BLUE MANTA

Raja Ampat and Misool

Sorong to Sorong | Raja Ampat and Misool

The sheer abundance of marine life, healthy colourful reefs and diverse dive sites in Raja Ampat will leave even the most experienced diver wanting more.

In Misool, mantas fly by the coral gardens, and large aggregations of anchovies attract hunting mobulas, jacks and snappers.

In Piaynemo a pristine hard coral garden sits below limestone islands, which you can see from above after a short trek to a viewpoint.

The Dampier Strait has an excellent muck night dive, and the exotic, enchanting islands are stunning both above and below the water.

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







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival in Sorong

0-1 dives

Boarding from 1pm.
Our staff will meet you upon your arrival to Sorong Airport or local hotel and transfer you to the awaiting Blue Manta.
Arrivals before midday are best so we can make check dive at Red Light District (Lampu Merah) just outside Sorong before we get underway by 3pm for overnight sail.

DAY 2

Misool, Daram Islands and Boo

4 dives

Daram Islands and Boo area with amazing diving amongst picturesque coral gardens and in mild currents.

DAY 3

Misool, Wayil

4 dives

Wayil area to explore world-class dive sites such as Four Kings.
Enjoy the sight of a beautiful lagoon via speedboat tour.

DAY 4

Misool, Warakaraket and Fiabacet

3 dives

Warakaraket and Fiabacet areas in search of Manta rays.

DAY 5

Misool, Balbulol and Sagoff Island

3-4 dives

Balbulol and Sagoff Island to visit dive sites such as Two Trees, famous for large aggregations of anchovies attracting hunting mobulas, jacks, and snappers.
Enjoy more of Raja Ampat's beautiful lagoons during surface intervals.

DAY 6

Piaynemo

4 dives

Piaynemo area to explore some of Raja Ampat's iconic dive sites such as Melissa's Garden, a pristine hard coral garden.
Take a short trek up to a viewpoint for a bird's eye view of the limestone islands of Raja Ampat.

DAY 7

Dampier Strait

4 dives

Sawandarek Jetty, Cape Kri, Sardine Run, and excellent muck night dive at Sapokren.

DAY 8

Misokon Island

2 dives

Including Blue Magic and Yellow Fever.
Sail back to Pelabuhan Perikanan Sorong (harbour) where you spend your last night on board. Plenty of time to wash and dry equipment, rest and relaxation, and if needed an early flight the next day.

DAY 9

Check out in Sorong

No diving

Check out (between 5am-10am) after light breakfast and farewells, we transfer to local hotel or airport.
Departure from Sorong to Manado/ Makassar/ Jakarta/ Denpasar.







THE DIVING

Diving days and conditions

Diving days

8 days (26 dives)

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Water 27-30°C. Air 27-32°C. Visibility 15-30 metres. Current mild to strong. Level intermediate to advanced. Best time: October to April (less rain and much less wind: perfect for diving)

Check in

1pm, 1st day, Sorong, West Papua. Or earlier if everyone arrives before and all trip preparations have been completed. Free pickup upon arrival from Domine Edward Osok Airport, Sorong or from local hotel (10am) to Blue Manta on trip departure day (transfer time 20-30 mins).

Check out

5am, last day, Sorong, West Papua. After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to the local hotel or Sorong Airport in time for check-in and flight. Note: Latest Blue Manta check-out 10am, trip return day.

Last dive

12pm (midday), penultimate day. Plenty of time for R&R while we sail back to Sorong where we spend the last night on Blue Manta. This also allows for your minimum 18 hours surface interval/ No Fly Time (as recommended by PADI) before flying the next day.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Land transfer from local hotel / airport from destination on trip start and end days (Sorong) to boat
- All nights' accommodation on Blue Manta
- All meals (Western and Indonesian) snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, Milo, soft drinks, towels, toiletries, cabin services
- Free replacement if equipment breaks down
- 12-litre air tanks
- Weights and belt
- Warm towel and drink after every dive
- 6 dive guides (1x instructor, 5x dive master), 26 dives

NOT INCLUDED

- All flights, hotels
- Pickups outside the trip start and end dates
- Marine park and harbour fee (paid in advance of the trip)
- Fuel surcharge (paid in advance of the trip)
- Dive and travel insurance
- Massage services
- Laundry services
- Nespresso coffee, alcohol: beer, wine, satellite wi-fi
- Diving equipment rental
- Nitrox (enriched air) fills

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

All schedules are subject to change according to weather, sea, diving and local conditions