AURORA

Raja Ampat Central and South, Manta Trust

Sorong to Sorong | Dampier Strait, Piaynemo, Farondi, Misool and Daram

Join Aurora for a journey through Central and Southern Raja Ampat, some of the most pristine and breathtaking dive sites in Indonesia, known for their vibrant marine life and stunning underwater landscapes.

In Central Raja Ampat you dive lush coral gardens and dramatic topography.

Then Aurora heads south to the renowned dive sites of Southern Raja Ampat, where a rich variety of marine life and coral formations mixes adventure with serenity.

It is a perfect balance of exploration and relaxation in one of the most iconic dive destinations in Indonesia.

This is the Manta Trust departure, through the Dampier Strait and Piaynemo to Farondi, Misool and Daram.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
9 nights	Sorong	Sorong	Open Water, 30 dives







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Sorong

The crew welcome you at the airport, as flights from Jakarta or Makassar usually arrive early in the morning, and once everyone is on board the boat sails for Waigeo.
Check-in is from 6 am, with free airport pick-up from 06:00, and pick-up in the city centre on request.

DAY 2-3

Dampier Strait

Around the Dampier Strait you dive famous sites such as Mioskon, Blue Magic and Sardines. Prone to currents, the area has untouched corals and all kinds of schooling fish, with green islands and white sand beaches all around.

DAY 4

Piaynemo

Melissa's Garden is one of the beautiful reefs of the day, with wobbegong sharks, sea snakes, pygmy seahorses and huge tridacna clams in the shallows.
A walk ashore leads to one of the most iconic views in Raja Ampat.

DAY 5

Farondi

Wake up in the Misool Marine Park, an area of thousands of islands, with a wide variety of fish, soft and hard corals, all kinds of macro, and wobbegong and bamboo sharks.
The landscape is absolutely wonderful, and do not miss the mobulas feeding on schools of silversides.

DAY 6

Misool

So many islands and so many dive sites: the boat cruises around Jilliet, Fiabacet, Walib, Wajil, Jef Pele and Boo, with as many dives as possible to enjoy this wonderful area.

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DAY 9

Daram

Daram, a group of islands on the border of the Misool Marine Park, is the perfect spot for two morning dives and a goodbye to Raja Ampat, for now.

DAY 10

Sorong

After breakfast the crew organise your transfer to the airport in Sorong to suit your flight. Check-out is at 12 noon.

ROUTE MAP

Raja Ampat Central and South, Manta Trust route









GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Safety

The boat carries oxygen therapy, an AED, first aid kits, life jackets, a satellite phone and a fire alarm system.

Eco commitment

The boat holds the Manta Trust, Green Fins and Sulubaai labels, and uses mooring buoys instead of anchoring wherever it can.

Check in

A representative holding a sign meets you at the airport, just outside the arrival hall after baggage claim and customs.

Check out

After breakfast on the last day the crew organise your transfer to the airport, according to your flight schedule.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Airport pick-up and drop-off, before and after the cruise, from the nearest airport
- Double or twin air-conditioned en-suite cabin
- Meals and all soft drinks on board, excluding beer, wine, spirits and espresso coffee
- A minimum of 20 to 25 dives, including night dives, depending on the weather and flight schedules
- 12 litre tank, weight belt and weights, and a diving guide
- Nitrox, offered as a service on board
- Multilingual guides on board, speaking French, English and Indonesian
- Land excursions according to the itinerary
- Free Starlink Wi-Fi for WhatsApp, email and basic web browsing
- Marine park and port fees, shown as included in the price on our trip listings

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights and visas
- Scuba diving courses and rental dive equipment
- 15 litre tank
- Dive insurance, which is mandatory
- Extra excursions on request
- Beer, wine, spirits and espresso coffee
- Souvenirs, laundry and use of the satellite phone
- Full-access Starlink Wi-Fi, charged by data package
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Balinese massage
- A single-use supplement if you want a cabin to yourself

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook, showing at least 30 logged dives
- Completed diver medical questionnaire
- Details of your dive insurance, which is mandatory
- 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 and cash for crew tips

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

The route is an example and may change with the weather

Good to know

Divers need a Level 1 CMAS or Open Water certificate with at least 30 logged dives

Good to know

A fuel or exchange rate surcharge may be applied, with at least 14 days notice and none within 28 days of departure