

EMPEROR RAJA LAUT

Best Of Raja Ampat aboard Emperor Raja Laut

Sorong to Sorong | Central, northern and southern Raja Ampat

Hammerheads and manta rays are a real chance among the colourful pristine reefs of Arborek and Gam.

In the Dampier Strait, currents bring in pelagics hunting their next meal over copious fish life and immense colours.

Depending on the season the route runs north to Wayag and Kawe, or south through reefs where mysterious critters and pelagic action fill the days, and a walking shark is a possible surprise.

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LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
10 days / 9 nights	Sorong	Sorong	50 dives, Advanced







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Boarding in Sorong

Meet the crew, join the safety briefing, complete your dive paperwork and settle into your cabin.

DAY 2

Check dive

Up to 3 dives

Your first dive is a check dive to settle your kit and buoyancy.
Then head into the Dampier Strait and the Cape Kri area.

DAY 3

Cape Kri area

Up to 3 dives

Copious fish life, immense colours and mysterious critters, with currents that bring in pelagics hunting their next meal.

DAY 4

Arborek and Gam

Up to 3 dives

Colourful pristine reefs, with a chance of hammerheads and manta rays.
Arborek is also a good place for reef fish and macro life.



DAY 5

Penemu

Up to 3 dives + walk

A walk to the Penemu panorama gives stunning views over the lagoon and the limestone rocks.

DAY 6

North or south section

Up to 3 dives

Your route now depends on the season.
In the north you dive Wayag, Kawe and Aljui Bay.
In the south you dive Daram, Wayilbatan, Fiabacet and Pelee.

DAY 7

Raja Ampat scenery

Up to 3 dives

Misool's sugarloaf islands, fifty shades of blue lagoons, deserted islands and dense green mangroves make the view above the water as good as the one below.

DAY 8

More Raja Ampat

Up to 3 dives

Another day of pelagic action and mysterious critters, and a chance to discover something new, such as a walking shark.



DAY 9

Last diving day

One dive

One morning dive, keeping to the no-flying rule.
The boat returns to port and moors overnight, so you can pack your gear and settle your bill.

DAY 10

Check out in Sorong

After a final breakfast you transfer to the airport or your hotel.
There is no diving today.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Penemu viewpoint

A short walk to the panorama of the Penemu lagoon and its limestone islands.

Three sections

The 9 night trips take in the central section and either the north or the south, depending on the season.

Check in

Boarding is usually in the morning at Sorong. Your exact time and meeting point are confirmed with your booking.

Check out

Check out is after breakfast on the last day, by around midday, with transfers to the airport or your hotel.

Last dive

One morning dive on the last diving day.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Full board meals and snacks
- Water, tea and coffee
- Guided diving from zodiac tenders, with a dive guide
- Nitrox for certified divers
- Marine park and port fees
- Fuel surcharge
- Airport and hotel transfers
- Land excursions
- Cabin and deck towels
- Wi-Fi on board

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights
- Soft drinks, juices and alcoholic drinks
- Dive equipment rental
- Dive courses, including Nitrox
- Government tax on onboard charges
- Crew tips (voluntary, around 10%)
- Personal expenses
- Travel and dive insurance (mandatory)

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy (needed on every dive)
- Torch for night dives
- Wetsuit suited to your area (see notes)
- Reef-safe sunscreen

AND ALSO

- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Personal medication and toiletries
- Travel adaptor (220V)
- Passport and copy of your insurance

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Insurance

Travel and dive insurance covering dive injury, medical evacuation and travel is mandatory

Experience

Minimum of 50 logged dives and Deep Diver or Advanced Open Water (or equivalent). Currents can range from medium to extremely strong

Diving

Diving is from zodiac tenders, which gives precise entry and exit points. Many dives go below 18 m

Good to know

You need a dive computer and surface marker buoy on every dive

Respect the reef

Please do not touch or collect marine life, and keep to the guide's briefing at every site

Flying

There is no diving for 24 hours before a flight