DAMAI I

Raja Ampat

Sorong to Sorong | Dampier Strait, Penemu, Wayilbatan, Boo and Misool

The popular destination of Raja Ampat is the centre of all marine biodiversity in the world.

This route takes in the best of the north and Misool in one trip.

In the Dampier Strait, seamounts are covered in schooling fish and cruising sharks and rays, and the endemic wobbegong shark and pygmy seahorses wait on the reef.

Reef mantas visit the cleaning stations along a sandy channel, and further north giant trevallies, tuna and wahoo are present on most dives.

In Misool the islands are booming with colour, with soft corals and fans along the walls and mobula rays in the blue.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
10 nights	Sorong	Sorong	Open Water certified







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival in Sorong

1 dive

Guests will arrive in Sorong and have time to get comfortable on the boat.
Damai I will travel west to Matan for a check out dive.

DAY 2

Kri & Dampier Straits

4 dives

At the eastern end of the famous Dampier Strait there are many signature dive sites.
Cape Kri is a sloping reef on the eastern end on the island of Kri; Blue Magic and Sardine reef are seamounts covered in schooling fish and cruising sharks and rays; Mioskon is a great spot for the endemic Wobbegong shark and Pontohi pygmy seahorses.

DAY 3

Manta Sandy & Gam

4 dives

Manta Sandy is a signature site for experiencing the grace of Reef Mantas.
They are frequent visitors to the cleaning stations dotted along this sandy channel.
Feel free to explore the sand for small critters while you are waiting for an appearance.
Gam's Citrus Ridge is a must.
An entrance to a channel when current flows and attracts all kind of live.
Its orange soft corals give name to this spectacular site.



DAY 4

Kawe

4 dives

Heading north for some more adventure.
Eagle Rock is a great spot, fishy reef with collection of sweet leaps and the occasional visit of mantas.
Giant trevallies, tunas, Wahoo and other pelagic are present in most of the dives in the area.

DAY 5

Penemu

2 or 3 dives

The signature sites in Penemu are Barracuda Point; a seamount on the north point; Melissa's Garden; a beautiful example of a hard coral plateau and Keruo Channel; drift along this colourful slope watching the seascape go by.
The highlight of Penemu is a lagoon tour in the tenderboats amongst these turquoise waters and limestone bays.
For the energetic there is a short walk to the top of one the hills to be rewarded with an amazing view over the lagoon with Damai I moored in the distance.

DAY 6

Wayilbatan

3 or 4 dives

The Four Kings is a series of colorful underwater pinnacles which make an amazing dive with plenty of cool fish action.
Moving later to a more sheltered spot we are in the vicinity of some great dive spots: drift along the channel at Neptune Fan Sea; explore wall at Wedding Cake or enjoy the fish action on the ridge at Barracuda Rock.



DAY 7-8

Boo & Fiabacet

4 dives

This amazing string of small islands has a colourful array of great dives sites.
The signature sites in the area include Boo Windows, Nudi Rock, Tank Rock and Whale Rock.
The whole place is a delight for the eyes.
On a calm day you can visit the amazing seamount Magic Mountain and experience cruising sharks, schooling fish and mantas cleaning.
A truly spectacular dive!

DAY 9

Daram

4 dives

The islands further east in the Misool region, are booming with colors, unreal collection of soft corals and fans along the walls of their most iconic dive sites: Andiamo and the Candy Store.

DAY 10

Farondi / Balbulol

2 dives

No Contest and Love Potion No.
9 near the island of Balbulol are a string of underwater ridges rich in current and therefore colourful soft corals and seafans.
Spend your time looking in the blue for schooling pelagics and often the beautiful Mobula Rays.
To the east is the island of Farondi.
Visit the unique underwater caves at Goa Farondi and hunt for cool pygmy seahorses on the different varieties of sea fans.
Nearby in the channel are the current rich pinnacles of the Three Sisters.
This area is teeming with life and there is a good chance of seeing a lot of fish action.

DAY 11

Departure

Guests will be escorted to the airport in Sorong and assisted with check in procedures, no doubt full of talk about the wonders of the most popular dive destination in the world.







GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Small groups

Dive groups are limited to 4 divers per guide, with unlimited diving.

Cruise Director

A Cruise Director and 18 crew look after the 12 guests on board.

Check in

Guests arrive at the start port and have time to settle in on the boat, with a check-out dive on the first day on some routes.

Check out

On the last day guests are escorted to the airport and helped with check-in.

Itinerary

This is a draft itinerary for the cruise, and the crew may change it to suit the weather and the guests on board.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Cabin accommodation with daily housekeeping
- Meals, snacks and drinks
- Unlimited guided diving, with a maximum of 4 divers per guide
- Two speedboats with experienced drivers
- Treks, village visits and beach stops as in the itinerary
- Airport assistance on arrival and departure days

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights
- Park fees and harbour fees, shown on our trip listings for each departure
- Dive and travel insurance
- Equipment rental and courses
- 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

The trip is weather dependent and there may be long crossings, and the crew adjusts the plan as best it can

Good to know

Divers must be flexible with the start time of the first dive at some sites, because they can only enter the water once the local village and officers give permission

Good to know

The crew can change the suggested itinerary to suit guests, if weather and time allow and everyone on board agrees