WHITE MANTA

Raja Ampat, Halmahera and Lembeh

Sorong to Manado | Raja Ampat, Halmahera and Lembeh

The spectacularly beautiful reefs of Raja Ampat, in some of the world's most bio-diverse waters, are only the start of this trip.

The Dampier Strait comes first, then dives among the mangroves and reefs in aquarium-like conditions, with 580 kinds of coral and 1,397 species of fish.

From there it crosses to Halmahera, whose pristine beauty is staggering and made all the more alluring by the lack of crowds.

Reef sharks, barracuda and jacks patrol a reef packed with coral and sponges, strong currents bring amazing action, and a manta cleaning station sits among pristine hard coral gardens.

The finish is a round of critter dives in the Lembeh Strait.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
10 nights	Sorong	Manado	Certified divers







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival in Sorong

0-1 dives

Boarding from 1pm.
Our staff will meet you upon your arrival to Sorong Airport or local hotel and transfer you to the awaiting White Manta.
Arrivals before midday are best so we can make check dive at Red Light District (Lampu Merah) just outside Sorong before we get underway by 3pm for overnight sail to Central Raja Ampat.

DAY 2

Dampier Strait

4 dives

Sawandarek Jetty, Cape Kri, Sardine Run, and night dive at Sapokren.

DAY 3

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4 dives

Yangeffo and Airborek areas to dive amongst the mangroves and visit an island village.

DAY 4

Pianemu area

3 dives

Including famous Melissa's Garden and stunning Viewpoint hike.
Sail to Pulau Pisang.

DAY 5

Pulau Pisang

3 dives

Rich coral reefs in aquarium like conditions.
Sail to Halmahera.

DAY 6

Pulau Bacan

4 dives

Reef sharks, schools of barracuda and jacks along a coral and sponge packed reef.

DAY 7

Pulau Kusu

3-4 dives

Strong currents and amazing action in the Patintie Strait.

DAY 8

Pulau Tolimau and Goraichi

4 dives

Manta cleaning station and fish packed reefs amongst pristine hard coral gardens.

DAY 9

Pulau Tifore

3 dives

Amazing dive site island in the Moluccan Sea equidistant from Goraichi and Lembeh, schools of jacks, snappers and massive school of barracuda.

DAY 10

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2 dives

Critter dives in Lembeh Strait.
Sail to Bitung Port, Manado where you spend last night on board.
Plenty of time to wash and dry equipment, have lunch, rest and relaxation, and if needed an early flight the next day.

DAY 11

Check out in Manado

No diving

Check out (between 5am-10am) after light breakfast and farewells, and transfer to airport.
Departure from Bitung Port, Manado to local hotel or transfer to Manado Airport.

THE DIVING

Diving days and conditions

Diving days

10 days (28 dives)

Raja Ampat and Halmahera

Water 27-30°C. Air 27-32°C. Visibility 15-30 metres. Currents medium to strong. Level intermediate to advanced. Best time: October to April (less rain and much less wind: perfect for diving)

Lembeh

Water 27-30°C. Air 27-32°C. Visibility 20-30 metres. Currents mild. Level beginners to advanced. Best time: September to April (less rain and much less wind: perfect for diving)







Check in

1pm, 1st day, Sorong, West Papua. Or earlier if everyone arrives before and all trip preparations have been completed. Free pickup upon arrival from Domine Edward Osok Airport, Sorong or from local hotel (10am) to White Manta on trip departure day (transfer time 20-30 mins).

Check out

5am, last day - Bitung Port, Manado, North Sulawesi. After breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to local Bitung hotel* or Sam Ratulangi Airport Manado, in time for check-in and flight (transfer time 1 hour). Note: Latest White Manta check-out at 10am, trip return day.

Last dive

12pm (midday), penultimate day. Plenty of time for R&R as we sail back to Manado where we spend the last night on White Manta. This allows for your minimum 18 hours' surface interval/ No Fly Time (as recommended by PADI) before flying the next day.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Land transfer from local hotel / airport from destination on trip start and end days (Sorong/Manado) to boat
- All nights' accommodation on White Manta
- All meals (Western and Indonesian) snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, Milo, soft drinks, towel, toiletries, cabin services
- Free replacement if equipment breaks down
- 12-litre air tanks
- Weights and belt
- Warm towel and drink after every dive
- 6 dive guides (1x instructor, 5x dive master), 28 dives

NOT INCLUDED

- All flights, hotels
- Pickups outside the trip start and end dates
- Marine park and harbour fee (paid in advance of the trip)
- Fuel surcharge (paid in advance of the trip))
- Dive and travel insurance
- Massage services
- Laundry services
- Nespresso coffee, alcohol: beer, wine, satellite wi-fi
- Diving equipment rental
- Nitrox (enriched air) fills

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

All schedules are subject to change according to weather, sea, diving and local conditions