EMPEROR HARMONI

Raja Ampat and the Forgotten Islands

Sorong to Tual or Tual to Sorong | Misool and the Forgotten Islands

Visit a group of islands accessible only from a liveaboard for a few weeks every year, away from the crowds, and then dive one of the most biodiverse areas in the world.

The Forgotten Islands are a remote and lesser-known group in the Moluccas, an archipelago spread over a 1,000 km-long chain on the eastern side of the Banda Sea.

Expect wall dives, current-swept seamounts and coral gardens, with schooling bumphead parrotfish, tornadoes of trevallies and barracudas, and passing hammerhead and reef sharks.

A day diving around Pulau Koon takes you to the aptly named ‘Too Many Fish’ dive site.

In Raja Ampat, the breathtaking Misool is listed third in REEF’s list of species-rich dive sites worldwide.

There are plentiful opportunities to explore the gin-clear water and tropical beaches, and to witness exciting fish life and seldom-dived reefs.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
12 nights	Sorong and Tual	Sorong and Tual	50 dives, Advanced







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Boarding in Sorong

Meet the crew, join the safety briefing, complete your dive paperwork and settle into your cabin.

DAY 2

Check dive

Up to 3 dives

Your first dive is a check dive to settle your kit and buoyancy.
Then the boat heads into southern Raja Ampat.

DAY 3

Misool

Up to 3 dives

Islands, iconic rock formations and abundant marine life.
Misool ranks third on REEF's list of the most species-rich dive sites in the world.

DAY 4

Pisang Islands

Up to 3 dives

Dive the Pisang Islands, with a mix of walls, current-swept seamounts and coral gardens.

DAY 5

Momon Peninsula

Up to 3 dives

More of the southern Raja Ampat reefs before the boat turns east for the Forgotten Islands.

DAY 6

Sailing east

The boat sails toward the Forgotten Islands, a remote chain in the Moluccas on the eastern side of the Banda Sea.

DAY 7

Pulau Koon

Up to 3 dives

A full day of diving around Pulau Koon, home of the dive site Too Many Fish.

DAY 8

Forgotten Islands

Up to 3 dives

Wall dives and seamounts at sites such as Villoch Reef and Ultima Frontera, with schooling bumphead parrotfish and big pelagics.

DAY 9

Forgotten Islands

Up to 3 dives

Karang Huisman, Karang Rembang and Karang Telegraph, with trevally, barracuda, hunting tuna, hammerheads and reef sharks.

DAY 10

Pulau Nusreen

Up to 3 dives

Seldom-dived reefs with clear water, in a place few other divers have seen.

DAY 11

Kei Islands

Up to 3 dives

The last dives of the trip, among the Kei Islands, before the boat heads for port.

DAY 12

Last diving day

2 dives

Two morning dives, keeping to the no-flying rule.
The boat returns to port around 13:00 and moors overnight, so you can pack your gear and settle your bill.

DAY 13

Check out in Tual

After a final breakfast you transfer to the airport or your hotel.
There is no diving today.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Few other boats

The Forgotten Islands are reached only by liveaboard, so you share the sites with very few divers.

Beaches and islands

Between dives you can enjoy tropical beaches and island scenery, depending on the weather.

Check in

Boarding is usually in the morning at Sorong or Tual. Your exact time and meeting point are confirmed with your booking.

Check out

Check out is after breakfast on the last day, by around midday, with transfers to the airport or your hotel.

Last dive

Two morning dives on the last diving day.







INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Full board meals and snacks
- Water, tea and coffee
- Guided diving from zodiac tenders, with a dive guide
- Nitrox for certified divers
- Marine park and port fees
- Fuel surcharge
- Airport and hotel transfers
- Land excursions
- Cabin and deck towels
- Wi-Fi on board

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights
- Soft drinks, juices and alcoholic drinks
- Dive equipment rental
- Dive courses, including Nitrox
- Government tax on onboard charges
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Personal expenses
- Travel and dive insurance (mandatory)







BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy (needed on every dive)
- Torch for night dives
- Wetsuit suited to your area (see notes)
- Reef-safe sunscreen

AND ALSO

- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Personal medication and toiletries
- Travel adaptor (220V)
- Passport and copy of your insurance

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Insurance

Travel and dive insurance covering dive injury, medical evacuation and travel is mandatory

Experience

Minimum of 50 logged dives and Deep Diver or Advanced Open Water (or equivalent). Currents can range from medium to extremely strong

Good to know

Diving is from zodiac tenders, which gives precise entry and exit points. Many dives go below 18 m

Good to know

You need a dive computer and surface marker buoy on every dive

Respect the reef

Please do not touch or collect marine life, and keep to the guide's briefing at every site

Flying

There is no diving for 24 hours before a flight