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Raja Ampat Ultimate

Sorong to Sorong | Misool, Wayag and the Dampier Strait

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 visits the entire Raja Ampat area, from Misool in the south to Wayag in the north.

The sea life is astonishing, with dramatic pinnacles, long ridges, walls and hidden caves, and everything from the tiny pygmy seahorse to the oceanic manta ray.

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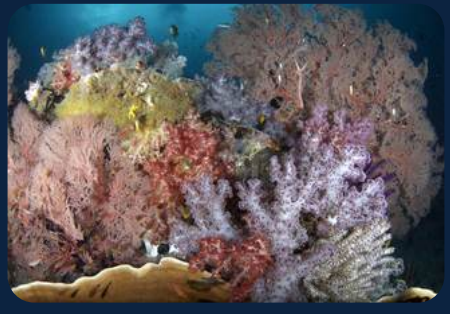
LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 nights	Sorong	Sorong	30 dives, Advanced







Your route

STOP 1

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.

STOP 2

Fam and Penemu

One day is spent on these islands between the north and the south.
The dives include “Melissa’s Garden”, which has the best coral garden in Raja Ampat, and “My Reef”, known for its barracuda school and many wobbegongs.

STOP 3

The north

The iconic Wayag lagoons are hundreds of quartz limestone islets, explored by dinghy or kayak, with a short hike to a summit for the view.
Mantas and blacktip sharks swim around.
Kawe island has some of the finest diving in the area with regular manta encounters, and Aljui Bay, 20 kilometres long, offers some of the best macro sites in Raja Ampat.

STOP 4

Dampier Strait

One or two days are spent around the famous dive sites near Kri, with their impressive amount of fish.
Villages are visited in the late afternoon, and an early morning hike leads to a bird of paradise mating tree.

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

The sea life is astonishing, from fixed fauna such as corals and gorgonians to the quantity and variety of fish above. Dive sites have dramatic pinnacles, long ridges, walls, hidden caves, rock formations and azure lagoons. The fauna ranges from the tiny pygmy seahorse to the oceanic manta ray, with huge schools of fusiliers, barracuda, spadefish, sweetlips, bumphead parrotfish and Napoleon wrasse.

Sharks and mantas

Reef sharks are common, and the wobbegong lies on corals behind clouds of glassfish. The walking shark can often be seen on night dives, and mantas are often spotted on three different dive sites.

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.

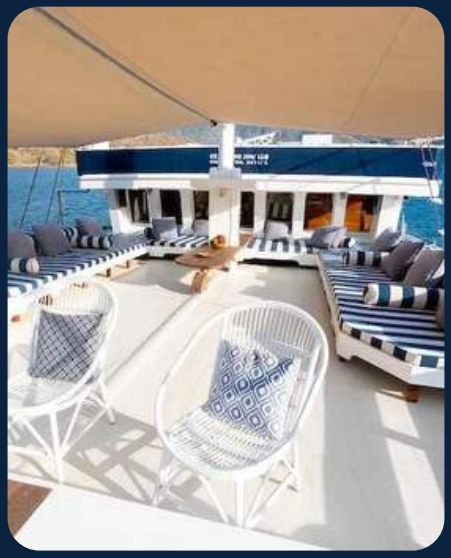
Leaving the boat

The cruise ends in Sorong 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 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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