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Halmahera and North Raja Ampat

Ternate to Sorong | Teluk Loloda, South Morotai, Tanjung Bongo and more

Morotai is a dream for wreck lovers, its seabed dotted with sunken aircraft and warships from World War II, now covered in coral and inhabited by a diverse array of marine life.

Around the reefs there are spectacular wall dives, schools of barracuda and tuna, reef sharks and even occasional mantas.

Near Tanjung Bongo, powerful volcanic vents spew hot water over the reefs, with lava formations and black sand slopes full of nudibranchs, seahorses and frogfish.

Out in the Morotai Strait, two massive plateaus rise from the deep water, creating thriving reefs and dramatic walls.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
12 days / 11 nights	Ternate	Sorong	Certified divers







Your route

THE TRIP

About this trip

Straddling the equator, the northern section of the Raja Ampat marine park covers nearly 7,000 square kilometres and stretches out into the south-west Pacific Ocean from the complex and expansive north shoreline of Waigeo Island. The region includes the offshore islands of Sayang and Piai, the island groups of Wayag, Quoy, and Uranie, and Kawe.

The central region of Raja Ampat covers the south side of Waigeo Island and the western end of the Dampier Strait. This includes Mioskon, Kri, Mansuar Island, Arborek village and reef complex, Yangello, and Gam, and the Penemu Island Group.

THE ROUTE

Your route, anchorage by anchorage

Areas are shown in the order visited. Sites and dives change with weather, sea conditions and the captain's decisions.

TELUK LOLODA

Teluk Loloda is located along the western coastline of North Halmahera. The bay is comprised of numerous islands and waterways and provides interesting anchorages for a day of scuba diving and exploration.

The major dive sites here are found around the largest island in the bay, Kahatola, and are a mixture of thrilling swim-throughs, current-swept channels, and pretty reefs packed with a bewildering array of marine life and coral species.

For macro enthusiasts, the complex shoreline closer to the Halmahera mainland, with its numerous tiny coves and inlets, is prime real estate for discovering new critter and muck diving sites.

The topside terrain of Teluk Loloda's green forested islands is crammed with rugged rocky scenery. The impressive beehive rock at Poroco and the plunging waterfall on the east side of Kahatola are just two of the sights that are well worth a visit.

Dive sites: Tutu Drive-Thru, Poroco Beehive, Liga Liga, Hole In The Rock, Kahatola Channel, Sidanga Flyer, Lighthouse!

SOUTH MOROTAI

Scuba diving at the far-flung outpost of Morotai, a remote island in North Maluku, Indonesia, offers an incredible blend of pristine coral reefs, historical shipwrecks, and abundant marine life. Located on the southwestern fringes of the Pacific Ocean, Morotai is fast becoming a hotspot for adventurous divers. The region boasts crystal-clear waters, rich biodiversity, and untouched dive sites that remain relatively unexplored compared to other Indonesian destinations. The island's warm waters, excellent visibility, and diverse underwater landscapes make it a dream destination for divers of all experience levels.

One of the most fascinating aspects of diving in Morotai is its World War II wrecks. During the war, Morotai was a strategic military base, and remnants of sunken aircraft, ships, and other submerged war relics provide unique dive experiences. The most famous site is the Bristol Beaufighter wreck, a British aircraft resting on the seabed, now home to thriving marine life.

Beyond the wrecks, Morotai is also known for its vibrant coral reefs and pelagic encounters. The island's dive sites are teeming with hard and soft corals, along with schools of barracuda, tuna, reef sharks, and even occasional manta rays. The diverse sites feature spectacular wall dives, kaleidoscopic reefs, channels and passages, dedicated shark dives, and an astonishing array of macro life, including nudibranchs and pygmy seahorses. With relatively few tourists, Morotai offers an exclusive and untouched diving experience, making it one of Indonesia's best-kept underwater secrets.

Dive sites: Galo Galo Channel, Dodola Reef, Kolorai Korner, World War II Wreckage, Grey Point, Black! p Circus, Me! ta Sand Chute.







TANJUNG BONGO

With a striking topside panorama punctuated with active volcanoes, Tanjung Bongo, Galela Bay, and the Morotai Strait offer an exciting mix of pristine reefs, thrilling seamounts, and volcanic seascapes. This lesser-known diving destination

is a hidden gem, boasting clear waters, abundant marine biodiversity, and dramatic underwater formations shaped by the region's volcanic activity.

