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Raja Ampat Full Park

Sorong to Sorong | Misool, the Dampier Strait and Raja Ampat Central



Raja Ampat is on the to-do list of every passionate diver, and with its many dive sites it is a true candy box of the underwater world to explore.

Misool is famous for its steep rocks with vertical walls, a profusion of soft, colourful corals, sea fans draped brilliantly over the reefs and plenty of fish.

Pinnacles are covered in soft coral and colourful tunicates in psychedelic colours, and on an offshore ridge shoals of bannerfish cavort while oceanic manta rays come to be cleaned.

At nightfall in a hidden lagoon, palm cockatoos roost along the rainforest edges.

Farther north, a deep black fan landscape rises to a pristine shallow reef, and currents bring massive schools of barracudas, fusiliers, wobbegongs and reef sharks.

In the Dampier Strait, manta rays somersault through the water.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 nights	Sorong	Sorong	Open Water, 10 dives







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation in Sorong

1 dive

The crew pick you up at your hotel or Sorong airport and welcome you on board.
After refreshments, a tour of the ship and briefings, the boat sails about 12 hours through the Sele Strait to East Misool, famous for its steep rocks and vertical walls, soft corals, sea fans and plenty of fish, where the next six days are spent.

DAY 2

Balbulol

3 dives

Sites include No Contest, Dangerous Kayak, Love Potion, Number 9 and Pet Rock, with schools of batfish, snapper and bumphead parrotfish, and barracudas and jacks around the pinnacles.
The night is spent in the hidden lagoon, a very special anchorage enclosed by towering rocks, where as night falls you hear the palm cockatoos roosting along the rainforest edges.

DAY 3

Boo Island

3 dives and a night dive

Shadow Reef, also known as Magic Mountain, is one of the top-rated sites in Raja Ampat: bannerfish and yellow snappers cavort on a narrow ridge, stalked by giant trevallies, while oceanic manta rays come to a cleaning station at the end.
Jamur Boo is known for its windows, openings that pierce the rock from the surface down to five metres, with reef sharks, schooling batfish, nudibranchs and green turtles.
Yellit Kecil is known for its nembrotha nudibranchs, and the day ends with a night dive.

DAY 4

Wayilbatan

The Wayilbatan area has impressive sites: at Wedding Cake schools of batfish, trevallies, barracuda and pygmy seahorses congregate, and Four Kings is four pinnacles covered in soft coral and tunicates in psychedelic colours, so look out for turtles.
In the afternoon there is kayaking and paddle boarding among the hidden lagoons.

DAY 5

Pulau Fiabcet

3 dives

Fiabacet Island in Misool has three famous sites, Nudi Rock, Tank Rock and Whale Rock, with vibrant coral gardens and swirling fish, and manta rays gliding through the clear water.

DAY 6

Yilliet and Wagmab

3 dives

The Yilliet sites have vibrant coral gardens with diverse marine life, from manta rays and sharks to dolphins and turtles.
Goa Besar, south of Farondi, has shallow gardens of yellow soft corals, wall tops of plate and leather corals, and hollows with sponges and ghost pipefish, with tunnels and caves that shelter snapper and sweetlips at night.

DAY 7

Penemu Island

Penemu's My Reef has one of the largest populations of fish in the area, most impressive when the current is strong, then Melissa's Garden, famous for its extensive, healthy hard coral reefs, and Galaxy, a large reef with abundant marine life.
In the afternoon a short boat tour leads to the viewpoint above the star-shaped lagoons of Piaynemo, with kayaking and paddle boarding among the karst limestone landscape before sunset.

DAY 8

Wofo

3 dives, beach BBQ

Wofo is the northernmost point of the cruise.
The Black Forest crosses a deep black coral landscape that rises to a pristine shallow reef, followed by Wofo Tembok, a wall dive, and Teman Wofo, and the evening is spent at the boat's famous beach BBQ under the stars.

DAY 9

Gam, Yanggefo

3 dives

The mangrove anchorage between Gam and Yanggefo has Citrus Ridge, Mayhem and Way Pretty Shallow, where in the right conditions the currents bring massive schools of barracudas, fusiliers, trevallies, batfish, bumphead parrotfish, wobbegongs and reef sharks, some of the highest voltage diving in Raja Ampat.

DAY 10

Arborek

From the mangroves it is a short trip to Arborek, a hard coral seamount with a huge range of life when the current runs, then Manta Sandy, one of the most reliable manta cleaning stations in Raja Ampat, where mantas somersault through the water.
In the afternoon you visit the village of Sawandarek in the Dampier Strait.

DAY 11

Dampier Strait

2 dives

The final dives at Cape Kri and Sardine Reef have some of the largest concentrations of big fish in Raja Ampat: trevallies, barracudas, bannerfish, sweetlips, tuna, snappers and large grey reef sharks.
The afternoon is for a secluded beach at Kri before sailing back to Sorong in the evening.

DAY 12

Disembarkation in Sorong

After breakfast and a last exchange of photos and memories, the crew take you to your hotel or the airport.







GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Small groups

Dive groups are limited to 5 divers per guide, with a dedicated tender.

Activities

Kayaks, stand-up paddle boards and snorkel gear are on board.

Check in

Private transfers collect you from the airport or your hotel and take you to the harbour, where the crew welcome you on board.

Check out

After breakfast on the last day the crew transfer you to your hotel or the airport.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Private airport and hotel transfers
- Air-conditioned en-suite cabin with hot shower, with daily housekeeping
- Three meals a day plus snacks, cooked on board
- 3 or 4 dives a day, with a night dive on alternating nights when the weather allows
- Groups of at most 5 divers, with a dive guide and a dedicated tender
- Snorkel gear, kayaks and stand-up paddle boards
- Starlink Wi-Fi when available, which varies in remote areas
- First aid kits and emergency oxygen

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights, airport taxes and visas
- Park and port fees, covering park entry, village contributions, dive permits, harbour clearances, trekking fees and regional taxes
- Dive equipment rental and dive courses
- Nitrox
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Alcohol, with beer and wine, and you may bring your own spirits

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 sample itinerary is an example, and navigation and dive sites may vary slightly with the weather and visibility