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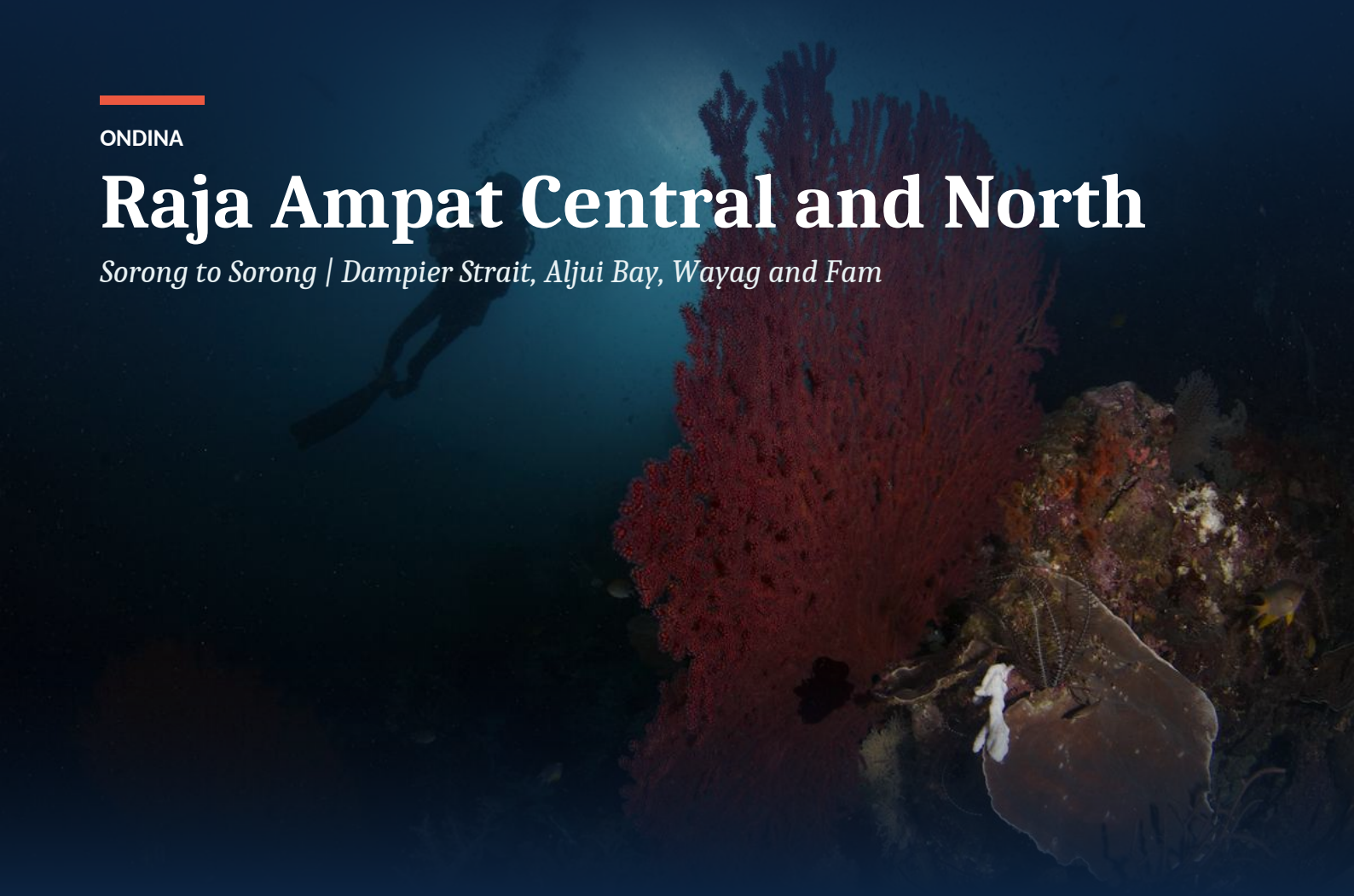
# Raja Ampat Central and North

*Sorong to Sorong | Dampier Strait, Aljui Bay, Wayag and Fam*



Wayag is the postcard of north Raja Ampat, with limestone islands topped with greenery and surrounded by turquoise lagoons, and a climb to a viewpoint above them.

