

**Dewi Nusantara makes 27 trips a year, and each one is different, even when in the same area (like Raja Ampat or Cenderawasih), since the itineraries are adjusted based on the weather, currents, tides and guests wishes so it is not really possible to give a specific day by day itinerary for each trip but there will be 3-4 dives a day including a night dive if possible each day not including the arrival day visiting all the hot spots during the trip to offer you the best experience possible.**

### **Here is a sample overview of the potential Raja Ampat Itinerary**

The following itinerary is for example purposes only.

Your actual itinerary may vary due to weather or other environmental conditions and at the Captain's discretion in order to seek out the best available diving during your cruise.

#### **Day 1 (Embarkation)**

Bali Gateway: Fly from Ujung Padang to Sorong.

Manado Gateway: Fly from Manado to Sorong.

Jakarta Gateway: Fly from Jakarta to Sorong.

#### **Transfer from airport to Dewi Nusantara and embarkation**

You'll be picked up at the airport of Sorong and taken to the yacht by private transfer.

Once all the guests are onboard, the boat will leave the harbor and head for the breathtaking region of Misool.

#### **Day 2**

Misool

You will do your check out dive at a calm site chosen to familiarize you with the region. The dive site, Vrenelies Gaertli is very large and diverse, easily affording several dives here.

Dive-throughs, drop-offs and over hangs, all covered in beautiful corals makes Vrenelies Gaertli a special site.

There is time in the afternoon to explore the incredible landscape by zodiac. Above the water, Misool is a breathtaking region with caves, caverns and huge rocks covering the landscape.

Underwater, it's a wonderful combination of various species of fish, hard and soft corals, sponges, nudibranches plus all kinds of non-vertebrates like cuttlefish and octopus. There are also epaulet sharks here, only found in Raja Ampat.

#### **Day 3**

Misool

Day three is a special day on which we will combine more great diving around Misool with an excursion into the fabulous island labyrinth. You will go by zodiac through channels and valleys. Enjoy a walk to a cave on land and a visit to see native tombstones.

#### **Day 4**

Mansuar

You will head north away from Misool to Mansuar, an Island that could easily be re-named Manta Island. Not much more you can say about the diving here.

#### **Day 5**

Jef Fam

From Mansuar You will head a little northwest to Jef Fam, a group of islands featuring sites where you'll once again have the opportunity to see the wobbegong and epaulet sharks, unique to the region. You'll dive the region of Batu Burung where the dive sites are covered

in colorful hard corals. A couple of other notable sites are Dinding Mera, a spectacular red wall full of soft corals and nudibranchs and Warna Banyak, a relaxing drift dive through a coral-filled channel.

## **Day 6**

Kawe

Kawe is our next destination and will take us to the top of the equator. Here you'll visit Jurang Dalam, sometimes called 'deep valley' though it is only 25 feet in depth. For some reason it attracts sweetlips, Barsche, Glasfische, batfish and napoleons. Other sites you might visit include Batu Kiri and Hutam Hitam. There's also Berbados Cadas with its split rocks and dive-through which offers a topographical change to the scenery of this region.

## **Day 7**

Wajag

You will move a little more north to Wajag where you'll enjoy topside and underwater adventure. Zodiac excursions through the labyrinth will provide breathtaking images that will last a lifetime. Underwater, the landscape is quite different with Jamur Selatan, Jamur Tengan Utara rising up in the sea like mushrooms.

With an agreeable current, you can easily dive around them. At times, the currents from the Antarctic bring cool water and huge schools of jackfish, tuna, rays and even blue marlins!

## **Day 8**

Uranie

Today, You will arrive at Uranie where there's a large cavern waiting to be explored! This cavern is huge with ample light coming in so you need not worry about claustrophobia. The atmosphere in the cavern is mystical and calm, offering a fascinating light show. Below on the cavern's bottom you'll see sleeping sharks that seem unreal.

