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Raja Ampat and Triton Bay

Sorong to Kaimana | South Raja Ampat and Triton Bay

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 trip combines the two diving hot spots of West Papua: the magic South Raja Ampat and the magnificent Triton Bay area.

In Triton Bay the rocks are covered in large stands of soft corals forming a unique seascape, and in the morning there are dives with whale sharks under the night fishing platforms.

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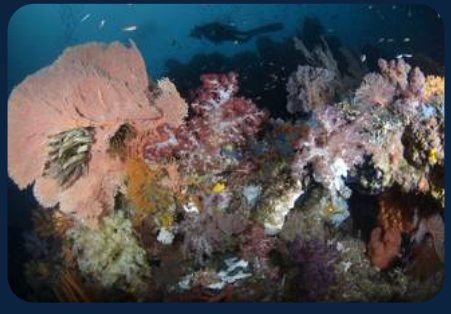
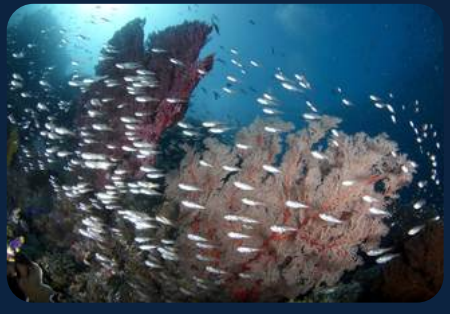
Ashore, a river ends in the sea as a large waterfall and a cliff shows ancient rock paintings.

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







Your route

STOP 1

South Raja Ampat

The first five days are around Misool and its satellite islets, excellent for wide angle pictures, mantas and massive schools of fish.
The reefs are very colourful with soft corals and huge gorgonians, and macro life includes four kinds of pygmy seahorse.

STOP 2

Momon and Sabuda

Momon has a mountainous coast covered with primary forest and a river that ends in the sea as a large waterfall, where guests swim and play.
A small islet has thousands of bats flying out at sunset, and a seamount outside the coast brings big schools of jacks, Napoleon wrasse, and sometimes mantas and even whale sharks.
Sabuda lies midway between Misool and the coast of Papua, a scenic group of islands with beautiful lagoons and white sand beaches, with big schools of surgeonfish, trevally and barracuda.

STOP 3

Triton Bay

The rocks of Triton Bay are covered in large stands of soft corals forming a unique seascape.
Soft corals fill the shallows from 0 to 5 metres on rock and bommies, with black and tubastrea corals and many sweetlips and snappers below.
Below 12 to 15 metres the bottom is mostly sand or rubble with critters such as nudibranchs and frogfish.
At the “bagans”, the night fishing platforms, you dive with whale sharks in the morning in small groups.

STOP 4

Rock paintings

In Triton Bay, in the channel between Namatote island and the mainland, a cliff shows ancient rock paintings, which you see from the boat.

STOP 5

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

The diving

Raja Ampat has dramatic pinnacles, ridges, walls, caves and lagoons, from pygmy seahorses to mantas, with huge schools of fusiliers, barracuda, spadefish and sweetlips. In Triton Bay the rocks are covered with large stands of soft coral.

Sharks, mantas and whale sharks

Reef sharks are present on the reefs, wobbegongs lie under corals, and walking sharks can be seen on night dives. Mantas are often seen, and in Triton Bay you can dive with whale sharks under the fishing platforms.

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 Sorong before 12 noon. Seahorse can arrange pick up from the airport or your hotel.

Leaving the boat

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

Airports

Sorong (SOQ) at the start and Kaimana (KNG) 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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