

TOTAL RAJA AMPAT

SORONG – SORONG (10 NIGHTS)

On Adelaar's Total Raja trip we propose to visit all three sections of the enormous diver's playground that is Raja Ampat: the Central, South, and North. As Raja boasts more dive sites than could be done even in multiple trips, no Raja trip will look exactly the same. The following itinerary is just an example to illustrate how your cruise might look like. As with all private charters on Adelaar, everything can be fully customised, including length of the trip and places visited.

Day 1 Sorong

After the airport or hotel pick-up and transfer to Adelaar, the first day is dedicated to getting to know the crew, settling in, and enjoying the first day on the boat while we are sailing toward Raja Ampat. Depending on boarding time, we may already do a check dive.

Day 2 Dampier Strait

This strait between Batanta and Waigeo is the heart of Raja's central section. During the dives on its seamounts, headlands and village piers you are likely to meet dense schools of fish, turtles, various kinds of sharks, including the iconic Wobbegongs - and maybe already cross paths with the first manta ray of your cruise. With a bit of luck, you may even spot one of the many whale species that inhabit this area. Before the night dive there is a chance to visit one of central Raja Ampat's friendly villages. *3-day dives, 1-night dive*

Day 3 Batanta

Still part of the central section, Batanta offers superb diving with a wide diversity of options from macro heavens and mandarin fish sites over drift dives along pristine reefs to manta aggregation spots. It is also a spectacular destination for land-based activities such as treks to waterfalls, birds of paradise or hornbill nesting areas. *3 day dives, 1 night dive*

Day 4 Misool - Daram

Daram, one of the many miniature archipelagos off Raja's southernmost region Misool, keeps divers impressed with coral studded underwater limestone formations that are bathed in fish. Schooling barracudas, Spanish mackerels, batfish and trevallies are common. Daram's sea fan forests are also home to Raja Ampat's endemic 'Santa Claus' pygmy seahorse. *3-day dives, 1-night dive*

Day 5 Misool – Pele

The ridges, overhangs, and swim-throughs underneath the waves around Pele's islets are some of the best places to swim in clouds of baitfish and silversides. These huge bait balls of small fish attract predatory fish such as trevallies, tuna, sharks, and squadrons of mobula rays. Pele is also home to some of the largest groupers. *4-day dives*

Day 6 Misool – Wagmab

The overwhelming kaleidoscope of colours created by the dense soft and black coral growth around Wagmab makes it hard to notice the equally colourful critters hiding within, such as nudibranchs, frogfish, boxer crabs, blue ringed octopi and others. They are also amongst the best sites to find Raja's endemic walking shark on night dives. There are several lagoon and cavern systems waiting to be explored by speedboat, and snorkellers can immerse themselves in marine lakes inhabited by stingless jellyfish. *3-day dives*

Day 7 Piaynemu

Before the late afternoon lagoon tour and walk to an iconic viewpoint, you will dive on sites that include arguably the most beautiful and largest hard coral garden found anywhere. There are also several seamounts in this area that lie between Raja's central and northern section, surrounded by huge schools of fusiliers, which in turn attract pelagics such as grey reef sharks and giant jacks. *3-day dives, 1-night dive*

Day 8 Kawe

The equator runs through the islands of Kawe, making it possible in the northern area of the park to cross the equator on a dive! Kawe is not only the area with the most reliable manta ray encounters of Raja Ampat but also boasts some of the most spectacular sites when it comes to the sheer mass of fish: big schools of sweetlips merge with yellow snappers, big eyed trevallies, and surgeonfish to create images of rivers of fish. *3-day dives, 1-night dive*

Day 9 Wayag

We explore the underwater treasures of the northern most islands of Raja Ampat, which lie in typically clear waters of the Pacific Ocean and have some of the most impressive topography including big overhangs, caverns and swim-throughs. Then let us take you on a speed boat tour through the out-of-this-world unique wonderland of Raja's biggest lagoon with its many hidden coves and beaches. The crowning moment will be the ascension on one of Wayag's tallest peaks which gives you a bird's eye view of this maze of lush tropical islands. *3-day dives*

Day 10 Yanggefo

The channels between the mangrove studded islands of Yanggefo hide some of central Raja Ampat's most breath-taking underwater ridges and seamounts. Dominated by brightly coloured soft coral fields and covered by coral bommies, they are a good place not only for larger animals such as schooling barracudas, grey reef sharks and giant trevallies but also for some of Raja's tiny treasures such as Pontohi, Denise and Bargibanti pygmy seahorses. After the last dive Adelaar will hoist her sails and cruise through the islands of central Raja Ampat. *2-day dives*

Day 11 Sorong

After breakfast, it is time to say goodbye disembark and – until the next time.

(Itinerary may vary depending on weather and sea conditions)