The soft limestone creates caves, canyons, passages and swim-throughs on almost every dive.

The fabulous reefs of the Dampier Strait come first, and on the way north the boat crosses the Equator for a full day around Kawe.

More than 75 percent of the world's reef-building coral species occur here, with over 1,400 species of fish, more than 20 of them endemic.

The jetties of Fam and Arborek bring night diving, and an early trek into the forest finds the birds of paradise.

| LENGTH | DEPARTURE PORT | ARRIVAL PORT | EXPERIENCE |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9 nights | Sorong | Sorong | Certified divers |







# Your itinerary

DAY 1

## Sorong and Saonek

Check dive + night dive

Pick up at Sorong airport and transfer to the boat, with a welcome drink and time to settle into your cabin.
You have a check dive in the afternoon at Pulau Saonek and a night dive somewhere nearby.

DAY 2

## Dampier Strait

Dives + overnight sail

Diving the fabulous reefs of the Dampier Strait, such as Mioskon, Cape Kri and Sawandarek.
The Ondina then sails overnight to Aljui Bay.

DAY 3

## Aljui Bay and the pearl farm

Dives + night dive

Two dives at Waterlogged, and a visit to the pearl farm to see how this interesting industry works.
There are afternoon and night dives on the jetties of the pearl farm.

DAY 4

## Kawe and the Equator

Full diving day

You cross the Equator and have a full diving day in Kawe, with two dives at Eagle Rock, an afternoon dive at Black Rock and a night dive near Wayag.

DAY 5

## Wayag

Dives + night dive

Diving around Wayag, at Pelagic Rock, Figure Eight Island and The Cathedral.
In the afternoon you climb to the Wayag viewpoint, and there is a night dive nearby.

DAY 6

## Fam

Dives + night dive

Diving around Fam, at Galaxy, Keruo Reef and Melissa's Garden.
You climb to the Fam viewpoint between dives, and there is a night dive nearby.

DAY 7

## Yengefo

Full diving day

A full diving day in Yengefo, at West Gam, Mayhem, Citrus Ridge and Karang Lalosi.
In the afternoon you visit the village of Arborek, with a night dive on its jetties.

DAY 8

## Birds of paradise and Mike's Point

Dives + night dive

An early morning trek to see the birds of paradise.
Then a dive at Mike's Point and an afternoon dive at Chicken Reef, with a night dive on the jetties of Yenbeser.

DAY 9

## Dampier Strait

Two dives

Dive Sardine Reef and Blue Magic, then sail back to Sorong in the afternoon and prepare for departure the next morning.

DAY 10

## Disembark in Sorong

After breakfast there is a transfer to the airport or your hotel.
Check out is at 9 am.

GOOD TO KNOW

# On land and on the way

### Birds of paradise

An early morning excursion to see the birds of paradise in the canopy.

### Villages

Visits to local villages, including a cultural stop at the Airborek village.

### Viewpoints

Climbs to viewpoints over the limestone islands, with the best views of Raja Ampat.

### Night dives

Night dives on the jetties, with muck critters, on most evenings of the trip.

### Check in

The crew pick you up from the airport and take you to the boat for a welcome drink. Check in is at 11 am, and the transfers from the airport or your hotel are included.

### Check out

The boat is in port the evening before, so you can prepare for departure. Check out is at 9 am, after breakfast, with a transfer to the airport or your hotel.

### Last dive

The last dive is on the penultimate day of the trip. 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

- Airport or hotel transfers at embarkation and disembarkation
- Full board, with tea, coffee, snacks and a soft drink at lunch and dinner
- An average of 3 or 4 dives a day
- Land excursions where the plan includes them
- Tanks and weights for divers, and snorkelling gear for non-divers
- Library and music on board

## NOT INCLUDED

- Flights
- Alcoholic drinks
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Police or diving permits, tourist tax, harbour fees and fuel increases
- Marine park fees and port clearance fee
- Nitrox, charged per day for the full trip
- Rental dive gear and other on-board services
- 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 only an orientation and can be modified because of the weather, sea conditions and other external causes





