DANCING WIND

Best of Raja Ampat

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

This is Raja Ampat from north to south, finishing at one of the best manta cleaning stations in Indonesia and the karst lagoons of Misool.

Early on, the Dampier Strait is the best chance to see tasselled wobbegong sharks, with manta dives and a sunset dive by a jetty.

Further north a night dive at a jetty is a highlight, and Wayag has sharks and colourful reefs, with a trek up for the view and a shark lagoon at Fam Island.

In the south, snorkelling and diving around the Wayil Batan lagoon come with a visit to Love Lake and the Tomolol Caves.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 nights	Sorong	Sorong	Open Water, 60 dives







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Sorong and Waisai

Arrive in Sorong by 12 noon at the latest and cruise to Waisai.
Around Saonek you can snorkel, kayak or visit the beaches.
Dancing Wind anchors at Waisai for the night.

DAY 2

Dampier Strait

Check dive + dives

Snorkelling and scuba diving in the Dampier Strait, at sites such as Cape Kri, Sardine Reef and Blue Magic, and a visit to Sawandarek Village.
This is the best chance to see tasselled wobbegong sharks.

DAY 3

Mansuar and Arborek

Dives

Cape Kri, then Sawandarek Island and its jetty, then manta dives at Manta Ridge or Manta Sandy.
A sunset dive at Arborek Jetty may follow, then the boat cruises north past pearl farms.

DAY 4

Yanggefo Island

Dives + night dive

Weather permitting, dives at White Arrow, Tear Drop Corner and the Aljui area, at sites such as Mayhem, Citrus Ridge and Mangrove Ridge.
A night dive at Gam Ridge, including a jetty night dive, is a highlight.
If the weather turns, the boat shelters in the bays and continues north overnight.

DAY 5

Fam Islands and Wayag

Fewer dives

Dives at Eagle Rock and Black Rock in Wayag.
There are fewer dives today, as you can trek up Mount Pindito for the view.
You then cruise to Fam Island and its shark lagoon, with an optional sundowner and bonfire in a secluded lagoon.
After dinner the boat heads back towards the central area.

DAY 6

Piaynemo and Melissa's Garden

Dives

Weather permitting, a walk up Piaynemo for group photos at the top.
Then Melissa's Garden and two more dives, including MY Reef.
The long cruise south towards Misool then begins.

DAY 7

Towards Misool

Dives + possible night dive

Dives depending on the weather, while the crew arrange dive slots for the Misool sites you visit next.
There may be a night dive tonight.

DAY 8

Fiabacet and Love Lake

Dives

Fiabacet, with sites such as Boo Window, Romeo and Whale Rock, subject to dive slots.
You can visit Love Lake, and the night is spent at Wayil Batan.

DAY 9

Wayil Batan and Daram

Dives + snorkelling

Snorkelling and diving around the Wayil Batan lagoon, then Daram Island, with dives that can include Boo East and Eagle West.
You return to Wayil Batan for the evening.

DAY 10

Wayil Batan

Dives or land visits

Today you choose, depending on your flight.
You can snorkel at the Tomolol Caves and visit Jellyfish Lake in Balbulol, or, with a late flight, skip the land visits and dive sites such as Andiamo.
The crew clean and dry your equipment.

DAY 11

Magic Mountain and Misool

Dives

Magic Mountain, one of the best manta cleaning stations in Indonesia.
In the afternoon you explore the karst lagoons of Misool and Nudi Rock, then enjoy a farewell dinner.

DAY 12

Sorong

Check out in Sorong and say goodbye to Raja Ampat.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Mantas

Manta Ridge or Manta Sandy, and the Magic Mountain cleaning station in Misool.

Wayag

Eagle Rock, Black Rock, the Mount Pindito trek and the Fam Island shark lagoon.

Piaynemo

The stairs up to the viewpoint, and Melissa's Garden.

Misool

Fiabacet, Love Lake, the Wayil Batan lagoon, Jellyfish Lake and the Tomolol Caves.

Check in

The crew arrange your transfer from your hotel or from Domine Eduard Osok Airport (SOQ) in Sorong, a drive of about 15 to 20 minutes, and contact you at least 2 days before to agree the pick up time, which is at 12 noon at the latest. There are direct flights to Sorong from Jakarta, Bali and Manado. The boat then cruises to Waisai, where you spend the first night.

Check out

The boat docks in Sorong harbour and the crew arrange your transfer to the airport or your hotel, about 15 to 20 minutes away. Check out is between 6am and 10am, and transfers to the airport are arranged by the afternoon.

Last dive

The last dive is on the second to last day of the trip. 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

- Full board meals and snacks, with drinking water, tea and coffee
- Guided dives with experienced dive guides, tanks and weights
- Night dives
- Airport transfers in Sorong
- Land excursions
- Snorkel gear, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards
- Towels and Wi-Fi on board
- VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights
- National park fee and port fee, charged per trip
- Nitrox
- Rental dive gear
- Alcoholic drinks
- Dive courses and a private dive guide
- Laundry and massage
- 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

Dive sites are an example of the route and are not guaranteed. The final route is at the captain's discretion, and depends on the weather and local conditions

Good to know

Wayag is managed by the Moi Sigin community and can close without notice. If it does, the captain may reroute to other North Raja Ampat sites such as Kawe and Eagle Rock, Aljui Bay, Uranie Bank and Kabui Bay

Good to know

Misool dive sites are allocated in time slots by a central authority, so the dive order may change