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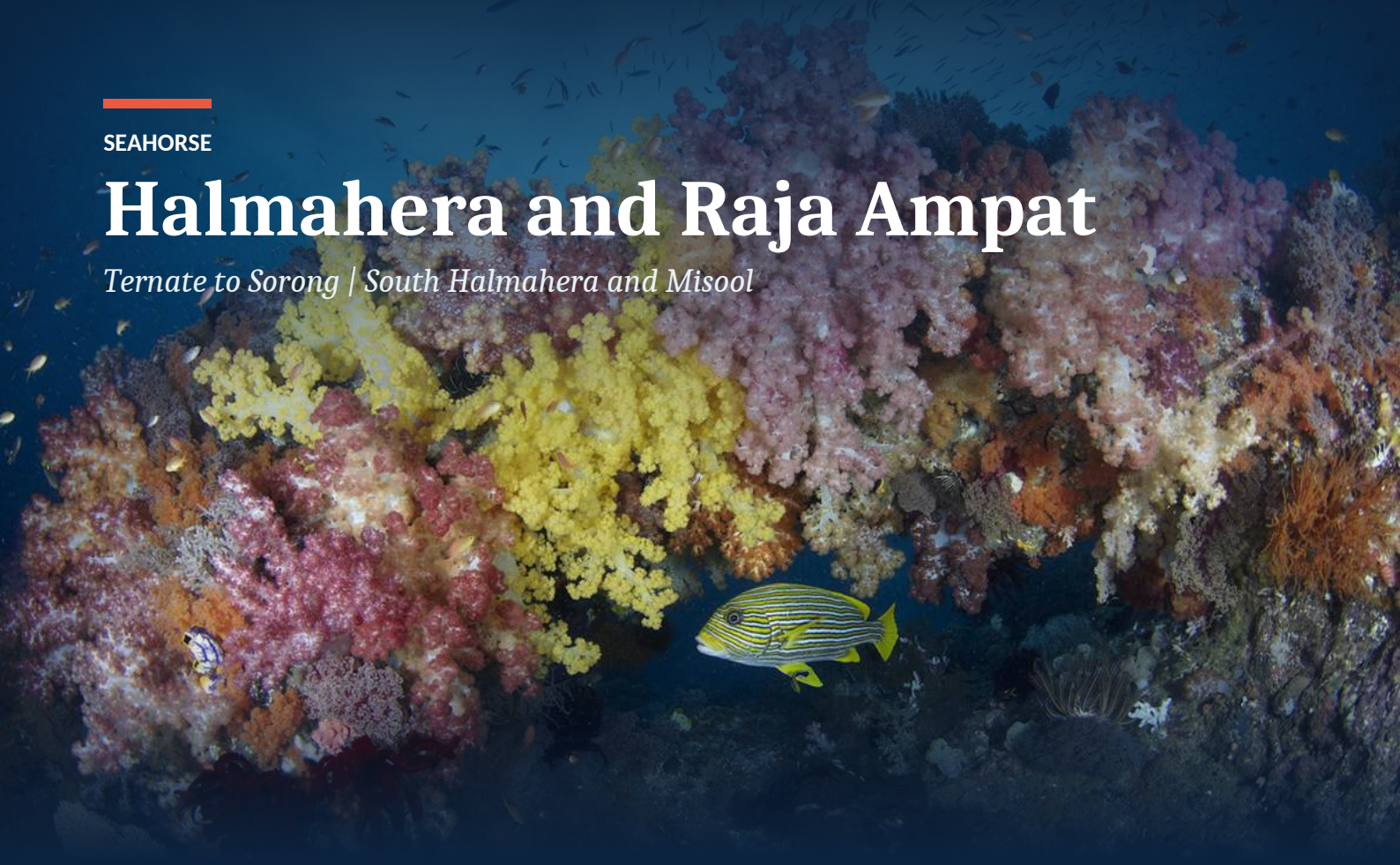
Halmahera and Raja Ampat

Ternate to Sorong | South Halmahera and Misool



The legendary Raja Ampat area has long been thought of as the last frontier.

