

AMIRA

Raja Ampat - 13 Days / 12 Nights

Sorong to Sorong | Dampier Strait, Batanta and Misool

In the no-take zone of Misool, shark and fish numbers rose by 60 to 200 percent in one study, and the coral is healthy, with schools of fish, sharks and wobbegongs.

Further north, the Dampier Strait is the place for reef and oceanic mantas, pygmy seahorses and an enormous amount of reef fish.

South Batanta offers muck diving, with small and unusual creatures in sand and rubble.

This is the heart of the Coral Triangle, with the highest marine biodiversity in the world, and the rare walking shark is among its endemic species.

Secluded beaches let you enjoy the sunset with your toes in the sand.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
13 days / 12 nights	Sorong	Sorong	Certified divers







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Boarding

No dives

The Amira crew pick you up from the airport or hotel.
After a welcome drink you check in to your cabin, then have breakfast or lunch, depending on the time you arrive.

ABOUT THIS ITINERARY

This itinerary is the same as our 11 night Raja Ampat itinerary, which it is copied from, but with 1 night more.

With the extra time you spend more time in the hotspots and top areas of Raja Ampat. The day by day plan below is the original 11 night plan, and the extra days are spent diving the same top areas.

DAY 1

Boarding (continued)

No dives

Once everyone is on board, the cruise director gives a detailed boat and safety briefing, and in the afternoon a general diving briefing explains how the diving is organised.
Usually there are no dives on the first day.

DAY 2-5

Dampier Strait and Batanta

3 to 4 dives a day

The tour starts and ends in Sorong or Waisai, and the first dives are in the central part of Raja Ampat, around the Dampier Strait and Batanta.
This is the place for wobbegong sharks, reef and oceanic mantas, pygmy seahorses and an enormous amount of reef fish, with pelagics around the reefs.
You can also look for dolphins and occasionally whales from the sun deck.



DAY 6

Muck diving at south Batanta

3 to 4 dives

There is a muck diving spot in the south of Batanta, a change from the reefs, with the small and unusual creatures that divers look for in sand and rubble.

DAY 7-9

Misool

3 to 4 dives a day

Amira then cruises to the southern part of Misool, where the marine protected area has a no-take zone.
A study in 2008 found that shark and fish numbers had risen by 60 to 200 percent compared with ten years before.
Expect healthy coral, schools of fish, sharks and wobbegongs.

DAY 10

Back towards Sorong

2 to 3 dives

On the way back there are fewer dives, as crossings have a maximum of 2 to 3 dives a day.
There is time for the sun deck, a speedboat tour of the bays and channels or a sunset on a beach.



DAY 11

Last diving day

Up to 2 dives

The last diving day has a maximum of 2 dives, then the boat cruises to the disembarkation harbour.
Keep to the no-flying rule, pack your gear and settle your bill.

DAY 12

Check out

Check out and transfer to the airport or your hotel, accompanied by the crew.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Viewpoints and bays

Visits to viewpoints over the limestone islands and the famous bays and channels, by speedboat.

Beaches and sunsets

Secluded beaches where you can enjoy the sunset with your toes in the sand.

Snorkelling and kayaking

The trip also suits snorkellers, free divers and kayakers, and non-divers are welcome.

Wildlife

Dolphins and occasionally whales can be seen from the boat, and Raja Ampat has more than 1,700 species of fish and 600 species of coral.

Check in

The Amira crew pick you up from the airport or hotel, welcome you with a drink and show you to your cabin. Check in is possible early in the morning after the first flights arrive, and the latest check in is 11:30 am. If no flight arrives before noon, fly to the port the day before and stay in a hotel.

Check out

The boat arrives in the disembarkation port late the evening before, so check out is possible from midnight until 10:30 am at the latest. The crew take you to the airport or your hotel. If your flight is in the afternoon, they can drop you at a hotel and collect you in time for check in at the airport.

Last dive

The last dive is on the second to last day, with a maximum of 2 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

- Full board, with five meals a day
- Water, tea and coffee
- Diving with up to 4 dives a day
- Cylinders, weights and weight belts
- Multilingual dive guides and cruise directors
- Transfers between the airport or hotel and the boat
- Land excursions
- ENOS GPS rescue beacon
- Free nitrox for certified EANx divers

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights
- 15 litre tanks
- Dive courses
- Rental dive gear
- Port clearance and harbour tax
- National park fee and local fee
- Fuel surcharge or distance fee
- On-board purchases
- Alcohol and soft drinks
- Crew tips
- Laundry service
- Wi-Fi and telecommunications
- Dive, travel and medical 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

Sites and timings are an example of the route and are not guaranteed. The captain and cruise director decide the final route, depending on the weather and sea conditions

Good to know

Divers should wait at least 24 hours after their last dive before flying

Insurance

Please arrange dive and travel insurance before you travel

Good to know

The northern area including Wayag is only visited on special Raja Ampat North trips