One of the bay's most striking features is its unique underwater topography, influenced by the geothermal activity of nearby Mount Dukono. One dive site hotspot in particular features several powerful volcanic vents that spew hot water out over the adjacent reefs. Divers can explore lava formations, deep drop-offs, and black sand slopes, which create the perfect habitat for rare and fascinating marine life. The volcanic seabed is home to a variety of macro creatures, including nudibranchs, seahorses, and frogfish, making it a great spot for underwater photography. In contrast, the coral-covered walls and reef slopes attract

To add to the excitement, lurking just under the surface 12 nautical miles offshore in the Morotai Strait that separates North Halmahera from Morotai, are the Womow seamounts. These two massive plateaus rise from the deep water of the strait, creating thriving reefs and dramatic walls that teem with marine life both large and small.

With a combination of stunning coral gardens, dramatic deep walls, thrilling seamounts, and unique geological formations, the dive sites of Tanjung Bongo, Galela Bay, and the Morotai Strait are an exciting destination for divers seeking something out of the ordinary.

Dive sites: Womow Two, Womow One, Geothermal Vents, Tonuu.

TOBELO

The sleepy port town of Tobelo lies along the eastern shoreline of the most northerly pointing finger of Halmahera Island. Dominated by the smoking Dukono volcano, the town is the de facto capital of North Halmahera, and the harbour is a stepping-off point for visitors to Morotai. However, the islands a short distance offshore from the town feature a good number of interesting dive sites.

These islands form a kind of barrier reef that protects the town from rough seas. Besides being home to numerous dive sites, the Tobelo island collection is famous for its surf breaks. This is unusual as surfing and scuba diving rarely go hand in hand at the same location.

The outer reefs and walls of the islands are very pretty with abundant corals and lots of colourful marine life. The small island of Pawole is blessed with some excellent reefs all around the perimeter, while the huge offshore sunken reef at Patola offers exciting opportunities for more exploration in the area.

Along with a good selection of reef and wall dives, there are also plenty of small coves and inlets that would be of interest to divers who prefer to spend their time hunting for critters.

Dive sites: Tolonuo Selatan, Pawole, Kakaralamo Korner, Karang Patola, Lamo Cri! ers, Tutu Tupu Break.





BULI BAY

The expansive seascape of Buli Bay bites into the eastern coastline of North Halmahera and is littered with small sandy islands and shallow reefs. This is an emerging scuba diving destination known for its rich marine biodiversity and stunning underwater scenery. Nestled within the Coral Triangle, the bay boasts thriving coral reefs, a huge variety of fish species, and fascinating macro life, making it a paradise for underwater photographers and marine enthusiasts alike. The clear waters and relatively untouched dive sites provide an excellent opportunity for both beginners and experienced divers to explore the region's aquatic wonders.

One of the standout features of scuba diving in Buli Bay is its diverse dive sites, ranging from shallow coral gardens to

deeper walls and slopes teeming with marine life. Schools of fusiliers, trevally, and barracuda are commonly spotted, while eagle rays and reef sharks occasionally make an appearance. For those interested in

macro diving, the bay's sandy seabed and coral outcrops are home to a wide range of critters.

Despite its incredible marine potential, Buli Bay remains somewhat unexplored, so whether you're looking for vibrant coral reefs, thrilling drift dives, or intriguing macro life, Buli Bay is a hidden gem that promises unforgettable underwater adventures.

Dive sites: Karang Metonga, Karang Parapara, Parapara Dropoff, ! Lighthouse, Lighthouse Island, Leleve, Lighthouse!, Sandpatch, Karang Karang, Woto.

WAYAG

Diving at Wayag Island is an experience like no other. The island is famous for its breathtaking limestone karst formations and crystal-clear turquoise waters, making it a paradise for divers and topside adventurers alike. Beneath the surface, the underwater world is teeming with marine life, from vibrant coral reefs to schools of tropical fish. Divers can encounter majestic manta rays, reef sharks, and even the elusive wobbegong shark, which camouflages itself on the ocean floor. The pristine condition of the reefs, thanks to strict conservation efforts, ensures that every dive is a spectacular display of biodiversity.

The most remarkable dive sites around Wayag are the pinnacles covered in soft corals and sea fans, creating a mesmerising seascape. Currents here can be strong, making exciting drift diving opportunities for experienced divers. As you glide effortlessly with the current, you may come across large pelagic species such as tuna, barracuda, and even the occasional whale shark. The visibility is often

exceptional, allowing divers to fully appreciate the intricate details of the coral formations and the dynamic marine ecosystem. Macro photographers will also find plenty to capture, with nudibranchs, pygmy seahorses, and other small critters hiding among the coral.

