

ILIKE

Raja Ampat

Sorong to Sorong | Misool and the Dampier Strait

Misool, the most southern island of Raja Ampat, has an abundance of marine life, with underwater seamounts, pinnacles and coral walls.

Its coral gardens are covered in giant sea fans, soft corals in all colours and massive table corals.

At night the elusive walking shark sneaks along the reef after its prey.

In the Dampier Strait, nutrient-rich currents attract giant trevallies, yellowfin tuna and three kinds of shark.

Two species of manta ray can be seen at the same sites.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
10 days / 9 nights	Sorong	Sorong	Advanced, 75 logged dives







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Boarding in Sorong

No dives

Guests are transferred from the airport to the Ilike.
After a welcome briefing from the cruise director, cabins are allocated and you take a tour of the boat.

DAY 1

Boarding in Sorong (continued)

No dives

You set up your equipment and settle in before the Ilike sails from Sorong, and the first night is an overnight sail to Misool.

DAY 2

Misool, Daram Islands

3 to 4 dives

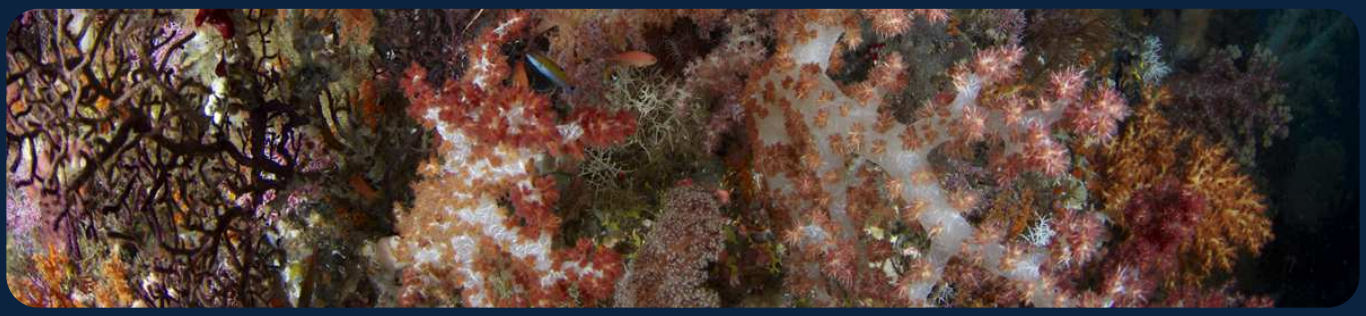
You arrive in Misool early in the morning after the overnight sail.
Misool, the most southern island, has an abundance of marine life, with underwater seamounts, pinnacles, coral walls and coral gardens covered in giant sea fans, soft corals in all colours and massive table corals.
Today you dive around the Daram Islands.

DAY 3

Misool, Fiabacet and Boo Island

3 to 4 dives

More diving in the Misool marine park, around Fiabacet and Boo Island.
The park was set up by Misool Eco Resort with the local villages, which agree not to fish inside it, and it is patrolled by park rangers.
Look out for the elusive epaulette shark, also called the walking shark, which sneaks up on its prey by walking along the reef at night.



DAY 4

Misool, Wayilbatan

3 to 4 dives

Another day of diving in Misool, around Wayilbatan, with countless fish, sea fans and healthy coral gardens.

DAY 5

Misool, Wagmab and Farondi

3 to 4 dives

A last day in the Misool area, diving at Wagmab and Farondi, before the Ilike moves on.

DAY 6

Penemu Island

3 to 4 dives

Diving around Penemu Island, with a chance of a night dive.

DAY 7

Yangeffo Island

3 to 4 dives

Diving around Yangeffo Island, before the Dampier Strait.



DAY 8

Dampier Strait

3 to 4 dives

The Dampier Strait, between Waigeo and Batanta, has beautiful coral gardens, underwater pinnacles, a sandy bottom with coral heads and cleaning stations.
Nutrient-rich currents attract bigger predators such as giant trevallies, yellowfin tuna, rainbow runners and blacktip, grey reef and whitetip sharks.
It is also one of the few places where two species of manta ray can be seen at the same dive sites.

DAY 9

Dampier Strait, last diving day

1 to 2 dives

The last day of diving in the Dampier Strait has 1 to 2 dives, and then the Ilike sails back to Sorong harbour.
Keep to the no-flying rule and pack your gear.

DAY 10

Disembark in Sorong

After breakfast and check out, the crew prepare for disembarkation and arrange your transfer to the airport.
Check out is by 12 noon at the latest.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Village visit

A visit to a local village for a cultural experience.

Lookout hikes

A hike up to one of the lookout points, with views over the islands.

Night dives

Night dives in Raja Ampat reveal a fascinating array of nocturnal life, and are a joy in the north.

Marine life

Giant manta rays, sea turtles, sharks, cuttlefish, pipefish, seahorses, wobbegong and epaulette sharks and huge schools of reef fish.

Check in

The crew transfer you from the airport or your hotel to the Ilike, where the cruise director gives a welcome briefing, cabins are allocated and you set up your equipment before the boat sails. Check in is possible at any time on the day of arrival.

Check out

After breakfast and check out the crew prepare for disembarkation, arrange your transfer to the airport and help with check in for your onward flights. Check out is by 12 noon at the latest.

Last dive

The last dive is in the morning of the day before disembarkation, and then the Ilike sails back to the harbour. Divers should wait at least 24 hours after their last dive before flying, so please keep to the no-flying rule when you book your flight home.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- VAT and airport transfers
- Full board meals and snacks, with drinking water, tea and coffee
- Welcome cocktails
- Diving package, with extra dives
- Land excursions
- Cabin and deck towels
- Complimentary toiletries

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights and local flights
- Trip fees, covering fuel, port fees, local community support and eco projects, paid on board
- Marine park fees, depending on the itinerary
- Nitrox, per diving day
- Rental dive gear
- Private dive guide
- Soft drinks and alcoholic drinks
- Laundry and massage
- Wi-Fi package
- Crew tips
- Dive and travel insurance

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook, showing at least 75 dives
- Completed diver medical questionnaire
- Details of your dive and travel insurance
- 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

Experience

Ilike trips are for experienced divers. Advanced Open Water and at least 75 logged dives are required

Good to know

Sample plans are an example of the route. The exact route and sites depend on local regulations, guest experience, weather and logistics, and are at the captain's discretion

Good to know

Divers should wait at least 24 hours after their last dive before flying

Insurance

Please arrange dive and travel insurance before you travel

Experience

Experienced divers only: Advanced Open Water and at least 75 logged dives are required. Divers with 50 to 75 logged dives can ask about a private dive guide