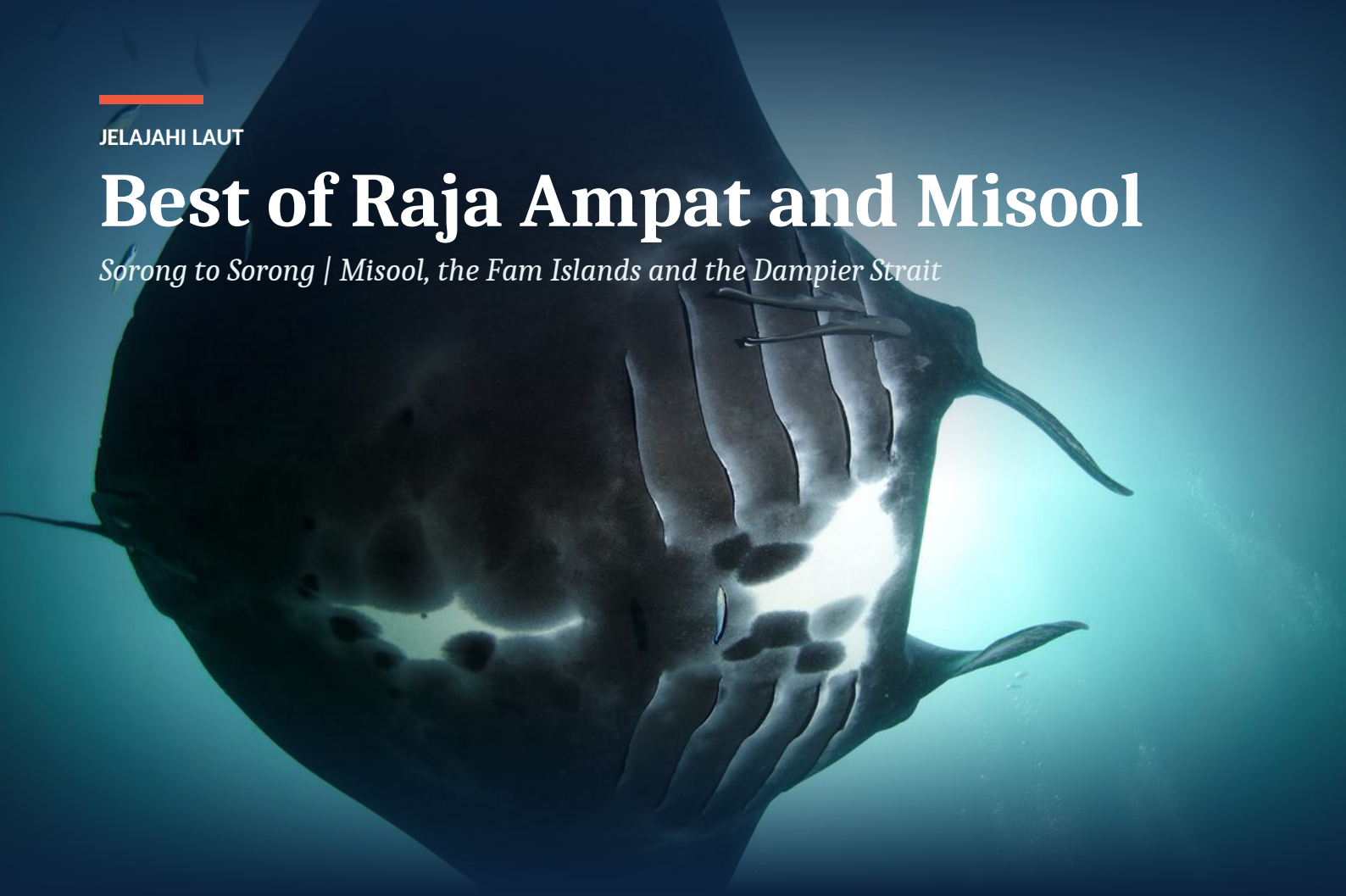
JELAJAHI LAUT

Best of Raja Ampat and Misool

Sorong to Sorong | Misool, the Fam Islands and the Dampier Strait



The Misool Eco Reserve has some of the most colourful corals on the planet, with dives planned so each site is yours alone.

Oceanic and reef mantas, blacktip, whitetip and grey reef sharks, wobbegong, hunting giant trevally and eagle rays all turn up, along with up to five types of pygmy seahorse.

