WHITE MANTA

Raja Ampat, Halmahera and Lembeh

Sorong to Manado | Raja Ampat, Halmahera and Lembeh

From Raja Ampat's coral-rich reefs to the remote, unspoiled waters of Halmahera, this route links two of Indonesia's great diving regions.

In Raja Ampat there are night dives, mangrove dives, and a viewpoint hike above the islands, with 23 endemic fish among the 1,397 species recorded.

Halmahera is remote and almost empty of other divers, with reef sharks, schools of barracuda and jacks, and a manta cleaning station among fish-packed reefs.

An island in the Moluccan Sea draws schools of jacks and snappers and a massive school of barracuda.

The last dives are critter dives in the Lembeh Strait.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 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 (days 6 and 7)

4 dives a day

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

DAY 8

Pulau Kusu

3-4 dives

Strong currents and amazing action in the Patintie Strait.

DAY 9

Pulau Tolimau and Goraichi

4 dives

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

DAY 10

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 11

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2 dives

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

DAY 12

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

11 days (30 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), 30 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