INDO MASTER

Raja Ampat

Sorong to Sorong | Dampier Strait, Gam and Yangeffo

Fast drift dives and big fish schools characterise the Dampier Strait, where trevally hunt fusiliers, black-tip reef sharks patrol and the variety of reef fish is astounding.

At Gam, a shallow reef of beautiful blue-tipped staghorn corals is alive with myriads of damselfish, trevally, black tip reef sharks and wobbegong sharks.

One current-swept dive here is notorious for its exhilarating, action-packed rush.

At night, lionfish hunt glassfish schools hovering around black coral bushes, and pygmy seahorses and nudibranchs cling to the reef.

Batanta ends the trip with muck diving along dark sand slopes.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
7 nights	Sorong	Sorong	Advanced, 30 dives







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Boarding

Embarkation from 12:00 to 12:30, followed by introductions, boat and safety briefings and dinner.
There is no diving on this day.

DAY 2

Check dive and first dives

Breakfast, then a check dive and up to 3 more dives.

DAY 3-6

Diving days

Up to 4 dives a day

Your Cruise Manager schedules up to 4 dives a day, three day dives and either a sunset or a night dive.

DAY 7

Last full day

2 morning dives

Two morning dives before the boat cruises back to Sorong, where it stays at anchor overnight.

DAY 8

Disembarkation

Breakfast on board, then a transfer to Sorong airport no later than 10:00.







THE DIVING

Dive sites on this route

Mansuar Island & the Dampier Strait

Fast drift dives and big fish schools characterise the sites surrounding Mansuar and the Dampier Strait.

Manta Sandy

The two large bommies situated in the middle of a sandy bottom at just 18 metres (60ft) is a world-renowned cleaning station which attracts many reef manta rays of a variety of shades and sizes, including all-black mantas, distinctive to Raja Ampat.

Cape Kri

One of the best known sites in the Dampier Strait, the variety of reef fish is astounding.

Blue Magic

A long finger-shaped reef sloping down at the points from 8 metres to 30 metres (26ft - 98ft) with hard and soft corals, sea fans and black coral bushes; schools of jacks and barracuda hover close to the reef while grey reef sharks cruise in the blue and.

Sardine Reef

Swarms of fusiliers, snappers and sweetlips, schools of bumphead parrotfish and banner fish, barracuda and trevally that come to feast on the nutrients in the surrounding water all make this site a very fishy dive.

Mioskon

A superb dive spot where we can see pygmy seahorses, flatworms, nudibranchs, scorpion fish and the occasional hunting shark.

Mike's Point

As we approach the tiny island known as Mike's Point, eagles can be seen resting in the treetops.

Friwinbonda

Lionfish can be seen hunting glassfish schools that hover around the black coral bushes, tiny pipefish and the transparent skeleton shrimp are amongst the other interesting critters at this great night dive spot.

Gam & Yangeffo Islands

The islands surrounding Waigeo, the third main island of the Four Kings, provide a range of dive sites for us to choose from including:.

Melissa's Garden

This site is home to some of the best hard coral gardens in Raja Ampat.

Mayhem

This dive spot is notorious for its strong currents, making for an exhilarating dive with lots of action.

Citrus Ridge

A stunning reef named after the carpet-like orange, pink, yellow and green soft corals that cover the entire area.

Penemu viewpoint

The Penemu viewpoint is always offered and is popular. There are usually 2 land visits on each trip.

Other visits

The second visit may be Arborek village, the Aljui pearl farm or Sawinggrai bird spotting, which has a charge.

A typical diving day

Light breakfast, briefing and dive 1. Full breakfast, relaxation, briefing and dive 2. Lunch, relaxation, briefing and dive 3. A snack, then a briefing for a sunset or night dive where possible, and dinner.

Who can join

Divers need PADI Advanced Open Water or equivalent and at least 30 logged dives. Safety and dive briefings are given in English.

No-fly time

Leave at least 24 hours between your final dive and your flight home.

Transfers

Transfers from Sorong airport or a local hotel are included on embarkation and disembarkation days.

Check in

Embarkation is at Sorong harbour from 12:00 to 12:30. Please arrive in Sorong before 12:00 on embarkation day, and ideally the day before.

Check out

Disembarkation is at Sorong harbour no later than 10:00, with a transfer to the airport or a local hotel.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Transfers between the nearest domestic airport or local hotel and the boat on embarkation and disembarkation days only
- En-suite air-conditioned cabin with towels, bed linen and shower gel
- Full board, with snacks, drinking water, soft drinks, fruit juices, tea and coffee
- Up to 4 guided dives a day
- 11 litre cylinder, weights and air fills
- Deck towels
- Land visits as described in the itinerary

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights, and hotel stays or day rooms
- Marine park and port fees, paid on board
- Travel and dive insurance, which is compulsory
- Alcoholic drinks, with beer, wine and spirits sold on board
- Equipment rental and 13 litre cylinders
- Nitrox up to 32%, at an extra charge
- Wi-Fi and laundry, at an extra charge
- Crew and dive guide
- Crew tips, which are customary

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card, Advanced Open Water or equivalent, and logbook
- Dive insurance, which is mandatory and must cover evacuation and recompression
- Marine park entry card, if you already have one
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy
- Torch for night dives

AND ALSO

- 3 mm wetsuit, or a 5 mm suit if you feel the cold
- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Passport and personal medication

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

The itinerary is an example, and the route and dive sites depend on weather, tides, currents and sea conditions, as decided by the Cruise Manager

Good to know

The number of dives depends on the weather and on how far the boat has to cruise

Good to know

Marine park and port fees are paid on board and can change without notice