MERMAID II

Raja Ampat

Sorong to Sorong | Misool and the Dampier Strait



Raja Ampat has some of the greatest coral reef biodiversity for its size in the world, with around 600 islands and reefs, 1,320 fish species and 550 coral species.

Misool is the kingdom of the pygmy seahorse, with soft corals, gorgeous gorgonians and pinnacles with masses of fish.

In the Dampier Strait the mantas hang out at their cleaning stations, along with schooling fish, wobbegong sharks and the sea moth.

Around Yanggefo there are beautiful mangroves and reefs covered in orange and purple soft corals.

Under the village jetties, pillars covered in soft corals are good for signal gobies, nudibranchs, pipefish and blue-ringed octopus.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
8 nights	Sorong	Sorong	Certified divers







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Sorong

Check in

Check in on board Mermaid II.
Guests arrive all through the day depending on flights, so you are welcome to board when you arrive and spend some time unpacking and setting up your equipment.
After the boat and safety briefing, Mermaid II starts cruising to the Misool area.
The first cruise is overnight.

DAY 2-4

Misool

Dives

Hundreds of dive sites around this magnificent area, so you are in a divers' paradise for a few days, with soft corals and gorgeous gorgonians, home to the much sought after pygmy seahorse, and pinnacles with masses of fish.
The islands you can enjoy in the Misool area include Balbulol, Sagof, Wagmab, Farondi, Wayilbatan, Warakaraket, Fiabacet, Yillet, Kalig and Pele.
Then cruise to the Dampier Strait.

DAY 5-7

Penemu, Kawe, Yanggefo and the Dampier Strait

Dives

Dive around Penemu Island and visit the viewpoint, or dive around the island of Kawe, a great place for schooling fish with reefs covered in black coral bushes and a very good chance of encounters with manta rays.
In the central part of Raja Ampat you dive around Yanggefo, with beautiful mangrove areas, reefs covered in orange and purple soft corals and a submerged reef with lots of schooling fish.
The villages of Arborek and Sawandarek are some of the most beautiful islands to visit, with a jetty to dive under whose pillars are covered in soft corals, a delight for photographers and good for macro subjects such as signal gobies, nudibranchs, pipefish and blue-ringed octopus.
In the famous Dampier Strait the mantas hang out at their cleaning stations, along with all the schooling fish, wobbegong sharks and critters such as the sea moth and the Pontohi pygmy seahorse.

DAY 8

Dampier Strait

Two dives

Two dives in the Dampier Strait, with more of the same: fish, glorious corals and more.
Then Mermaid II returns to Sorong, a run of 4 to 5 hours while the crew rinse and pack your equipment.

DAY 9

Disembark in Sorong

After breakfast there is a transfer to the airport or your hotel. Disembark is at 8 am.







GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Misool

Soft corals, gorgonians and pygmy seahorses.

Dampier Strait

Mantas at their cleaning stations.

Arborek jetty

Pillars covered in soft corals.

Mangroves

Yanggefo and Gam islands.

Check in

Check in on board is on the day of departure. Guests arrive at different times depending on flights, so you can board when you arrive, unpack and set up your equipment. A transfer from Sorong airport to the boat is included.

Check out

Disembark after breakfast at 8 am, with a transfer to the airport or your hotel.

Last dive

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

- Transfers to and from the boat: anywhere in southern Bali on Komodo trips, and Sorong airport on Raja Ampat trips
- All meals and snacks, fruit, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, soft drinks and drinking water
- All dives, with tanks, weights and weight belts
- Diving with experienced divemasters and instructors
- Land visits to villages, beaches, viewpoints and wildlife where the plan includes them
- 3 GB of Starlink internet on board

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights, including any domestic flight
- Nitrox fills
- Rental equipment and on board courses
- Alcoholic drinks
- Marine park fees, port and national park fees (subject to change with government regulation)
- Dive and travel insurance

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- 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

Good to know

Itineraries are a sample and can be changed because of the weather, tides, currents, season and other events beyond our control

Good to know

The exact route can be discussed with the cruise director, who will do their utmost to get you to a particular site, within conditions, the boat and safety