AMIRA

Pearls of the Forgotten Islands and Misool

Saumlaki to Sorong | Forgotten Islands, Banda Sea and Misool

This trip combines the best of the Banda Sea with the highlights of Misool in Raja Ampat.

Deep blue clear water and endless reefs with a variety of soft and hard corals set the scene in the Forgotten Islands, in the very far east of Indonesia.

Schooling fish are in abundance, and massive sponges in big numbers, which you may see spawning, make the reefs special.

Reef tops are covered in leather corals and healthy hard coral gardens.

This remote chain stretches from Timor to West Papua, and many of the dive sites can only be reached by boat.

The finish is Misool in Raja Ampat, with a colourful mix of beautiful reefs, macro creatures, many fish, sharks and wobbegongs.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
13 nights	Saumlaki	Sorong	Certified divers







Your itinerary

This is the 11 night Pearls of the Forgotten Islands and Misool itinerary; the 13 night trip spends a little longer in the hotspots.

DAY 1

Boarding

No dives

The Amira crew pick you up from the airport or hotel.
After a welcome drink you check in to your cabin, then have breakfast or lunch, depending on the time you arrive.
Once everyone is on board, the cruise director gives a detailed boat and safety briefing, and in the afternoon a general diving briefing explains how the diving is organised.
Usually there are no dives on the first day.

DAY 2-6

Forgotten Islands and the Banda Sea

3 to 4 dives a day

The first part of the trip is in the very far east of Indonesia, in the Forgotten Islands, which stretch from Timor to West Papua.
The dive sites have deep blue clear water, endless reefs with a variety of soft and hard corals and schooling fish in abundance.
What makes the reefs special are the massive sponges in big numbers, which you may see spawning, and the reef tops with plenty of leather corals and healthy hard coral gardens.

DAY 7

Crossing to Raja Ampat

2 to 3 dives

A long crossing takes you towards Raja Ampat, so there are fewer dives, very few night dives and hardly any land excursions.

DAY 8-10

Misool

3 to 4 dives a day

Amira finishes at Misool, one of the best diving areas of Raja Ampat, with a colourful mix of beautiful reefs, macro creatures, many fish, sharks and wobbegongs, and sometimes strong currents.
Dive sites such as Fiabacet and Gorgonian Passage are well known.

DAY 11

Last diving day

Up to 2 dives

The last diving day has a maximum of 2 dives, then the boat cruises to the disembarkation harbour.
Keep to the no-flying rule, pack your gear and settle your bill.

DAY 12

Check out

Check out and transfer to the airport or your hotel, accompanied by the crew.







GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Forgotten Islands

A remote island chain, only reached by liveaboard.

Sponges

Massive sponges and healthy reef tops.

Misool

Fiabacet and Gorgonian Passage.

Wobbegongs

Sharks and wobbegongs at Misool.

Check in

The Amira crew pick you up from the airport or hotel, welcome you with a drink and show you to your cabin. Check in is possible early in the morning after the first flights arrive, and the latest check in is 11:30 am. If no flight arrives before noon, fly to the port the day before and stay in a hotel.

Check out

The boat arrives in the disembarkation port late the evening before, so check out is possible from midnight until 10:30 am at the latest. The crew take you to the airport or your hotel. If your flight is in the afternoon, they can drop you at a hotel and collect you in time for check in at the airport.

Last dive

The last dive is on the second to last day, with a maximum of 2 dives. Divers should wait at least 24 hours after their last dive before flying, so please keep to the no-flying rule when you book your flight home.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Full board, with five meals a day
- Water, tea and coffee
- Diving with up to 4 dives a day
- Cylinders, weights and weight belts
- Multilingual dive guides and cruise directors
- Transfers between the airport or hotel and the boat
- Land excursions
- ENOS GPS rescue beacon
- Free nitrox for certified EANx divers

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights
- 15 litre tanks
- Dive courses
- Rental dive gear
- Port clearance and harbour tax
- National park fee and local fee
- Fuel surcharge or distance fee
- On-board purchases
- Alcohol and soft drinks
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Laundry service
- Wi-Fi and telecommunications
- Dive, travel and medical insurance

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

Sites and timings are an example of the route and are not guaranteed. The captain and cruise director decide the final route, depending on the weather and sea conditions

Good to know

The current can be mild to strong, and the water is mostly 27 to 29 C