SOLITUDE ADVENTURER

# Raja Ampat to Maumere

*Sorong to Maumere | Misool, Banda Sea, Forgotten Islands and Alor*

From Misool to Alor by way of the remote Banda Sea, with vibrant reefs, big walls and strong drifts.

Misool has giant gorgonian fans hosting pygmy seahorses, and with luck an epaulette walking shark or a manta ray.

In the Banda Sea the reefs and walls are packed with fish, with healthy corals, giant sponges and a chance to meet hammerhead sharks.

An active volcano rises in the middle of nowhere with sea birds circling overhead, and the water around it is full of sea snakes.

Alor ends the trip with excellent visibility, strong current drifts, coral gardens and superb muck diving.

| LENGTH | DEPARTURE PORT | ARRIVAL PORT | EXPERIENCE |
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| 12 nights | Sorong | Maumere | Certified divers |







# Your itinerary

DAY 1

## Sorong

Check dive if schedule allows

The crew greets you at Sorong airport.
Once you are settled on board and have registered there is a safety and orientation briefing.
After lunch, schedule allowing, there is a check dive.

DAY 2-3

## Misool

3 to 4 dives

The south of Raja Ampat around the big island of Misool, with vibrant coral reefs, giant gorgonian fans hosting pygmy seahorses, pinnacles, ridges and small islands.
With luck, the endemic Raja Ampat epaulette (walking) shark or a manta ray.

DAY 4

## Koon Island

3 to 4 dives

Drift dives over sloping sand, patchy reef and deep walls, with schools of reef fish and reef sharks.



DAY 5

## Suanggi and Banda Neira

3 to 4 dives

The Banda Sea, with its healthy corals and giant sponges.
The reefs and walls are packed with fish, with a chance to meet hammerhead sharks, around the islands of Suanggi and Banda Neira.
A land tour is also possible.

DAY 6

## Manuk Island

3 to 4 dives

A volcano in the middle of nowhere, with sea birds circling overhead.
Beautiful corals and many fish species, and dives with many sea snakes, as Manuk is also called Snake Island.
The occasional smell of sulphur and smoke rise from this active volcano.

DAY 7

## Serua Island

3 to 4 dives

Searching for hammerhead sharks around Serua.
Shallow reef tops give way to sloping reef and walls that plunge into the deep, with abundant coral, giant sponges and schooling trevally, surgeonfish and fusiliers.
Sea snakes on most dives, and strong currents.

DAY 8

## Nil Desperandum

3 to 4 dives

An extensive submerged reef with a shallow top and walls dropping to the depths, with impressive fish schools, predatory action, very large sponges and a chance of hammerhead sharks.
If conditions allow, the day can end at Dusborgh reef, around a small island.

DAY 9

## Terbang Islands

3 to 4 dives

The Terbang north and south islands, with steep walls, abundant coral, clear water and plenty of fish.
Currents can be strong and most dives are wall drift dives.

DAY 10

## Wetar and Reong

3 to 4 dives

Beautiful walls and reefs around Wetar and Reong islands, with clear water and an abundance of marine life.

DAY 11

## Alor and Pantar

3 to 4 dives a day

The dive sites between Pantar and Alor island, with excellent visibility, strong current drift dives, hard and soft coral gardens and world class muck diving.

DAY 12

## North coast of Flores

2 morning dives

The last day of diving, with two morning dives along the north coast of Flores.
The crew washes your equipment and hangs it to dry as Solitude Adventurer continues to Maumere.

DAY 13

## Maumere

After a small breakfast the crew takes you to the airport. Check out is by 11 am.

GOOD TO KNOW

# On land and on the way

### Misool

Pygmy seahorses.

### Banda Neira

A possible land tour.

### Manuk

Snake Island.

### Alor

Muck diving and drift dives.

### Check in

The crew meets you at the airport and check in is from 8 am, with embarkation between 8 am and 11 am. A check dive is possible, schedule allowing.

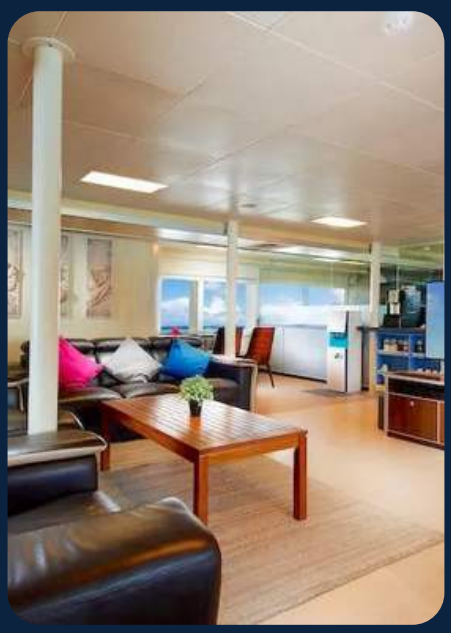
### Check out

Check out is by 11 am on the last day, with a transfer to the airport.

### Last dive

There are no dives on the disembarkation day. The boat asks divers to keep a minimum 18 hour gap after their last dive before flying, so please check this when you book your flight home.







INCLUDED

# What your trip covers

## INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Airport transfers at embarkation and disembarkation
- Air-conditioned en-suite cabin in your chosen category
- Full board, with snacks and all non-alcoholic drinks
- Three or four guided boat dives a day, including a night dive
- Check in from 8 am, with dinner included on the first day

## NOT INCLUDED

- Flights and hotels before and after the cruise
- Marine park fee, port clearance and diving permit, paid on board
- Alcoholic drinks
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Rental dive equipment
- Nitrox, at an extra charge per day
- A fuel surcharge, payable on board, if it applies
- 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

This is a proposed itinerary for planning only, subject to the weather and the conditions on board and at each site

### Good to know

The daily programme is discussed with guests each evening for the following day

### Good to know

Divers should keep the 18 hour no-fly gap after their last dive