjangan Kecil. We arrived there around 1:30. At 3:02 PM we left to go snorkeling on the West side of Mengjangan Kecil island. The water here was really nice. We snorkeled there until 4:39 pm and then headed back to the resort at Menjangan Kecil. The water was about 2- 5 feet deep in most places where we snorkeled there, but sometimes got deeper. Some of the things I saw when in I was snorkeling was:

- Leathery sea anemone
- Acroporahyacinthus
- Acroporadathrata
- Porites
- Pavona cactus
- Laminar coral
- Long spined sea urchin
- Acroporamillepora
- White spined sea urchin
- White/black striped spined sea urchins
- Purple acroporamillepora
- Green feather star
- Spaghetti worm
- Montipora coral - mustard yellow
- Staghorn coral
- Acroporacerealis
- Blue coral
- Green grapes looking coral
- Blue staghorn coral
- Purple staghorn coral

- Feather worm
- Tube worms
- Lionfish
- Flying fish
- Mushroom coral
- Green eyed fish with orange lines surrounding its eyes and an orange middle section + striped body.
- Dome coral
- Brain coral

At night a couple of people also went on a night snorkel right off of the resort's beach. The snorkeling here was very shallow along the beach, but the further you got out the deeper it got. Here the depth of the water was around 9- 10 feet deep. The snorkeling wasn't as good as other places, but it was still fun. Some new things I saw were

- Shrimp
- Dinoflagellates
- ray

#### April 15 Sunday

We loaded up the boat with all our stuff and left the resort at 9:15 am. We arrived on the West side of Geleang Island at 10:10 am. The water was really nice and I snorkeled around the reef flat area. It was about 4-6 feet deep. This I what I saw:

- Elephant ear sponge
- Branching sponge
- Crispy/(kind of like fire coral) coral
- Purple table coral
- Rainbow fish
- Dark green (tops lighter down) fish
- Spotted top- striped bottom black/yellow
- White/black/yellow fish
- Plain black fish

- Green grass looking coral
- Orange/blue fish
- Black/yellow striped fish
- Blue spotted sting ray
- Black sea cucumber
- White fluorescent fish
- Pink fluffy coral
- Mustard yellow sponge
- Grey fish w/yellow stripe down middle
- Tiny dorm coral
- Straight up red branching coral – white
- Fire coral
- Pink broccoli coral
- Red fin + black/yellow striped fish
- White/pink pearly looking \_\_\_\_\_ coral
- Blue ringed coral clam
- Tiny purple sponges

At 11 we left and went to Cemara Kecil Island. The water here was also very nice and clear. Here I swam around the reef flat and the reef crest. The water was about 1 foot deep around the reef crest zone and about 4-6 feet deep in the reef flat zone. Here I saw:

- Symphyllia coral
- Green pincushion sea star
- Starfish
- Turbinweed
- Eel
- Fire coral
- Sea anemone

We left Cemara Kecil at 1:06 pm and went to GosongCemara. The water was beautiful here, just like the other places. Here we snorkeled around the reef flat, the reef crest and the reef front. The reef flat was about 4- 6 feet deep, the crest about 3 feet deep, and the front was sloping. Here I saw:

- Puffer fish
- Giant blue linkia sea star
- Yellow funnel weed
- Green feather star
- Tube anemone

From GosongCemara we left at 2:35 to go back to the island of Karimunjawa. Here we stayed at a place called the DewaDaru Resort.

#### April 16

At 8:36 we left the west ferry dock to go to MenjanganBesar. Here we swam with sharks in a shark pen. We left the shark pen at 9, and went back to Karimunjawa to drop off 8 students at the dock. We got to GosongSeloka at 9:57 and parked on a sand bar. Here was one of my favorite snorkeling places. The water was beautiful, and so was the coral. Here we swam around the reef flat, the reef crest and the reef front. The reef flat was about 4- 5 feet deep, the reef crest was about 3 feet deep, and the reef front was about 8-12 feet deep. Some cool things I saw here were:

- Green Pincushion Sea star
- Blue Spotted Ray
- Black Sea Cucumber
- Small Striped Sea Snake

We left at 11:14 and headed back over to the island of Karimunjawa. We packed all of our stuff up and headed to the ferry. The Bahari Express left at 1:20 headed towards Jeparu. We arrived at the Kartini beach at about 3:20 pm. We waited at the dock until 5:05 when the bus came to pick us up. On the way home we stopped at Pizza hut at 7:20. Finally we arrived at the school at 9:30 pm.

Out of the whole trip my best experience was snorkeling at GosongSeloka. I had a lot of fun just swimming around with Stefanie and my brother. The water was beautiful, and the reef was extravagant too. I enjoyed just swimming freely without fins and not having to worry about taking notes on my board. The reason why I loved this so much was because snorkeling here was so beautiful and so free. I didn't want to leave.

My worst experience during the snorkeling trip was the ferry ride from Semarang to Karimunjawa. The boat was extremely rocky, and there were a ton of people throwing up left and right. I didn't get motion sickness, but I felt sick when I saw and heard people around me throwing up. The ferry ride seemed to have no ending.