



### **KLM Pearl of Papua**

#### **Potential Itinerary for 11 days and 10 nights trip in Raja Ampat (South to North)**

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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.

Lunch and dinner will be served while heading towards Raja Ampat National Park. Sorong to Misool is roughly 12 hours journey.

#### **Check Dive at Matan, 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.

## **Days Two, Three, Four: Misool**

Misool is one of the most fascinating areas of Raja Ampat. It contains some of the most amazing underwater seascapes imaginable – deep ravines and canyons give way to unsurpassed coral coverage and unrivaled color. Don't be surprised if you encounter Gorgonian Sea Fans exceeding 3 meters in diameter! That said, while the reefs are truly breathtaking down in Misool, remember to check the blue every now and again as it is quite common to encounter oceanic manta rays, reaching up to seven meters in length, on many dives. Brace yourself, the diving is about to get incredible.

One of the dives, Magic Mountain, is a fairly reliable cleaning station for oceanic manta rays.

### **Day Two: Daram – Misool**

Dive 1: The Candy Store

Dive 2: Andiamo

Dive 3: Yelit Kecil

### **Day Three: Boo – Misool**

Dive 1: Magic Mountain

Dive 2: Boo Window

Dive 3: Nudi Rock

Dive 4: Romeo

### **Day Four Options: Farondi – Misool**

Dive 1: Anchovies Reef

Dive 2: Two Tree Island

## **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. As such, the hard coral seascape at Melissa's Garden is virtually unrivaled.

Climb to Pianemo

Dive 1: My Reef

Dive 2: Melissa's Garden

Dive 3: Batu Rufus

After having fun drifting away with current at Penemu, the Pearl of Papua will head towards Wayag – approximately a nine-hour journey.

### **Day Six: Wayag**

The Pearl of Papua will moor in front of Mt. Pindito. We opt for morning hike so we can avoid scorching sun on the top of the hill. Please bring your good walking shoes or light trekking boots and if it is good idea to wear a glove to help you climb up the karst stone. Most likely you climb with all four. Our crews and guide will be with you to ensure the safe hike. It is steep but not difficult especially for those who actively exercise regularly. Bring your cameras, shoes and a hat – the views are spectacular! Upon descending our speed boats will cruise around the bay exploring hidden areas, thus affording you an up-close view of the spectacular limestone karst formations.

Activities: Climb Mt. Pindito + Lagoon Cruise

Dive 1: Black Rock

### **Day Seven: Arborek and 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 Oceanic Mantas, 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.

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: Mayhem

Dive 2: Citrus Ridge

Dive 2: Arborek Jetty

### **Day Eight: Dampier Straits**

Dive 1: Manta Ridge

Dive 2: Manta Sandy

Dive 3: Sawandarek Jetty

Dive 4: Yenbuba Jetty

### **Day Nine: Dampier Straits**

While diving is never got enough of Dampier Straits! Today you will dive Sardine Reef, these dive spots offer an unforgettable diving experience where you may spot huge schools of fishes being stalked by Barracuda and Trevally.

Finally, what better way to end your diving expedition than to have a barbeque on an uninhabited island? The crew will prepare a wonderful meal for you to enjoy as you watch thousands of fruit bats begin their journey to neighboring islands in search of food.

Dive 1: Cape Kri  
Dive 2: Mike's Point  
Dive 3: Sardine Reef  
Barbeque at the island

### **Day Ten: Dampier Straits**

After completing your second dive of the day, the Pearl of Papua will begin her return voyage to Sorong. It is roughly an eight hours journey.

Dive 1: Blue Magic  
Dive 2: Mioskon.

### **Day Eleven: 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 onboard again

### **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 reef 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 reef hook.
- d. The Pearl of Papua has No Glove Policy to prevent you touching the reef and living underwater creatures and all divers must have dive insurance during the trip
- e. We strongly advise you to bring your own dive equipment with a dive computer and dive torch for safety, comfort and familiarization. When you



do rent, ensure you know the size of your equipment and let us know in advance so we can prepare the proper fit.