

BLUE MANTA

Raja Ampat and Misool

Sorong to Sorong | Raja Ampat and Misool

Raja Ampat is the epicentre of marine biodiversity, with 580 kinds of coral and 1,397 species of fish, 23 of them found nowhere else.

In Misool, picturesque coral gardens lie in mild currents, and the remote islands on the western tip boast abundant coral gardens with mantas and mobulas flying by in the blue.

Large aggregations of anchovies attract hunting mobulas, jacks and snappers.

Further north are a pristine hard coral garden, dives among the mangroves and an excellent muck night dive in the Dampier Strait.

Between dives, beautiful lagoons and limestone islands rise around you, with a short trek up to a bird's eye view of them.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 days / 10 nights	Sorong	Sorong	Intermediate to advanced







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Day 1

0-1 dives

1pm trip departure day.
Our staff will meet you upon your arrival to Sorong Airport or local hotel and transfer you to the awaiting Blue Manta.

DAY 1

Day 1 (continued)

0-1 dives

Arrivals before midday are best so we can make check dive at Red Light District (Lampu Merah) just outside Sorong before we get underway by 3pm for overnight sail.

DAY 2

Day 2

4 dives

Misool: Daram Islands and Boo area with amazing diving amongst picturesque coral gardens and in mild currents.

DAY 3

Day 3

4 dives

Misool: Wayil area to explore world-class dive sites such as Four Kings.
Enjoy the sight of a beautiful lagoon via speedboat tour.

DAY 4

Day 4

4 dives

Misool: Pele area, remote islands on the western tip of Misool boast abundant coral gardens with mantas and mobulas flying by in the blue.

DAY 5

Day 5

3 dives

Misool: Warakaraket and Fiabacet areas in search of Manta rays.

DAY 6

Day 6

3-4 dives

Misool; Babulal and Sagoff Island to visit dive sites such as Two Trees, famous for large aggregations of anchovies attracting hunting mobulas, jacks, and snappers.
Enjoy more of Raja Ampat's beautiful lagoons during surface intervals.

DAY 7

Day 7

4 dives

Piaynemo area to explore some of Raja Ampat's iconic dive sites such as Melissa's Garden, a pristine hard coral garden.
Take a short trek up to a viewpoint for a bird's eye view of the limestone islands of Raja Ampat.

DAY 8

Day 8

4 dives

Yangeffo and Arborek areas to dive amongst the mangroves and visit one of Raja Ampat's island villages

DAY 9

Day 9

4 dives

Dampier Strait: Sawandarek Jetty, Cape Kri, Sardine Run, and excellent muck night dive at Sapokren.

DAY 10

Day 10

2 dives

Misokon Island: Including Blue Magic and Yellow Fever.
Sail back to Pelabuhan Perikanan Sorong (harbour) where you spend your last night on board. Plenty of time to wash and dry equipment, rest and relaxation, and if needed an early flight the next day.

DAY 11

Day 11

No diving

Check out (between 5am-10am) after light breakfast and farewells, we transfer to local hotel or airport.
Departure from Sorong to Manado/ Makassar/ Jakarta/ Denpasar.

THE TRIP

Departure, return and timings

- Departure: 1pm, 1st day, Sorong, West Papua. Or earlier if everyone arrives before and all trip preparations have been completed. Free pickup upon arrival from Domine Edward Osok Airport, Sorong or from local hotel (10am) to Blue Manta on trip departure day (transfer time 20-30 mins).
- Return: 5am, last day, Sorong, West Papua. After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to the local hotel or Sorong Airport in time for check-in and flight. Note: Latest Blue Manta check-out 10am, trip return day.
- Last dive ends: 12pm (midday), penultimate day. Plenty of time for R&R while we sail back to Sorong where we spend the last night on Blue Manta. This also allows for your minimum 18 hours surface interval/ No Fly Time (as recommended by PADI) before flying the next day.





THE VOYAGE

About this trip

The sheer abundance of marine life, healthy colourful reefs, and diverse dive sites will leave even the most experienced divers wanting more! The stunning beauty of Raja Ampat's exotic and enchanting islands both above and below the water will leave you in no doubt that this truly is one of the world's premier diving destinations.

DIVING

Diving days and notes

- Note: All schedules are subject to changes according to weather, sea, diving, and local conditions.
- Diving days: 10 days (33 dives)





CONDITIONS

Dive site information

RAJA AMPAT-MISOOL

- Water Temp: 27-30 degrees Celsius
- Air Temp: 27-32 degrees Celsius
- Visibility: 15-30 metres
- Current: mild to strong
- Level: intermediate to advanced
- Best Time to Dive: October to April (less rain and much less wind: perfect for diving)





GETTING THERE

Getting to and from the boat

EMBARKATION AND DISEMBARKATION

- Sorong (SOQ), West Papua

HOW TO GET TO AND FROM SORONG (SOQ), WEST PAPUA

- It is easiest to fly through to and from Sorong (SOQ) via Jakarta (CGK), Makassar (UPG Ujung Pandang), Bali (DPS, Denpasar), or Manado (MDC). Recommended, via Jakarta.
- From Jakarta: Overnight direct daily flights, with Batik Air / Garuda Indonesia, arriving to Sorong earlier morning. Lion Air and Sriwijaya Air have similar overnight flights but with a stopover in Makassar.
- To Jakarta: Early morning direct daily flights, with Batik Air / Garuda Indonesia, arriving to Jakarta, which should allow enough time to schedule your international flight home. Lion Air also offer flights, some direct, others via Makassar.







INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Land transfer from local hotel / airport from destination on trip start and end days (Sorong) to boat
- All nights' accommodation on Blue Manta
- All meals (Western and Indonesian) snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, milo, soft drinks, towels, toiletries, cabin services
- FOC replacement if equipment breakdown
- 12-litre air tanks
- Weights and belt
- Warm towel and drink after every dive
- 6 dive guides (1x instructor, 5x dive master), 33 dives

NOT INCLUDED

- All flights, hotels
- Pickups outside the trip start and end dates (a fee applies per car)
- Marine park and harbour fee (paid in advance of the trip)
- Fuel surcharge (paid in advance of the trip)
- Dive and travel insurance
- Massage services
- Laundry services
- Nespresso coffee, alcohol: beer, wine, satellite wi-fi
- Diving equipment rental
- Nitrox (enriched air) fills