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Raja Ampat Wayag

Sorong to Sorong | Dampier Strait, Penemu, Kawe and Wayag

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.

Wayag, the famous lagoons in the north of Raja Ampat, has a secret manta cleaning point where graceful mantas glide between two recently found cleaning stations.

A shark sanctuary in the heart of the archipelago has around 20 friendly juvenile sharks swimming by the beach.

On the way, lush black coral forests and gorgonian sea fans decorate the sloping rocks, with large schools of fish and unusual nudibranchs.

In the Dampier Strait, fish thunder, the loud booming sound of large numbers of fish moving rapidly through open water, engulfs you.

From a vantage point above, you may see the shapes of mantas in the shallow turquoise water below.

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







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation in Sorong

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 5 hours north to Waisai, with time to set up your gear before an afternoon check dive.
At sunset you watch the flying foxes leave Mioskon's white sand beaches for the night.

DAY 2

Dampier Strait

Mioskon and Sardine Reef are full of schooling fusiliers, surgeonfish, trevallies, rainbow runners, sweetlips and bannerfish, and the fish thunder, the booming sound of huge schools moving fast, engulfs you.
In the afternoon you dive Yenbuba Jetty, famous for the large schools of fish under the village jetty.

DAY 3

Penemu Archipelago

Penemu's My Reef has one of the largest concentrations of fish in the area, most impressive when the current is strong, and Melissa's Garden is a beautiful coral garden teeming with schooling fish and sharks.
A short boat tour leads to the viewpoint above the star-shaped lagoons, and there is a night dive in the area.



DAY 4

Kawe to Wayag

The boat crosses the Equator towards the famous lagoons of Wayag.
On the way, Eagle Rock has large schools of fish including bumphead parrotfish, winged pipefish, dragonets and unusual nudibranchs, and Black Rock is famous for its black coral forests and gorgonian sea fans.
In the afternoon you explore by kayak, paddle board or speedboat and trek up Mount Pindito for a 360 degree view, perhaps with mantas in the turquoise water below, before a night dive in the lagoon.

DAY 5

Wayag

The morning dive is at Wayag's secret manta cleaning point, where mantas glide between two recently found cleaning stations.
After lunch comes the shark sanctuary at the heart of the archipelago, with around 20 friendly juvenile sharks swimming by the beach, then an afternoon dive at Ridge Rock before the boat sails to Wofo.

DAY 6

Wofo

3 dives and beach BBQ

At Wofo, 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.
The evening is spent on a secluded beach at the boat's famous beach BBQ, with music and fireworks.



DAY 7

Yanggefo

4 dives, village visit

The mangrove anchorage between Gam and Yanggefo has Mayhem and Citrus Ridge, where in the right conditions the currents bring massive schools of barracudas, fusiliers, trevallies, batfish, bumphead parrotfish, wobbegongs and reef sharks.
In the afternoon you dive the Arborek jetty, famous for the huge schools of fish beneath it and the soft corals on its piles.

DAY 8

Blue Magic and Cape Kri

The best is saved for last: Blue Magic and Sardine Reef have some of the largest concentrations of big fish in Raja Ampat, with large schools of trevallies, barracudas, sweetlips, tuna and snappers, and oceanic mantas at Blue Magic.
The afternoon is for a secluded beach at Kri before the crew raise the sails for Sorong.

DAY 9

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