BLUE MANTA

Raja Ampat, the Ring of Fire and Alor

Sorong to Alor | Raja Ampat, the Banda Sea and Alor

South Raja Ampat and Misool start the trip with an amazing array of marine life and diving diversity.

The abundance carries on across the Banda Sea, with critters, sea snakes, manta rays and sharks.

The Ring of Fire is the high point, with volcanic islands and stunning seamounts, hammerheads, huge schools of fish, reef sharks, tunas and other pelagic superstars.

Wetar adds an excellent wall with pelagic life and fantastic drop-offs.

In the cooler waters of the south, mola mola and thresher sharks can turn up.

The finish is Alor, far from the crowds, with fantastic macro life.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
10 nights	Sorong	Alor	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 to Misool.

DAY 2

Misool (days 2 and 3)

3-4 dives a day

Wayil, Fiabacet and Boo area.
Then sail to Koon Island.

DAY 4

West Seram

3 dives

West Seram, Pulau Koon a full day of diving.
Wide angle diving with vibrant corals and a profusion of fish life.

DAY 5

Ring of Fire (days 5 to 7)

3 dives a day

Diving around Volcanic Islands and stunning seamounts in search of hammerheads, encounter many sea snakes, huge schools of fish, reef sharks, tunas, and other pelagic superstars.

DAY 8

Wetar

3 dives

Excellent wall, pelagic life and fantastic drop-off, sail towards Pulau Alor.

DAY 9

Alor and Pantar Strait

4 dives

Alor and Pantar Strait (Islands of Kepa, Pura, Ternate, and Buaya between Pantar and Alor); nutrient-rich adventurous currents and a diversity of dive site formations, make for an abundance of coral and fish, both big and small.

DAY 10

Alor

2 dives

Diving around the best sites: Karl's Dream and Critters diving.
Beautiful reefs in (sometimes cold!) clear blue waters, great macro and fish life.
Maybe visit local village, then sail back to Alor, where you spend last night on Blue Manta in Kalabahi Port.
Plenty of time to wash and dry equipment, rest and relaxation, and if need be an early flight the next day.

DAY 11

Check out in Alor

No diving

Check out (between 5am-10am) after light breakfast and farewells, we transfer to local hotel or airport in time for check-in and flight.
Take your pre-booked flight to Bali or Jakarta, via Kupang.

THE DIVING

Diving days and conditions

Diving days

10 days (28 dives)

Raja Ampat

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

Banda and Alor

Water 26-28°C, however deep-water upwellings and thermoclines especially in Sept-Nov can mean temps as low as 25C. Air 22-31°C. Around Alor the water is 22-26°C, it can be cold in the waters around Lembetta and Alor and we do recommend you bring extra exposure suit for this section of the cruise. Visibility 20-30 metres. Currents medium to strong. Level intermediate to advanced. Best time: March, April, and mid-September to early December.







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 - Alor, East Nusa Tenggara. After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to local hotel or Mali Airport, Alor in time for check-in and flight or local hotel (transfer time around 1 hour). Note: Latest Blue Manta check-out at 10am, trip return day.

Last dive

12pm, penultimate day. Plenty of time for R&R while we sail back to Alor 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/ Alor) 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), 28 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

Good to know

3 dives are scheduled per diving day*. This is due to deeper dives and long distances covered between islands. Where possible a bonus night dive may be scheduled at the discretion of the Cruise Leader. *Except trip departure day and trip return day