CARPE DIEM PHINISI

Ultimate Raja Ampat

Sorong to Sorong | Dampier Strait, Wayag, Piaynemo and Misool

Ultimate Raja Ampat covers the north, the centre and the far south, with the best sites chosen each day by tide and current.

In the Dampier Strait the currents and topography let you dive in the middle of schools of fish, with wobbegong sharks for company.

Piaynemo has a huge coral garden, schools of fish, sharks hunting, and slopes with black coral and whip coral.

Wayag is a vast group of karst islands with wonderful panoramas and pristine beaches.

In the south the panorama above and below water is very different, with the endemic pygmy seahorse in the many sea fans.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
9 nights	Sorong	Sorong	Certified divers







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Sorong

The crew meets you at the airport or your hotel and welcomes you on board with drinks.
After the safety and boat briefings you are shown to your cabin to settle in and unpack while Carpe Diem Phinisi sails to Raja Ampat.
If time allows there is an afternoon dive and a night dive.

DAY 2-3

Dampier Strait

4 dives a day

A selection of the best sites in the area according to the tides and current.
The Dampier Strait is home to a few species of sharks, including the wobbegong, as well as pygmy seahorses, and the currents and topography let you dive in the middle of schools of fish.

DAY 4

Manta sites and Wofo

3 to 4 dives

One or two dives in the area famous for manta ray sightings, then two dives at Wofo.

DAY 5

Wayag

Exploring

Considered by many the gem of Raja Ampat.
A vast group of karst islands with wonderful panoramas and a unique chance to explore lagoons and enjoy pristine beaches.

DAY 6

Piaynemo

3 dives

A huge coral garden, schools of fish and sharks hunting at Melissa Garden, as well as slopes with black coral and whip coral.
Then the long journey to the south of Raja Ampat as the sun sets.

DAY 7-8

South Raja Ampat

Dives

The best sites in the Misool area, a very different panorama above and below water from the central and north parts.
Keep searching for the endemic pygmy seahorse in the many sea fans while keeping an eye on the reef and in the blue.

DAY 9

Balbulol

Two dives

Two dives in the Balbulol area before the long journey to Sorong.

DAY 10

Sorong

After breakfast the crew takes you to the airport or your hotel.
Check out is between 7 am and 11 am, depending on your flight.







GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Wayag

Karst islands, lagoons and beaches.

Piaynemo

Melissa Garden and black coral slopes.

Misool

Pygmy seahorses in the sea fans.

Dampier Strait

Wobbegong sharks.

Check in

Guests are met at the airport or where they are staying. The ideal check in time is 9 am, the earliest is 7.30 am and the latest is 10 am. The check dive is normally on the day of boarding.

Check out

Check out is between 7 am and 11 am, depending on your destination and flight times, with a transfer to the airport or your hotel.

Last dive

Diving finishes at about 11 am on the day before check out, with two morning dives. Divers should wait at least 24 hours after their last dive before flying, so please keep to the no-flying rule when you book your flight home.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Airport, ferry terminal or hotel transfers at embarkation and disembarkation
- Air-conditioned en-suite cabin with hot shower, towels and toiletries
- Full board, with snacks, drinking water, soft drinks, tea and coffee
- PADI divemaster dive guides and all diving equipment
- Sea kayaks and stand-up paddle boards
- A multi-lingual cruise director
- Welcome drinks on arrival

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights, ferries and hotels before and after the cruise
- National park fees, paid on board
- Wine, spirits and beer
- Scuba courses
- Satellite phone use
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Dive and travel insurance

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Completed diver medical questionnaire
- Details of your dive and travel insurance
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy
- Torch for night dives

AND ALSO

- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Personal medication and toiletries
- Passport

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

This is a proposed itinerary for planning only, subject to the weather and the conditions on board and at each site

Good to know

The daily programme is discussed with guests each evening for the following day