A sense of peacefulness surrounds you when exploring the area: one of the last, rare untouched places on earth.

This cruise is a fantastic combination of Halmahera and Raja Ampat, starting in the west of Halmahera and crossing to the famous Misool in the south of Raja Ampat.

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LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 nights	Ternate	Sorong	30 dives, Advanced







Your route

STOP 1

From Ternate

The trip heads south from Ternate past the cone shaped volcanic islands of Tidore, Moti and Makian.

STOP 2

Goraichi islands

After the first night you dive for two days around the Goraichi islands, where sea mounts and rocky islets attract great marine life.

STOP 3

Patienti Strait and Goraichi

The islands of Saleh and Kusu, with some smaller ones, partly close the Patienti Strait between Halmahera and Bacan, forcing water through with currents that bring a lot of life.
Sea mounts and rocky islets around the Goraichi islands form the dive sites and attract great marine life.

STOP 4

Pulau Pisang

Pulau Pisang in the Maluku Sea has dive sites with a mix of ridges, slopes, small walls and plateau, with plenty of fish and colourful coral reefs.

STOP 5

Misool

The last four days are in Misool in the south of Raja Ampat National Park, at Daram, Fiabacet, Wayil and the Boo area.
After the last dive on the penultimate day the boat sails back to Sorong.

STOP 6

Misool on land

At the rangers' station you snorkel in front of their beach in a natural shark nursery, where small black tips swim in one metre of clear water.
A short hike leads to the viewpoint over the "love lagoon", a lagoon in the shape of a heart.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Halmahera

Many Halmahera dive sites are seamounts with a rocky base and plenty of soft coral covered bommies. Blacktip sharks patrol most sites, the walking shark can be seen on night dives, and tuna, Spanish mackerel and giant trevally are part of the show. Napoleon wrasse, bumphead parrotfish, groupers and schools of surgeonfish and spadefish are well represented, along with critter dives and fringing reefs.

Misool

Misool in the south of Raja Ampat is excellent for wide angle shots, encounters with mantas and massive schools of fish. The underwater landscape is mostly rocky with ridges and rock formations, and the colourful reefs show an abundance of soft corals and huge gorgonians. Macro subjects are plentiful too, with pygmy seahorses, tiny crabs and nudibranchs.

Dive count

A minimum of 33 dives, which is 3 dives per day, is offered, including at least 5 night dives.

How the diving works

Divers go in groups of up to four with a dive guide, with a briefing before every dive. Nitrox is free for certified divers, and divers are asked to stay within no deco limits, to a maximum depth of 35 metres.

Joining the boat

You are welcome on board in Ternate before 12 noon. Seahorse can arrange pick up from the airport or your hotel.

Leaving the boat

The cruise ends in Sorong and you disembark before 12 noon. Seahorse can arrange the drop off at the airport or your hotel.

Airports

Ternate (TTE) at the start and Sorong (SOQ) at the end of the trip.







INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Transfers between the boat and the closest airport
- Accommodation in a shared twin or double cabin
- All meals and snacks, drinking water, soft drinks and hot drinks
- All guided dives, with one guide for up to four divers
- Aluminium 12 litre tank, weights and belts
- Free nitrox for certified divers
- Two complimentary kayaks on board

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights
- Park and port fees and fuel surcharge, paid in cash on board
- Alcoholic beverages, which you can bring yourself
- Diving equipment rental and 100 cf (15 litre) tank
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Massages and laundry

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook (PADI Advanced Open Water or equivalent with at least 30 logged dives)
- Dive insurance covering medical evacuation and diving accidents
- Medical fitness statement for diving
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy
- Torch for night dives

AND ALSO

- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Cash for park and port fees, fuel surcharge, tips and extras
- Passport valid for at least 6 months after you leave Indonesia

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

The route can vary slightly with weather, currents, visibility and tides

Good to know

Payments on board are in cash only, in euros, US dollars, Australian dollars, Swiss francs or Indonesian rupiah

Good to know

Most nationalities can get a 30 day visa on arrival

Good to know

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