



Raja Ampat Central 8 nights (Sorong - Sorong)
30+ dives recommended
Open water or equivalent

Length of trip 9 Days / 8 Nights
Departure check-in time is at 10:00 AM
Check-out time is at 10:00 AM
Dives - approximately 24 dives in total

Embarking on a 9-day, 8-night adventure through Raja Ampat's northern wonders aboard Malaillo, departing from Sorong on October 28, 2025, with check-in at 10:00 AM, and returning on November 5, 2025, with check-out at 10:00 AM.

You must be an Open Water diver with a minimum of 30 logged dives to enjoy approximately 24 dives total, immersing yourself in a breathtaking journey.

Your trip begins with embarkation and a potential check dive near Friwin Island to settle in with your gear, setting the stage for an unforgettable exploration.

Sail into the heart of the Dampier Strait, where iconic sites like Cape Kri and Yenbuba reveal vibrant coral gardens and diverse marine life, including night dives under Yenbuba Jetty where the elusive epaulette shark might appear.

Venturing north to the stunning karst islands of Wayag, where a morning hike offers a panoramic view, followed by dives at Bra Rock and Batu Wayag, and a macro-rich night dive in Teluk Wayag.

Further north, Kawe and Wofoh islands bring thrilling manta encounters at current-swept Black Rock and Eagle Rock, while Edy's Black Forest and Red Patch Wall showcase vibrant coral ridges and nocturnal critters.

In Penemu/Piyanemo, dive My Reef and the spectacular Melissa's Garden, known for its rich hard coral, then drift through Keruo Channel and trek to the famous Piaynemo viewpoint, capping the day with a night dive at Galaxy teeming with rare macro life.

Returning to Dampier Strait for final dives at Sardine's Reef and Mioskon, alive with color and movement, followed by a relaxing beach break on Mioskon Island.

Your trip concludes in Sorong with the last dive on the penultimate day and a recommended 24-hour wait before flying.

Sample Itinerary:

Day 1: Embarkation

- Upon embarkation, after all guests are onboard, we begin our journey with a cruise towards Friwin Island. If time permits, we'll do a relaxed check-up in the afternoon to get comfortable in the water and ensure all dive gear is functioning properly. Note that the check dive might be skipped if there's a delay in guest arrivals on this day.

Day 2 - 8:

- **Dampier Strait (4 Dives)**
 - **Dive 1: Friwin**
Ideal for a check dive. Mild current, nice topography starting with a wall that transitions into a sloping ridge. Healthy reef with lots of soft corals, gorgonians, and abundant fish life. Turtles and blacktip reef sharks are common sightings.
 - **Dive 2: Cape Kri**
One of the top dives in Raja Ampat, known for its incredible coral variety and marine life. Expect schools of batfish, barracudas, sweetlips, wobbegong sharks, and napoleons.
 - **Dive 3: Yenbuba**
Perfect for a third dive. Mild current, stunning reef top, and diverse marine life including blacktip reef sharks, barracudas, napoleons, turtles, and critters like pygmy seahorses.
 - **Night Dive: Yenbuba Jetty**
A protected site ideal for night diving. Good chance of spotting the endemic Raja Ampat epaulette shark, along with various nocturnal critters.
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- **Yanggefo**
 - **Dive 1: Mayhem**
A submerged reef rising to 7 meters and sloping down. The top is covered in hard coral, while the slope features lush soft coral, sea fans, and massive bommies. Fantastic fish life - schools of barracudas, batfish, bigeye trevally, blacktip reef sharks, and occasional grey reef sharks.
 - **Dive 2: Citrus Ridge**
Located in the channel between Gam and Yanggefo Islands. A vibrant ridge with hard coral on top and orange soft corals along the slope. Frequent sightings of barracudas, blacktip reef sharks, napoleons, wobbegongs, and sometimes schooling mobula rays.
 - **Dive 3: Way Pretty Shallow**
Great for a relaxed third dive. The reef top is rich with hard coral and slopes gently, decorated with gorgonians, sponges, and bommies. Expect turtles, wobbegongs, blacktip reef sharks, and occasional mobula rays.
 - **Night Dive: Way Pretty Shallow**
A gentle site ideal for macro and night critters.
- **Wayag**
 - **Morning: Wayag Viewpoint Hike**
No morning dive to allow time for the scenic hike to the iconic Wayag viewpoint. A short but steep climb offers breathtaking views of karst islands and turquoise lagoons - one of Raja Ampat's most iconic sights.
 - **Dive 1: Bra Rock**
Start on a vibrant reef top covered in hard coral, then follow the gentle slope adorned with soft coral, gorgonians, and green coral. Excellent for macro photography. Blacktip reef sharks are occasionally seen.

