SAMAMBAIA

Raja Ampat South and Central

Sorong to Sorong | Misool, Fiabatjet, Daram and South Batanta



Southern Raja Ampat is Misool at its most colourful, in no-take zones where the marine life is abundant.

Around Farondi there are big sea fans and a huge swim through, and when the silversides arrive the mobulas come in to hunt.

A pinnacle at Yillet is home to resident grey reef sharks, and ten species of nudibranchs can turn up in just a few minutes.

Fiabatjet has soft coral in all colours, and a cleaning station for oceanic mantas makes Boo truly magic.

The trip closes with black sand macro dives and a detour to meet whales and dolphins.

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







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation

Arrival with plane to Sorong.
You will be picked up by crew members at the airport.
Embarkation in the port of Sorong.
A general orientation follows.

DAY 2

Farondi

After an initial general dive briefing, we will do our check dive with you at an easy and protected dive site.
Check dive in the sense of you checking your gear and weights, making sure the camera housings are proper sealed and our guides checking your buoyancy.
No skill demonstrations are required.
Thereafter we will do two more dives around Wagmab and Farondi.
We've got a wide array of sites to pick from.
There is five dive sites commonly dived, add our secret spots and you get to ten.
You can expect an impressive soft coral growth, big sea fans, a huge swim through, a cavern and a superb macro life.
For several months of the season, silversides are abundant and the mobulas come in to hunt.

DAY 3

Balbulol / Sagof

Just a few miles to the east of Farondi, you can expect similar diving on unspoilt lush reefs.



DAY 4

Daram

This island group is one of our favourite area to dive in SE Misool.
Since 2010 declared as the second no take zone in the area the marine life here is abundant and most colourful.
We will spend the whole day here and offer four world class dives.

DAY 5

Yillet

Besides the two popular sites at the island of Yillet, we prefer to dive the other two sites the hardly anyone knows about.
Our favourite here is a pinnacle which is utmost fishy and home to resident grey reef sharks.
Towards the end of that dive we get to a part of the reef where it is not uncommon to find ten different species of nudibranchs in just a few minutes.
In the afternoon our dive guides will show you a pristine wall.
On top we often encountered Guitar Sharks in the past.
During the dive our crew will prepare a paradise beach close by for tonight's beach BBQ.

DAY 6

Wayil

Barracuda Rock, Wedding Cake and Dunia Kecil are the dive sites which we will spend this day at.
In the afternoon we offer a two hour speedboat ride into hidden coves to let you enjoy the stunning topside of the limestone islands.
At the end we will get to a pristine white sand beach where you can cool of with a little swim.

DAY 7

Sel Pele

Raja Ampat means 'Four Kings' and this is also the name of a dive site on the way to the island group of Sel Pele.
Four pinnacles that are not only connected by their topography but also a fish soup surrounding them.
After the morning dive here we will show you some of our secret spots.

DAY 8

Fiabatjet

Right in the heart of the No-Take-Zone. 'Tank Rock', 'Nudi Rock' & 'Whale Rock' are the famous and commonly dived sites here.
There is five more dive sites in the very proximity which are as good, if not even better.
We prefer to go a bit off the beaten track here.
The reefs are covered in soft coral in all colours you can imagine.
Surrounded by most colourful reef fish.
More Fusiliers than one could possibly count.
Jacks, Trevallys, Barracudas, Sharks.
And if you happen to dive here on a day with bad visibility.
Just face the reef.
It's packed with macro life.
Several species of Pygmy Seahorses, Nudibranchs, tiny Crustaceans, every niche in these reefs is filled with life.

DAY 9

Fiabatjet

This particular area of SE Misool is just too good to only spend one day here.
And the dive sites we know of here are plenty to offer a great variety of world class diving.

DAY 10

Boo / Warakaraket

The swim through at 'Boo Windows' is one of the signature dive sites of SE Misool.
The surrounding reef is covered in sea fans.
Even bigger sea fans you will see at our second dive here at 'Hidung Boo'.
We combine this impressive day of diving with at least one dive at 'Magic Mountain'.
Being a cleaning station for Oceanic Mantas makes this place truly magic.

DAY 11

South Batanta / Dampier Whale watching

We cap this cruise with two black sand macro dives in the morning.
You can expect all the unusual suspects of the critter kingdom.
Before heading back to the port of Sorong we take a little detour through the Dampier Strait with the goal to create some close encounters with Whales and Dolphins.

DAY 12

Disembarkation in Sorong

Depending on your flight schedule, our crew will check your luggage in for you in advance so you can rest on board and let us shuttle you to the airport when your plane is ready to leave.

THE TRIP

On every cruise

Diving

Three day dives of at least one hour each, and one sunset or night dive unless the boat has many miles to cover overnight.

Tender rides

Scenic rides through lagoons and coves in the tenders.

Treks

Trekking to breathtaking viewpoints.

Beaches and villages

Visits to secluded beaches and excursions to traditional villages.

Whale watching

Whale watching on every cruise.

Water action

Water action such as wake boarding and water skiing.

Check in

The boat leaves before 1 pm on the first day, with transfers between the airport and the harbour.

Check out

On the last night the boat returns to the end harbour, so guests can catch early domestic flights.







INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE	NOT INCLUDED
Nitrox	Flights and hotels
Weights and weight belts	Wine and spirits
12 litre tanks	Massages
Inflatable kayak	Laundry
Beer, soft drinks, juices, Italian coffee, premium tea and snacks	
Transfers between the airport and the harbour in both directions	
Guided diving with the Cruise Director and dive masters	

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

The itinerary is decided by the Cruise Director as the boat cruises, based on the weather, the dive conditions, guests' requests and the schedules of other liveaboards.

Good to know

Four dive masters go with guests on the dives, usually one guide to every four divers, and solo diving is not allowed.

Good to know

Every diver carries a GPS marine rescue device for the whole trip, the dive staff are trained in Emergency First Response and oxygen is on board.