

## **KLM Pearl of Papua**

Potential Itinerary for 9 days and 8 nights trip in Raja Ampat  
(North: Dampier Straits to Wayag)

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This itinerary subject for reference only. The actual itinerary will be provided and updated every day. On the day one, when you checked in and after dinner every day for the next day schedule. The briefing will be done by Cruise Manager after consulting with the captain to include all factors related to safety of our boat, passengers and crews. The itinerary will also be written on the board for everyone's reference.

Schedule in Liveaboard can be full with activities. Obviously, this is your holiday. You are free to choose should you want to skip the dive or not joining group programs and rest. There will be no substitute for other activities besides group activities.

While we offer a very high care diving experience in that our staff carry gear, perform assembly and changeovers as well as monitor guest comfort and safety; all divers are expected to be the primary steward for their personal wellbeing which includes honestly disclosing their experience level and adhering to the standards of their certification, and conducting themselves within their capabilities. Carry digital copy of your latest dive certificate as well Nitrox dive certificate should you require to dive with Nitrox. You cannot carry out diving activities if you fail to show proof that you are a certified diver.

### **Day One: Sorong**

We advise our guest to arrive one day early so they can well rest in Sorong Hotel. We will pick up the guest at Hotel Lobby at 10AM to transfer to the vessel at the departure date.

Should they flying in and arrive at the day of departure, our crew will be waiting outside the arrival hall according to their morning flight schedule. They will escort you to the Pearl of Papua. After a 15 minutes ride you will be onboard the vessel, cabin allocation and ship orientation will take place before departure, take this time to familiarize yourself with the facilities and make yourself comfortable.

For those arriving from Wasai, the capital city of Raja Ampat, they must arrive one day earlier so we can pick them up from the hotel in Sorong at 10am on the day of the boat's departure.

#### **Our boat departs from Usaha Mina Private Jetty, Sorong at 11 AM.**

Lunch and dinner will be served while heading towards Raja Ampat National Park. We will sail from Sorong roughly within 8 hours journey. When time and all factors permitting, we will have check dive at Batu Hitam.

**Check Dive at Batu Hitam, when time permitting. (Check Dive -Dive 1)**



For your safety concern, when you fly from far away and tired. We will not allow you to dive for the safety reason.

### **Day Two: Dampier Straits**

The Dampier Straits contain some of Raja Ampat's most action-packed dives. There are a number of wonderful sites in the area, many of which are exposed to and best - dived when the current is running. Encounters with various sharks, Bumphead Parrotfish, schools of Barracuda, Oceanic Triggerfish, and Big-Eyed Trevally are quite common. The sheer number of fish is literally astounding. At times shoals are so thick the sunlight is practically blocked out.

Dive 1: Mioskon

Dive 2: Mike's Point

Dive 3: Friwen

Dive 4: Batu Lima (Night Dive)

### **Day Three: Tanjung Putus (Cape Break)**

There are a few excellent sites in this area. Mayhem is not to be missed, with its vibrant benthic life and a plethora of fish about you are sure to love the dive.

Dive 1: Mayhem

Dive 2: Citrus Ridge

Dive 3: Woffoh Besar

Dive 4: Woffoh Kecil (Night Dive)

### **Day Four: Wayag**

The Pearl of Papua will moor in front of Mt. Pindito. If you want to look out the beautiful scenic of the islands you need to do the hike. We will do it in the morning to avoid the crowd and save us from the heat and scorching sun. Bring your water, cameras, wear your good walking shoes, a hat, sunblock and maybe sunglasses – the views are spectacular!

Day four will be full packed with activities. After morning hike, you will come down to the vessels for quick change and we go straight to the remote post of Wayag where we will swim and snorkel with the shark in the beach. Bring your mask, snorkel, and sunblock. We carry your breakfast and we can have simple picnic at the beach.