Beyond the thrilling diving opportunities, Wayag Island offers a surreal topside experience. After a dive, many visitors hike up the limestone hills to enjoy a panoramic view of the stunning island formations scattered across the sea. The sense of seclusion and unspoiled beauty makes Wayag a dream destination for those seeking adventure and tranquillity. Whether exploring the depths or marvelling at the landscape from above, diving at Wayag Island is an unforgettable journey into one of the most pristine marine environments on the planet.

Dive sites: North Wayag Rock, Wayag Lagoon, Far Out Rock, Figure of Eight, Ridge Rock & Seamount, Cathedral Rock, Transmi! er Rock, Bommie Bowl.

QUOY AND URANIE

The dramatic high forested islands of Quoy and Uranie lie just to the east of the Wayag collection. They are much less visited than their much more popular neighbour; however, they do feature several dive sites that are, in fact, superior.

Both of the locations also have satellite islands close by: Yeflay next to Quoy and Bag next to Uranie. These islands offer some spectacular diving with colourful fish-filled reefs combined with some idyllic white sand beaches and jaw-dropping kayak and paddleboard routes under astonishing vertical limestone cliff faces.

For adventurous divers wanting to test their skills, the biggest and most exciting marine secrets sit at the eastern points of both islands. The high-rise northern shorelines of both face the unrelenting forces of the mighty Pacific Ocean. Over the ages, these have sculpted two of the most impressive and vastly different dive sites in all of Raja Ampat. Massive caves and caverns tunnel into the vertical walls around these points, and the rocky

architecture of the seascape extends eastward, where impressive rocky pinnacles form awe-inspiring panoramas and marine life magnets.

The tidal currents that wrap around each extremity attract huge schools of fish and at times are visited by some other more unusual denizens of the deep, which are rarely seen at other locations.

Quoy and Uranie are packed with a diverse range of underwater and topside adventures far away from the attentions of many other operators.

Dive sites: Halimedia Wall, Castle Quoy, Quoy Rocks, Ikan Campur, Jendela Cave Edi's Cave, Y Reef, Magic Mushroom, Bag Wall.

THE EQUATOR ISLANDS

There are some excellent and exciting dives around the island of the Kawe seascape, located between the Wayag Group and the much larger island of Waigeo further south. Strong tidal currents wash over islets and rocky reefs that break the surface, creating the kind of underwater environments that marine animals adore to hang out and feed in.

The signature dive in the Kawe area is Eagle Rock. Manta rays and a wide variety of schooling pelagics frequently visit this group of three rocky islets with varied underwater terrain. Other dives in the area include Black Rocks, a spiky surface-breaking reef between Balabalak and Kawe, and to the south-east of the group, the island of Roibe, which also features some interesting and exciting dive sites.

The collection of islands that give this section their name, are found a short distance further north, at a latitude of zero degrees, or the equator. These feature excellent reefs, walls, and caves, with plenty of scope for further exploration.

Dive sites: One Tree Island, Batu Mandi, Zero Degrees, The Maze, Equator Cave, Changgo, Black Rocks, Eagle Rocks, South Roibe.

ALJUI BAY

Diving at Aljui is quite different from other locations in Raja Ampat; it is geared much more towards smaller critters than huge schools of fish and vast coral fields. The edges of the islands in the bay drop very steeply along sloping reefs and walls. Different species of pygmy seahorses make their lifelong homes on the large fan corals that sprout from the steep reefs. In addition, nudibranchs of all types are easy to find around the slopes, ledges, and reefs.

One of Raja Ampat's premier night dives is centred around the three piers at the Cendana Pearl Farm. There is the main pier, where most of the farm's operations are carried out; and two more a little further down the coast. The bottom topography and terrain are different from Aljui's other sites; it is much flatter with a lot more sand, rubble, and gravel. Several excellent critter hunting areas are easy to find here, with plenty of fascinating subjects on offer, including sightings of wobbegong and the endemic walking epaulette shark.

Dive sites: Purple Passage, Teardrop, Cendana Piers, Ganan South, White Arrow (Bird Wall).

YANGELLO

Scuba diving around Yangello is very popular with visiting divers. The coral-covered ridges, reefs, and seamounts around the island create a number of excellent and exciting dive sites.

One of the most popular seamounts to dive at Yangello is called Mayhem, close to the west side of the island. This is a current-washed, shallow coral reef for experienced divers seeking a little more adventure. Another submerged reef formation, Batu Dalam, is just south-west of Mayhem. Its shallowest depth is 10 metres, and it could prove to be interesting with some exploration and effort.

Inside the waterway separating Yangello from Gam Island, there are a number of ridges that extend into the channel. Extensive mangrove forests grow just above the corals at the shoreline, providing excellent opportunities to shoot under/over split images when the conditions are calm, clear, and still. Some of the soft corals growing in the waterway are bright pink or purple in colour, and these too make fabulous photo subjects.

