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Raja Ampat, Halmahera and Lembeh

Sorong to Bitung | Raja Ampat, Pulau Pisang, Halmahera and Lembeh

Strange critters are the finish line of this trip, in the Lembeh Strait, a muck diving paradise.

Before that comes the fabulous Dampier Strait, Fam at its western end, and Misool, where blacktip sharks nurse their young on a beach.

Halmahera is a change of pace, with current-swept sites, soft corals, schools of jacks and surgeonfish, Napoleon wrasse and tuna.

One wall holds a school of 1,000 barracuda.

The trip closes with a visit to the Tangkoko Nature Reserve and its tarsiers, tiny nocturnal primates.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 nights	Sorong	Bitung	Certified divers







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Sorong

Check dive + overnight sail

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 one of the reefs around Sorong, and then sail overnight to the Dampier Strait.

DAY 2

Dampier Strait

Dives + night dive

Diving the fabulous reefs of the Dampier Strait, such as Sardine Reef, Blue Magic and Mioskon.
The night dive at Saporkren is one of the best in Raja Ampat, and is muck diving.

DAY 3

Fam

Dives + overnight sail

Diving around Fam, at the western end of the Dampier Strait, at My Reef, Melissa's Garden and The Lagoon.
In the afternoon you climb to the viewpoint, and then sail overnight to Daram, in Misool.

DAY 4

Misool

Dives

Diving around Misool at classics such as Fiabacet, Whale Rock, Pulau Boo and Shadow Reef, also known as Magic Mountain.
You visit the blacktip shark nursery on the beach of Yilliet on one of the two days.

DAY 5

Wayilbatan and Pele Island

Dives + overnight sail

Two morning dives around Wayilbatan, such as Four Kings or Wedding Cake.
In the afternoon a third dive at Kaleidoscope Ridge on Pele Island, then an overnight sail to Pulau Pisang.

DAY 6

Pulau Pisang

3 dives + overnight sail

Three day dives around the Batuanyer Rocks, to the north and south of Pulau Pisang, with soft corals, schools of jacks and surgeonfish, Napoleon wrasse and tuna.
Overnight to the Patintie Strait.

DAY 7

Patintie Strait

Dives + night dive

Diving the current-swept sites of the Patintie Strait, such as Proco Channel, Batu Jabu and the signature site discovered by the manager of Ondina, Ric's Rock.
There is a night dive, then the Ondina sails to the Goraici group.

DAY 8

Goraici group

3 dives + overnight sail

Three dives around the Goraici group, at Reenie's Rock, Pulau Goweba and Terumbu Gora.
Overnight sail to Pulau Tifore.

DAY 9

Pulau Tifore

Dives + night sail

Two morning dives at Pantai Sago, a wall with a school of 1,000 barracuda, and an afternoon dive on a hard coral garden on the north coast of the island.
Night sail to Pulau Lembeh.

DAY 10

Lembeh Strait

4 dives

Four dives in the Lembeh Strait, looking for strange critters in this muck diving paradise.

DAY 11

Lembeh and Tangkoko

Two dives + land visit

The last two dives are in the morning in Lembeh.
In the afternoon you visit the Tangkoko Nature Reserve to see the tarsiers, small nocturnal primates found only on a limited number of islands in Southeast Asia, and prepare for departure the next morning.

DAY 12

Disembark in Bitung

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

Tarsiers

A visit to Tangkoko Nature Reserve to see the tarsiers.

Pantai Sago

A wall with a school of 1,000 barracuda.

Ric's Rock

The signature site of the Patintie Strait.

Lembeh

Muck diving with strange critters.

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

Good to know

This itinerary runs from Sorong to Bitung. It is also sailed in reverse, from Bitung to Sorong