AMIRA

Raja Ampat North

Sorong to Sorong | Dampier Strait, North Raja Ampat and Wayag

The heart of the Coral Triangle, reefs on steroids, the best diving in the world and the highest biodiversity in the world: these are just a few of the lines used to describe the diving in Raja Ampat.

The reefs of northern Raja Ampat around Wayag are some of the best in the Coral Triangle, with a high diversity of fish, sharks and mantas, and most itineraries never dive them.

Above the water, limestone cliffs and islands rise around secluded beaches.

First come the Dampier Strait and Batanta, with an enormous variety of reef fish, wobbegong sharks, reef and oceanic mantas and pygmy seahorses.

Speedboat tours of the bays and channels and viewpoint visits show the area from above and between.

The days close with a sunset on a beach.

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







Your itinerary

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 2-4

Dampier Strait and Batanta

3 to 4 dives a day

The first dives are in central Raja Ampat, around the Dampier Strait and Batanta, with its enormous variety of reef fish, wobbegong sharks, reef and oceanic mantas and pygmy seahorses.

DAY 5-9

Northern Raja Ampat and Wayag

3 to 4 dives a day

Amira then heads north to the area around Wayag, with its limestone cliffs and islands and secluded beaches.
The north is only visited on special trips, so this is a chance to dive reefs that most itineraries do not reach, and to take viewpoint visits and speedboat tours of the bays and channels.

DAY 10-11

Back towards Sorong

2 to 3 dives

The boat heads back to Sorong with fewer dives, as crossings have a maximum of 2 to 3 dives a day.
There is time for the sun deck and for a sunset on a beach.

DAY 12

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 13

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

Viewpoints and bays

Visits to viewpoints over the limestone islands and the famous bays and channels, by speedboat.

Beaches and sunsets

Secluded beaches where you can enjoy the sunset with your toes in the sand.

Snorkelling and kayaking

The trip also suits snorkellers, free divers and kayakers, and non-divers are welcome.

Wildlife

Dolphins and occasionally whales can be seen from the boat, and Raja Ampat has more than 1,700 species of fish and 600 species of coral.

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