From here You will most likely move to Batu Coquille where huge rocks rise up from the ground and water. The current here draws manta rays and barracudas.

## **Day 9**

Waigeo/Eagle Rock

You will make your way to the area of Waigeo where You will visit Eagle Rock, just around the corner. Eagle Rock is unlike anything you've seen so far. The protruding rocks in the middle of the sea are quite spectacular. On dives here you'll find white beaches with black coral gardens, great visibility, sweetlips, batfish and a variety of rays.

In the afternoon You will visit Sel Pele Bay where topside and underwater delights await.

## **Day 10**

Wafak

Wafak is the so called black forest of Indonesia. At about 90 feet there's a black coral garden to enjoy at your leisure.

You will stay here for a sunset dive and hope to see Mandarin fish and mimic octopus.

## **Day 11**

Kri

You will be in Kri today where world records in counting different species have been broken. You'll be able to get some great pictures here where famous underwater photographers have shot some of their best work. You will head back to Sorong for departure while we enjoy our final night celebration onboard with a special traditional song and dance presentation.

## **Day 12**

Disembarkation in Sorong.

You'll be taken to the airport by our private transfer to the airport.

All domestic flights back to your Indonesia Gateway city complete their journey on this day.

## **Post Disembarkation Day**

Board International flights for home or begin your land extension to visit other magical Indonesian destinations

## **Welcome to Raja Ampat, the Realm of the Four Kings**

Raja Ampat casts a spell on all who visit – scientists, photographers, novice divers, and crusty sea-salts alike. This group of majestic islands, located in the northwestern tip of Indonesia's Papuan "Bird's Head Seascape", lies in the heart of the Coral Triangle, the most bio-diverse marine region on earth.

Raja Ampat is all about diversity – not only the diversity of species but also of dive sites. There are some areas where soft corals and sea fans dominate, others with amazing diverse hard corals, seagrass beds, mangroves, shallow reefs, drop-offs, caves, black sand, white sand... Then there are the fish, lots of them, in more shapes and sizes than anywhere else in the world. Not only are there loads of fish, but all the levels of the food chain are well represented – from pygmy seahorses to top predators. In many places, brightly coloured soft corals can be found close to the surface, illuminated by natural sunlight, making these dive sites spectacularly colourful—the reefs in Raja Ampat buzz with life.

Raja Ampat is huge, 50,000 sq km, with hundreds of islands and an astounding diversity of habitats, translating to wildly different diving experiences. They range from pelagic drift dives to magic muck dives and even some habitats that are special to Raja Ampat, such as clear water mangroves with corals growing right next to them! There are thousands of potential dive sites. Exploration is still continuing, and there are chances for new and amazing discoveries on every trip. Even on a 12-day cruise, you will only have an opportunity to see some of what Raja Ampat offers. Only a limited number of liveaboards obtained the license to dive the Raja Ampat Indonesia area, making this adventure even more unique and special.

Dewi Nusantara is the perfect platform that delivers modern comforts and outstanding service to adventurers exploring this remote outpost of civilisation.

Raja Ampat is also known for its spectacular above-water scenery. Sparsely inhabited, most of Raja Ampat still has pristine rain forests atop dramatic limestone cliffs, uninhabited bays with white sand beaches and all sorts of hidden treasures to greet the intrepid explorer. It's a kayaker's dream, an intricate coastline with caves, bays, gorges, and hidden rivers—all buzzing with exotic tropical wildlife.

Dewi Nusantara has two kayaks for two people and two paddleboards onboard.

A birdwatching hike on Gam Island might take you through scenic forests, past fragile orchids growing from cracks in the stone, and finally, to the unforgettable experience of witnessing male birds of paradise doing their elaborate courtship dances to attract females.

The friendly people of Raja Ampat have primarily been able to maintain their traditional ways of life and values, making it an exciting destination and an anthropological haven. There is a wide variety of community celebrations, including various types of music, dancing, singing performance and other fun!  
Diving in Raja Ampat is true “Frontier Diving”