Dive sites: Citrus Ridge, Mayhem, Batu Dalam, Mangrove Ridge.

PENEMU

Lying just under 15 nautical miles west of Arborek Island, the Penemu Group is a big favourite with visiting yachts. With numerous exciting land and watersports activities, this island collection has a lot to offer.

Penemu's varied dive sites all feature dazzling, colourful reefs teeming with marine life. There are awesome offshore ridges and seamounts, exciting drift dives, and one of the most talked about and photographed reefs in Indonesia: the mesmerising shallow corals of Melissa's Garden.

As well as diving Penemu's well-known sites, there is a good deal of scope for open-water exploration too. The deep seamounts, a few nautical miles to the west of the islands, give marine adventurers the chance to make their own discoveries and dive where few have ever dived before.

An added attraction at Penemu is a beautifully constructed walkway that takes visitors up to the peaks of the karst islands in the lagoon. This affords spectacular views over the seascape.

Dive sites: Barracuda Ridge, Galaxy, Batu Rufus, Melissa's Garden, Keruo Channel, Rocky Mountain Way.

MIOSKON AND KRI

Mioskon and Kri are just two among the many idyllic islands that lie scattered off the shores of Gam and Waigeo in the heart of the Dampier Strait - one of the most biologically diverse marine environments on Earth. This area is a true highlight of Raja Ampat, offering some of the most awe-inspiring scuba diving experiences found anywhere on the planet.

The underwater landscape surrounding these islands is nothing short of spectacular. Pristine coral gardens stretch as far as the eye can see, punctuated by dramatic seamounts that rise from the depths to form vibrant underwater peaks. These natural structures serve as gathering points for marine life of all shapes and sizes— from dazzling macro critters to powerful pelagic predators. Every dive here offers a thrilling encounter with nature, whether you're gliding alongside swirling schools of fish, marvelling at the intricate beauty of the coral gardens, or catching a glimpse of hunting barracudas or patrolling reef sharks.

The exceptional number and variety of dive sites in this region make it a fantastic destination for coral enthusiasts and fish spotters alike. The Dampier Strait's intricate network of channels, islands, and submerged reefs creates a dynamic marine environment, with strong tidal currents flowing in and out from the surrounding deep waters. These nutrient-rich currents sustain the vibrant coral ecosystems and support an astonishing concentration of marine biodiversity.

This constant movement of water ensures that every dive reveals a seascape bursting with life - colourful coral heads, dense clouds of fusiliers, schools of jackfish and trevally, and even encounters with oceanic manta rays drifting through the blue. Mioskon, Kri, and the neighbouring island of Mansuar are celebrated not just for their beauty but for the diversity of marine life found within such a relatively compact area.

This stretch of the Dampier Strait is simply unmissable. It represents the perfect convergence of ecological richness, underwater drama, and natural beauty – a hotspot for divers of all levels.

Dive sites: Tapokreng Pier, Batu Lima, Frewin Bonda Channel, Mioskon, Lau Lau, Blue Magic, Mike's Point, Sardines, Chicken Reefs, Crossover, Otdima, Cape Kri, Ranciwol Reef & Yenbuba Pier, Sawandarek.

ROUTE MAP

Cruise route



CRUISE NOTES

Cruise notes

- Flexible Itineraries: Our cruise routes are intentionally adaptable. Throughout the journey, the captain and cruise director continuously assess sea conditions, weather, and tides to ensure the best possible experience. Guest preferences for specific dive sites are always considered whenever feasible.
- More Than Is Listed: The locations featured in these itineraries represent only a portion of what's possible. Numerous additional anchorages and activity options are available along the way, making each voyage truly unique.
- Simplified for Clarity: The destinations shown in our presentations are not necessarily listed in the order they will be visited. They are organized for clarity and to help guests visualize the overall routing.
- Extended Stays: If a particular anchorage offers exceptional experiences, guests may opt to linger a bit longer. The captain and cruise director have the flexibility to accommodate such preferences, provided they align with the overall cruise schedule.
- Overnight Passages: To maximize daylight hours at our most spectacular destinations, longer transits between anchorages are typically conducted overnight.
- Escape the Crowds: With the exception of embarkation and disembarkation points, our itineraries are carefully crafted to avoid congested areas and busy commercial ports, allowing for a more tranquil and immersive experience.
- Beyond the Dive: Many of our anchorages offer more than just diving and snorkelling. Guests can enjoy kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, and occasional visits to local villages and cultural sites — adding even more richness to the journey.