Our speed boats will cruise around the bay exploring hidden areas, thus affording you an up-close view of the spectacular limestone karst formations to reach the beach. It takes 30 minutes slow ride with speed boat.

After an hour snorkeling and breakfast, we take you to the vessel back (5-10 minutes speedboat rides), rest and have lunch on the ship. We need to organize tight schedule since we want all from the Wayag beauty (hike, beach and dive as well). It takes us 3-4 hours sailing down to the best dive site around the area to have a chance to see manta after snorkeling with sharks.

Morning activities: Climbing to Pindito Hill in Wayag island. For those who exercise regularly, this is relatively easy hike and can be reached in 15-20 minutes. Going down the mountain might be a little challenging because it's

steep and the karts are sharp.

Second activities: Island picnic and snorkeling with the shark in Pos Wayag

Third Activities: Dive at Black Rock

### **Day Five: Fam and Penemu**

Spread over nearly 700 square kilometers of ocean, just above the midway point on Raja Ampat's north-south axis, Fam and Penemu's vivid coral gardens revel in the nutrient rich water brought forth from the Dampier Straits. My Reef has excellent fish life and is the perfect way to start your first full day of the expedition.

Dive 1: My Reef

Dive 2: Melissa's Garden

Dive 3: Batu Rufus

Dive 4: Piaynemo Jetty (Night Dive)

### **Day Six: Yanggefo and Arborek**

Enroute to the Dampier Straits, we will pass the islands of Yanggefo and Arborek. Arborek is a small island inhabited by about 130 local Papuans. Here you will have the opportunity to take a more intimate look at their lives as well as explore an authentic village.

Dive 1: Arborek Jetty

Morning activities: surface interval: visiting the village of Arborek.

Dive 2: Manta Ridge

Dive 3: Manta Sandy

### **Day Seven: Dampier Straits**

We will be having the "jetty dive" day. Jetty in Raja Ampat is not like other in the world. Rich, colorful, vibrant marine life. The visibility is always a good bet in here. Two villages which famous for its jetty are Sawandarek and Yenbuba village. After the easy colorful dive let do some drift dive in Sardine reef.

Dive1: Sawandarek Jetty

Dive 2: Yenbuba Jetty

Dive 3: Sardine Reef

### **Day Eight**

Your last day of diving will be done by calculating safety in mind. You will have two dives in the shallows before lunch time. So, it is safe for some of you who want to fly out on the next day. You will have a "no flight time" of 18-20 hours. Our diving activity on day 7 consist of 2 dives. You can book morning flight on the next day.

These dive spots offer an unforgettable diving experience where you may spot huge schools offishes being stalked by barracuda and trevally. And if we're lucky even a few manta rays!

Dive 1: Mioskon

Dive 2: Blue Magic



After completing our second dive of the day, the Pearl of Papua will begin her return voyage to Sorong. Our journey back to Sorong takes 8-9 hours.

### **Day Nine: Sorong**

After breakfast, prepare for disembarkation. Official check out time is 10 AM. From here you will be transferred to your next destination. Your diving journey has ended and we certainly look forward to welcoming you

### **Additional Notes:**

- a. Sailing itineraries and daily programs are subject to change due to weather and sea conditions, availability of safe anchorage, government regulations or in response to other factors. Every effort will be made to carry out the program as planned.
- b. Experience level: Advanced/intermediate and above, currents: can be strong, water temperature: 27 C – 30 C, visibility: 10 m – 40 m, depth: 5 m – 30 m
- c. Additionally, we highly encourage all divers to bring hooks or at least be familiar with their use. Currents can be strong in Raja Ampat. At some point during your trip, you should expect to have to deal with any one of all of the following: downdrafts, upwellings, negative entries and effective deployment of a hook.
- d. The Pearl of Papua has No Glove Policy and all divers must have dive insurance during the trip
- e. We strongly advise you to bring your own dive equipment with a dive torch for comfort and familiarization
- f. Total dive: between 18 up to 22 dives included check dive

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