- **Dive 2: Batu Wayag**
A dramatic wall dive with overhangs and lush coral coverage. Expect soft corals, gorgonians, green coral, and plenty of fish life including sweetlips, turtles, and blacktip reef sharks.
- **Night Dive: Teluk Wayag**
A calm, well-protected bay ideal for night diving. Rich in crustaceans and macro life, with the chance to spot the rare epaulette shark.

- **Kawe & Wofoh**

- **Dive 1: Black Rock**
A spectacular site, often with strong current. Known for dense black coral coverage and rich fish life - fusiliers, surgeonfish, barracudas, jacks, napoleons, and a good chance of manta sightings.
- **Dive 2: Eagle Rock**
Another prime site for mantas. Characterized by massive boulders and reefs blanketed with soft corals, black coral, and gorgonians. Frequent sightings of fusiliers, surgeonfish, bumphead parrotfish, napoleons, and blacktip reef sharks.

Edy's Black Forest

A varied site with wall, slope, and ridge features. The reef top showcases a beautiful hard coral garden, while deeper sections are dominated by black coral and sea fans. Predator activity is high-jackfish, emperor fish, and Napoleon chasing silversides.

- **Night Dive: Red Patch Wall**
A unique night site with a hard coral garden at the base of a rocky wall. Look for crustaceans, cuttlefish, and the chance of spotting the Raja Ampat epaulette shark

- **Penemu / Piaynemo (4 Dives + Trekking)**

- **Dive 1: My Reef**
A submerged reef that rises to 7 meters before sloping into a ridge. Best dived during falling tide. Excellent fish life - blacktip reef sharks, barracudas, schools of bigeye trevally. The slope is decorated with black coral, sea fans, and sponges.
- **Dive 2: Melissa's Garden**
An iconic site with one of the richest hard coral gardens in Raja Ampat. The shallow plateau (5 -10 meters) is teeming with marine life - blacktip reef sharks, napoleons, trevallies, wobbegongs, and more.
- **Dive 3: Keruo Channel**
A stunning drift dive through a channel with sloping reefs and mini walls. Coral coverage is diverse - black coral, gorgonians, soft corals, and green coral. Ends at a pristine hard coral garden. Common sightings include blacktip reef sharks, turtles, and Napoleon's.
- **Trekking: Piaynemo Viewpoint**
A short but rewarding hike to one of Raja Ampat's most photographed panoramic views.
- **Night Dive: Galaxy**
A critter haven for night diving. Look for crustaceans, cuttlefish, bobtail squid, and the occasional blue-ringed octopus.

- **Dampier Strait (2 Dives + Beach Time)**

- **Dive 1: Sardine's Reef**
A submerged reef rising to 3 meters and sloping on all sides. Best during falling tide. While the top is plain, the deeper slope is vibrant with coral variety - hard, soft, black, green, and gorgonian. Marine life includes wobbegongs, giant trevally, blacktips, napoleons, bumphead parrotfish, barracudas, and more.
- **Dive 2: Mioskon**
A gentle, scenic dive—ideal as a final underwater experience. Beautiful reef with fantastic fish life. Common sightings include schools of blue-lined snapper, napoleons, turtles, and bumphead parrotfish.
- **Beach Time: Mioskon Island**
Enjoy a relaxing beach break after your last dive.

Day 9: Departure

- Guests disembark from Malaillo. Transfers will be arranged to Sorong Airport or hotels in the city.