Northern Misool is a labyrinth of small islands with walls and slopes, and mobula rays hunting sardines.

In the Fam Islands there are fields of staghorn coral and a night dive where you may find the walking shark.

A dawn jungle hike may even bring the red bird of paradise.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
9 nights	Sorong	Sorong	Advanced, 10 dives







Your itinerary

STOP 1

Day 1: Sorong to Misool

Meet at the Marina Star Café in Sorong harbour at 7:30 am and board Jelajahi Laut by speedboat.
After a welcome briefing, a safety briefing and introductions over a fresh juice or coconut, the boat sets off towards Waisai, with a check dive at around 3 pm on the slopes of Mioskon Island.
The captain then navigates to Misool in the south of the marine park.

STOP 2

Day 2: Northern Misool

An early start and a day around the northern islands of Misool, where the dive sites lie in a labyrinth of small islands, with walls and slopes, pygmy seahorses and mobula rays hunting sardines.
In the afternoon the boat moves south into the Misool Eco Reserve and anchors between the islands of Romeo and Yillet.

STOP 3

Days 3 to 7: Misool Eco Reserve

The dives are planned around the schedules of other boats, to protect the reefs and so you can have each site to yourselves.
The reserve has some of the most colourful corals on the planet.
Boo Window, Magic Mountain, Nudi Rock, Four Kings, Puri Pinnacle and Tank Rock are a few of the sites.
You can encounter oceanic and reef mantas, blacktip, whitetip and grey reef sharks, wobbegong, hunting giant trevally, tuna and eagle rays, and up to five types of pygmy seahorse.
On the way back north there may be underwater caverns and, depending on the season, a lake of stingless jellyfish.

STOP 4

Day 8: The Fam Islands

After a 13 hour crossing, the boat is among the Fam Islands, with fields of staghorn coral at Melissa's Garden, hunting grey reef sharks at My Reef, and the pinnacle of Batu Rufus with fusiliers, rainbow runners and barracuda.
In the afternoon there is a climb to the Piaynemo viewpoint over the lagoon, where baby blacktips sometimes cruise, and a night dive where you may find the walking shark.

STOP 5

Day 9: The Dampier Strait

Action-packed dives at Cape Kri, Sardine Reef and Mike's Point, then a short hop by speedboat to Mioskon for a beach barbecue set up by the chef.

STOP 6

Day 10: Last dive and Sorong

A 4:30 am wake up for a short hike in the jungle, where with luck you may see the red bird of paradise.
Then a last dive, either Blue Magic for more oceanic mantas and grey reef sharks, or the reef of LauLau with its pinnacle.
After washing the gear and lunch, the boat returns to Sorong.







GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Topside

A viewpoint climb at Piaynemo, a possible jellyfish lake visit in Misool, and an early morning bird of paradise hike.

Who can join

You need to be Advanced Open Water certified with at least 10 dives to join most of these trips.

No-fly time

The last dive is on the final day, so observe the 24 hour no-fly surface interval before your flight home.

Check in

A taxi collects you from Sorong airport (SOQ) or your hotel and takes you to the meeting point, Marina Star Café in Sorong harbour, at 7:30 am. After a tea or coffee while everyone arrives, you transfer to Jelajahi Laut.

Check out

The boat is back in Sorong harbour at about 4 pm on the last day. A transfer takes you to your hotel, and your flight home is from Sorong airport.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Transport from the airport or your hotel to the harbour, and from the harbour to your hotel
- Full room and board, with fresh towels and linen
- Tea, coffee, water and soft drinks
- Tanks and weights
- Dive guides
- Meals cooked by the onboard chef

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights
- National park and harbour fee, paid on board in cash and shown on our trip listings
- Full equipment rental and 15 litre tanks
- Nitrox
- Alcohol, beer and wine, and onboard purchases
- Starlink data packages
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Dive, trip and travel insurance

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Dive, trip and travel cancellation insurance, which is mandatory
- Your own dive computer, which is mandatory (one can be rented)
- Cash in Indonesian Rupiah for the national park fee, which cannot be paid by card
- 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

This is a sample itinerary only and the final route can vary

Good to know

Weather and tides play a big role in safety and planning, so the Cruise Director and Captain plan each day accordingly

Good to know

The national park and harbour fee is paid on board in cash, in addition to the cruise price