CORALIA

Raja Ampat Misool and Dampier Strait

Sorong to Sorong | Misool, Fam Islands, Yangeffo and Dampier Strait

Misool's small islands are a soft coral paradise among karst limestone and jungle-clad islands, with sea fan forests that have to be seen to be believed.

Large coral heads covered in soft corals shelter the famous Santa Claus pygmy seahorse, giant and reef manta rays appear, and walking sharks come out on night dives.

Underwater walls, overhangs and caves add amazing macro life.

The Dampier Strait finishes with the current meeting the reef head on, as sharks and dogtooth tuna hunt huge schools of fusiliers.

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







Your route

Coralia runs this route on trips of 7 to 12 nights, so the stops are the same and the time spent at each changes with the length of the trip.

STOP 1

Sorong to Misool

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 south to Misool.
Misool's small surrounding islands are a soft-coral paradise and a famous part of Raja Ampat.
With its abundance of stunning dive sites and the natural beauty of karst limestone and jungle-clad islands, this area invites us to linger for a couple, or depending on the trip length, even several days.
Misool can be divided into many areas, where we can spend the whole day at a selection of amazing dive sites.

STOP 2

Misool to Dayang to Fam Islands

It is a long crossing up to Dayang, so on the last day of diving in Misool, we will do two dives before heading north.
Dayang on the northwest of Batanta is at the entrance of a bay and a perfect place to split up the journey.
Here, we might come across wobbegong sharks and get to see great macro life, including ribbon eels, ghost pipefish and unusual nudibranchs.
Dayang Island also offers another great chance to encounter manta rays, the gentle giants, at their cleaning stations.
Famous Melissa's Garden awaits us with its spectacular, healthy, and wide-spread hard coral plateau, completely covered in colourful anthias and damsel fish.

STOP 3

Yeben & Yangeffo

We may then visit 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.
Next, we will head to Yangeffo area.
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.

STOP 4

Dampier Strait to Sorong

The remainder of our adventure will be spent diving in the famous Dampier Strait.
Moving west to east in the Dampier Strait, we may visit dive sites around the islands of Arborek, Mansuar and Kri, where we hope to encounter schools of sweetlips, napoleon wrasse, bumphead parrotfish and the endemic tasselled wobbegong shark.
Sawandarek village lies on Mansuar Island and offers a spectacular reef and jetty dive.
Here we can witness Papua Explorers' successful coral restoration project and visit the resident turtles.
Arborek is a well-known jetty and night dive and boasts impressive marine life such as giant clams, schooling batfish and crocodile fish.

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





