BLUE PEARL

Raja Ampat

Sorong to Sorong | Misool, Piaynemo and the Dampier Strait

Immerse yourself in the breathtaking heart of the Coral Triangle on a 9-day liveaboard journey through Raja Ampat, the crown jewel of global marine biodiversity.

This expedition begins in the mythical southern realm of Misool, a labyrinth of limestone karsts hiding pristine reefs, hidden lagoons and jellyfish lakes.

You then voyage north to the iconic Dampier Strait, where vibrant seamounts teem with life and manta rays glide on the currents.

From exploring ancient cave systems and trekking to iconic viewpoints to diving amongst some of the most dense and diverse fish populations on Earth, this itinerary is a comprehensive exploration of why Raja Ampat is a diver's ultimate dream.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	HIGHLIGHTS
9 days / 8 nights	Sorong	Sorong	Manta rays, Misool and Piaynemo







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival & Check dive in Sorong

1 dive

Afternoon: Board the vessel in Sorong.
Meet the crew and fellow divers during a welcome briefing as we prepare for our adventure.
Late Afternoon, 1 dive: Conduct a check dive at a sheltered site near Sorong, allowing you to test your gear and warm up among the region's rich coral and fish life.
Evening: Welcome dinner as we begin our overnight cruise to the southern paradise of Misool.

DAY 2

Misool - The coral Library

4 dives

Morning, 2 dives: Dive into the stunning reefs of Misool.
Explore sites like Four Kings or Gorgonian Passage, known for their massive sea fans, vibrant soft corals, and incredible macro life.
Afternoon: Land Excursion to Jellyfish Lake.
Take a refreshing swim in this inland marine lake, home to millions of harmless, stingless jellyfish—a truly magical experience.
Late Afternoon, 1 dive: Another dive at a premier Misool site, such as The Coral Library.
Evening, 1 dive: A night dive at a site like Dunia Kecil (Dunia Baru) to discover the nocturnal wonders of the reef.

DAY 3

Misool - Warakaraket's Windows & Beaches

4 dives

Morning, 2 dives: Discover the dramatic structures of Whale Rock and the stunning Boo Window or Boo Rock, a swim-through that frames the blue ocean perfectly.
Afternoon: Land Excursion to Yillet Beach, a postcard-perfect white sand beach for relaxation and photos.
Late Afternoon, 1 dive: Dive at a site like Karang Bayangan (Shadow Reef).
Evening, 1 dive: A night dive at Romeo to search for rare critters.



DAY 4

Misool - Farondi's Caves & Lagoons

4 dives

Full Day, 3 dives: Explore the mystical Farondi and Balbulol area.
Dive sites like Puri Pinnacle, Goa Farondi, and Farondi Wall, where you can find dramatic walls covered in colorful tunicates and soft corals.
Afternoon: Dinghy excursion through the lagoon to see the striking rock formations of Balbulol or Farondi.
Evening, 1 dive: A night dive at a nearby site like Wagmab beach.

DAY 5

Piaynemo - The Iconic Geosite

3 dives

Morning, 2 dives: Enjoy two morning dives in the Piaynemo area, exploring sites like Melissa's Garden or Batu Rufus, known for their gentle currents and stunning coral formations.
Afternoon: Trek to the Piaynemo Viewpoint.
Climb the steps to be rewarded with the most iconic view in Raja Ampat—a breathtaking panorama of turquoise lagoons and scattered karst islets.
Evening, 1 dive: A night dive off a nearby Jetty, a hotspot for macro life.

DAY 6

Dampier Strait - Yangefo's Seamounts and Mangroves

4 dives

Full Day, 3 dives: Arrive in the world-famous Dampier Strait.
Dive the iconic seamounts of the Yangefo area: Mayhem, and Citrus Ridge, and mangrove Ridge. Be prepared for sensory overload amidst vibrant soft corals, schooling fusiliers, and patrolling reef sharks.
Evening, 1 dive: A night dive at the Arborek Jetty, famous for its critters.

DAY 7

Dampier Strait - Manta Magic

4 dives

Full Day, 3 dives: Dedicate the day to Manta Rays.
Dive Manta Sandy and Manta Ridge, two of the best sites in the world to observe these gentle giants being cleaned.
Evening, 1 dive: A final night dive in the Strait, perhaps at Saonek Jetty (Saundarek).

DAY 8

Dampier Strait - The Grand Finale

2 dives

Morning, 2 dives: Conclude your diving adventure with a bang at Cape Kri, famous for its record-breaking number of fish species in a single dive.
Followed by a more relaxed dive at a nearby site.
Beach BBQ: We land on a secluded beach for a classic barbecue celebration, a perfect way to reflect on the week's adventures.
Evening: Bill Settlement with Cruise Director after dinner.

DAY 9

Disembarkation in Sorong

Morning: Enjoy a final breakfast on board.
After Breakfast: Disembark at Sorong Harbor.
Transfer to Dominique Edward Osok Airport (SOQ) for your flight home, filled with memories of one of the world's greatest diving destinations.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Jellyfish Lake

A swim in an inland lake full of harmless, stingless jellyfish.

Yillet Beach

A white sand beach for relaxation and photos.

Piaynemo viewpoint

A climb to the most iconic view in Raja Ampat.

Beach barbecue

A classic barbecue on a secluded beach, to celebrate the trip.

Check in

Board the vessel in Sorong in the afternoon of Day 1, then meet the crew and fellow divers at the welcome briefing.

Check out

Disembark at Sorong Harbor after breakfast, with a transfer to Dominique Edward Osok Airport (SOQ).





INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Full-board accommodation with 3 meals a day, including light snacks and afternoon snacks, for every full day on board
- Free drinking water, coffee, tea and other hot beverages
- Complimentary airport transfers from Sorong Airport (SOQ) to the vessel on Day 1, and from the vessel to the airport on Day 9
- Up to 3 to 4 guided dives a day
- 12-litre tanks, weights and weight belts
- Free Nitrox tanks
- Water activities available on board, on request
- Free WiFi

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Alcoholic beverages
- 15-litre tank rentals and other rental dive gear
- Spa treatments and massages
- Diving insurance, which can be purchased on board
- Special excursions and tours on land
- Crew gratuities

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

This is a sample itinerary, and it may change with the weather and sea conditions

Good to know

The cruise director and captain choose the route and dive sites each day, depending on weather, tides, currents and the number of other dive boats at a site

Good to know

The dive sites are not promised in any particular order, as the crew work with the weather to get the best conditions possible

Experience

Divers are recommended to have at least 50 logged dives, Nitrox certification and experience of diving in currents

Good to know

The itinerary includes a long overnight sail