ADELAAR

Raja Ampat Central and North

Sorong to Sorong | Dampier Strait, Piaynemo, Kawe, Wayag and Yanggefo

Embark on the ultimate underwater expedition in Raja Ampat, the crown jewel of the Coral Triangle, home to over 1,500 fish species and 600 types of corals.

The Dampier Strait, the central heart of Raja Ampat's diving, presents an assortment of dives from exhilarating pinnacles to serene muck dives.

Piaynemu has arguably the most beautiful and largest hard coral garden found anywhere, with seamounts where huge schools of fusiliers attract grey reef sharks and giant jacks.

Kawe has the most reliable manta ray encounters in Raja Ampat, and rivers of fish.

Further north, Wayag is renowned for its iconic limestone karsts and translucent waters, offering both awe-inspiring scenery and rich underwater life.

The crowning moment is the climb up one of Wayag's tallest peaks, for a bird's eye view of this maze of lush tropical islands.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
6 nights	Sorong	Sorong	Certified divers







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Sorong

After the airport or hotel pick-up and transfer to Adelaar, the first day is dedicated to getting to know the crew, settling in, and enjoying the first day on the boat while we are sailing toward Raja Ampat.
Depending on boarding time, we may already do a check dive.

DAY 2

Dampier Strait

3 day dives, 1 night dive

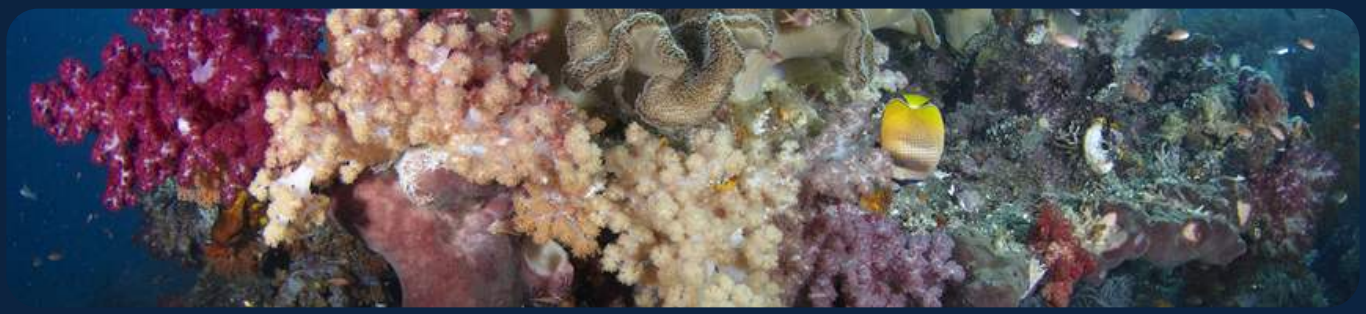
This strait between Batanta and Waigeo is the heart of Raja's central section.
During the dives on its seamounts, headlands and village piers you are likely to meet dense schools of fish, turtles, various kinds of sharks, including the iconic Wobbegongs - and maybe already cross paths with the first manta ray of your cruise.
With a bit of luck, you may even spot one of the many whale species that inhabit this area.
Before the night dive there is a chance to visit one of central Raja Ampat's friendly villages.

DAY 3

Piaynemu

3 day dives, 1 night dive

Before the late afternoon lagoon tour and walk to an iconic viewpoint, you will dive on sites that include arguably the most beautiful and largest hard coral garden found anywhere.
There are also several seamounts in this area that lie between Raja's central and northern section, surrounded by huge schools of fusiliers, which in turn attract pelagics such as grey reef sharks and giant jacks.



DAY 4

Kawe

3 day dives, 1 night dive

The equator runs through the islands of Kawe, making it possible in the northern area of the park to cross the equator on a dive!
Kawe is not only the area with the most reliable manta ray encounters of Raja Ampat but also boasts some of the most spectacular sites when it comes to the sheer mass of fish: big schools of sweetlips merge with yellow snappers, big eyed trevallies, and surgeonfish to create images of rivers of fish.

DAY 5

Wayag

3 day dives

We explore the underwater treasures of the northern most islands of Raja Ampat, which lie in typically clear waters of the Pacific Ocean and have some of the most impressive topography including big overhangs, caverns and swim-throughs.
Then let us take you on a speed boat tour through the out-of-this-world unique wonderland of Raja's biggest lagoon with its many hidden coves and beaches.
The crowning moment will be the ascension on one of Wayag's tallest peaks which gives you a bird's eye view of this maze of lush tropical islands

DAY 6

Yanggefo

2 day dives

The channels between the mangrove studded islands of Yanggefo hide some of central Raja Ampat's most breath-taking underwater ridges and seamounts.
Dominated by brightly coloured soft coral fields and covered by coral bommies, they are a good place not only for larger animals such as schooling barracudas, grey reef sharks and giant trevallies but also for some of Raja's tiny treasures such as Pontohi, Denise and Bargibanti pygmy seahorses.
After the last dive Adelaar will hoist her sails and cruise through the islands of central Raja Ampat.

DAY 7

Sorong

After breakfast, it is time to say goodbye disembark and, until the next time. (itinerary might vary depending on weather, sea conditions, and guests' preferences)

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Water sports

For non-divers, as well as snorkelling, the boat has stand-up paddle boards and a two-person kayak. Not every area is suitable, and the cruise manager finds the right times and places.

Small groups

Adelaar takes a maximum of 8 guests, with a Western cruise manager who is also a PADI dive instructor, a divemaster and a crew of ten.







Check in

Our team collects you from the airport or your hotel and takes you to the harbour where Adelaar is anchored. On the day before departure you can be taken to a hotel.

Check out

After breakfast on the last day you disembark, with an airport or hotel transfer. Please arrange your flight with the no-fly rule in mind.

Itinerary

All routes are examples, and the final plan depends on the weather, the sea conditions and any permissions.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Double or twin stateroom with private bathroom, bath towels and deck towels
- Fully crewed vessel, with all meals
- Coffee, tea, juices, soft drinks, drinking water and snacks
- The diving package described in the itinerary, with 12 litre tanks, weight belt and weights
- Land excursions described in the itinerary
- Transfers between the harbour and the nearest airport
- Stand-up paddle boards, a two-person kayak and a wakeboard
- Starlink Wi-Fi, up to 1 GB per guest
- Sensatia Botanicals toiletries

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights, visas and transit hotels
- Port and park fees, prepaid
- Fuel surcharge, prepaid
- Nitrox and 15 litre tanks
- Dive and snorkel gear rental, a private dive guide and dive courses
- Compulsory dive insurance, and travel insurance is suggested
- Laundry and satellite phone use
- Crew tips, which are customary

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Completed diver medical questionnaire
- Details of your dive and travel insurance
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy
- Torch for night dives

AND ALSO

- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Personal medication and toiletries
- Passport

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

The itinerary may vary depending on weather and sea conditions

Good to know

All extra charges must be prepaid, and the fees are subject to change

Good to know

Proof of dive certification and enough diving experience for the programme is required, and divers sign a liability waiver



