CORALIA

Raja Ampat Batanta, Kawe and Dampier Strait

Sorong to Sorong | Dampier Strait, Fam Islands, Wofoh, Kawe and Batanta

Black coral forests at Wofoh keep schooling fish on the constant run from larger predators, and the walls have ledges and caverns where wobbegong sharks are not uncommon.

Aljui Bay is famous for outstanding macro diving and plentiful purple soft corals, with colourful nudibranchs and epaulette walking sharks on night dives.

Around Kawe, soft corals bloom in a variety of colours, with schooling surgeonfish, sweetlips, dogtooth tuna on the hunt and the occasional manta ray.

Batanta finishes with manta rays at their cleaning stations.

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







Your route

Coralia runs this route on trips of 7 to 9 nights, so the stops are the same and the time spent at each changes with the length of the trip.

STOP 1

Sorong to Dampier Strait

Our crew will welcome you at Sorong airport.
You will then proceed to Sorong harbour, where our tenders will take you to Coralia.
Once all guests are on board, we will make the final arrangements with the port authorities and head out towards Waigeo, Raja Ampat.
We may spend our first night on board around Mioskon, where we can watch the thousands of bats leaving the island at sunset.
Depending on the trip length, we will spend the first day or couple of days exploring the famous Dampier Strait.

STOP 2

Fam Islands

The next day will be spent in Penemu area, where we offer three dives.
Famous Melissa's Garden awaits us with its spectacular, healthy, and wide-spread hard coral plateau, completely covered in colourful anthias and damsel fish.
At Keruo Wall, we can admire large gorgonian sea fans and lovely reef tops.
A short hike to Penemu viewpoint offers a spectacular view of the lagoons and its surrounding islands.
To cool off, we'll do a late afternoon dive at Batu Rufus, followed by a relaxed evening drinking cocktails and watching the sunset on deck.

STOP 3

Wofoh, Aljui Bay & Kawe

Next, we make our way to Wofoh, an incredibly scenic area with unique dive sites.
On one side, we will have the backdrop of Wofoh and Taman Wofoh, two small islands with pristine white-sand beaches, and on the other side we can take in vistas of the forested mountains and valleys of West Waigeo.
The dive sites at Wofoh are famous for stunning black coral forests, where schooling fish are on the constant run from larger predatory fish.
The walls are interesting with ledges and shallow caverns, where it is not uncommon to find wobbegong sharks.
We will then head into beautiful Aljui Bay, which is famous for its outstanding macro diving and plen-tiful purple soft corals.

STOP 4

Yeben & Yangeffo

Next, we will head to Yeben area.
Expect beautiful coral bommies dotted around a white-sand bottom, which creates a unique scenery.
These healthy, shallow reefs attract an enormous amount of reef fish and give shelter to cuttlefish blending in, with blacktip reef sharks patrolling around.
Yangeffo Island is situated on the western tip of Gam Island and creates a sheltered bay.
This small area has multiple top-notch dive sites.
Famous ones like Citrus Ridge and Mayhem always amaze divers with their vibrancy and biodiversity.
The area here is probably so abundant due to the surrounding mangroves.
Beautiful hard and soft corals grow under and among the roots of the trees.

STOP 5

Batanta to Sorong

Next, we head to Dayang on the northwest of Batanta.
Dayang is at the entrance to one of Batanta's many scenic bays, where we might come across more wobbegong sharks and get to see great macro life, including ribbon eels, ghost pipefish and unusual nudibranchs.
Dayang Island also offers a great chance to encounter manta rays, the gentle giants, at their cleaning stations.
Moving east along the northern coast of Batanta, there are some fantastic drift and pinnacle dives with schooling fish, lots of fusiliers, napoleon wrasse, turtles and reef sharks.
On longer trips, we may head inside a bay to a very special anchor spot for the night.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Cruise Directors

Cruise Directors may adapt the itinerary to guarantee the best experience in the weather conditions.

Marine experts

On some cruises you hear presentations from marine scientists and other experts of the area.

Check in

The crew welcome you at the airport, then the tenders take you to Coralia in the harbour, where the final arrangements are made with the port authorities.

Check out

The last evening is spent in port with a farewell dinner, and the tenders take you ashore the next morning to catch your flights.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Cabin accommodation with daily housekeeping
- All meals, snacks and drinks
- Guided diving, with Nitrox free of charge
- Kayaks and stand-up paddle boards
- Free Starlink Wi-Fi, depending on local reception
- Presentations from marine scientists and other experts on some cruises

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights
- Port, fuel and park fees, shown on our trip listings for each departure
- Dive and travel insurance
- Equipment rental and courses
- Massage, where offered
- Crew tips, which are customary

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Dive and travel insurance
- Completed diver medical form
- 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

This is a sample itinerary that may change without notice because of weather or other unforeseen circumstances

Good to know

Port, fuel and park fees are paid in addition to the cruise price





