GAYA BARU INDAH

Raja Ampat South

Waisai to Waisai | Batanta, Misool and the Dampier Strait

South Raja Ampat, where nutrient rich water brings vast numbers of fish feeding on the upwellings.

Around the small islands of south-eastern Misool, the reefs have pristine hard and soft coral, with mantas, sharks, schools of jacks, tuna and fusiliers.

Batanta has a mountainous interior that is little known, and divers have begun to find fantastic sites along its coastline, with mantas a frequent encounter nearby.

Three evenings have a night dive, and the way back passes through the Dampier Strait for some of its best reefs.

The last evening brings flocks of flying foxes hanging in the trees of Mioskon Island, and a sunset.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
9 nights	Waisai	Waisai	Advanced, 30 dives







Your route

STOP 1

Boarding in Waisai

Check in on board between 10:00 and 12:00, with a welcome drink, your cabin and a check of your dive gear.
The boat leaves Waisai harbour at 13:00 and has a first dive in the afternoon.

STOP 2

Batanta Island and Pulau Dayang

3 dives a day

Batanta is the smallest of the Four Kings islands.
Its mountainous interior is little known, but divers have begun exploring its coastline and found fantastic sites.
Pulau Dayang is often checked out, where mantas are a frequent encounter.

STOP 3

Misool

3 dives a day

Most of the Misool itinerary is in its south-eastern quadrant.
The reefs around the small islands of Balbulol, Daram, Farondi, Yellit and Boo have pristine hard and soft coral and vast numbers of fish feeding on the upwellings in nutrient rich water, with mantas, sharks, schools of jacks, tuna and fusiliers.
Three evenings have a night dive.



STOP 4

Back through the Dampier Strait

On the way back from Misool the boat passes through the Dampier Strait and dives some of its best sites, Blue Magic, Sardine and Cape Kri.
After diving, there is a visit to Mioskon Island, where flocks of flying foxes hang in the trees, and a sunset.

STOP 5

Last day, back to Waisai

No diving

The boat cruises through the island group and reaches Waisai harbour by 12:00, and disembarkation starts after arrival.
27 dives are planned in total.







GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

A typical diving day

6:00 wake up call, coffee, tea and a snack. 6:30 dive briefing. 7:00 first dive. 9:00 breakfast. 10:30 briefing. 11:00 second dive. 13:00 lunch. 14:30 briefing. 15:00 third dive. 17:00 snacks. 19:00 dinner. On two or three evenings there is a night dive at 19:00 and a later dinner.

Who can join

You need to be Advanced diver certified with 30 logged dives to join these trips.

No-fly time

Allow 24 hours between your last dive and boarding an aircraft, and plan your onward travel to suit.

Getting to Waisai

The ferry from Sorong to Waisai leaves at 9:00 and 14:00, and guests are met at Sorong airport or their hotel. Allow for a flight arrival at least a day before the cruise.

Check in

Check in on board in Waisai harbour is between 10:00 and 12:00 on the first day, with a welcome drink, your cabin and a check of your dive gear. The boat leaves at 13:00.

Check out

The boat is back in Waisai harbour at 12:00 on the last day and disembarkation starts straight away. The ferry to Sorong leaves at 14:00 and arrives not before 16:30.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- A bed in a double or twin cabin, with fresh towels and linen
- Full board accommodation
- Typically 3 dives a day, plus a night dive twice a week
- Free Nitrox on all dives, with tanks and weights
- Land excursions as offered
- Self-service drinking water, coffee and tea
- Government taxes and port clearance fees

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights, and transport and accommodation before and after the cruise
- National and marine park entry fees, and the fuel surcharge, shown on our trip listings
- Excess luggage fees
- Diving courses, limited to Nitrox Diver and only on request
- Rental diving gear, with a price list on request
- Dive insurance, which is mandatory
- Alcoholic drinks and canned soft drinks, offered at reasonable prices on board
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Guided transfers between Sorong and Waisai, bookable one way

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Passport
- Dive certification card, Advanced or higher, with Nitrox if you use it
- Proof of dive insurance, such as DAN or similar, which is mandatory
- Raja Ampat marine park ticket, if you already have one
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy

AND ALSO

- Torch for night dives
- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Personal medication and toiletries

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

All itineraries and dive sites can change with the weather and with local and national government approval

Good to know

Dives are cut to 1 or 2 a day on long passages

Good to know

Marine park fees and the fuel surcharge are paid in addition to the cruise price

Good to know

All payments on board are in cash, in new, clean banknotes