

GAIA LOVE

Raja Ampat

Sorong to Sorong | Dampier Strait, Misool and Wayag

Raja Ampat has sea life from the sea floor to the surface, and macro critters for photographers.

In Misool, colourful soft corals and sea fans drape the reefs, with both oceanic and reef mantas.

Nutrient rich currents in the Dampier Strait create an incredible underwater environment, with schools of fish and the loud booming sound of "fish thunder".

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LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 days / 10 nights	Sorong	Sorong	All levels, beginner to advanced







Your route

STOP 1

Batanta

West of Sorong, Batanta Island has incredible critter sites for the macro enthusiast.

STOP 2

Misool

In the south of Raja Ampat is the island of Misool, with a profusion of colourful soft corals and sea fans draping the reefs, and both oceanic and reef mantas.
Towards the western tip of Misool is one of the world's most stunning mangroves, and there are ancient rock paintings and caves off the island.

STOP 3

Dampier Strait

In central Raja Ampat, between Waigeo and Batanta, nutrient rich currents create an incredible underwater environment, home to Cape Kri and Blue Magic, with schools of fish and the loud booming sound of "fish thunder".
Further west is Arborek, known for its jetty dive, and to the north west are the Penemu Islands, famous for their hard coral gardens and lagoon view.

STOP 4

Aljui Bay and Kawe

In northern Raja Ampat you can visit the pearl farm of Aljui Bay, whose jetties are famous for unusual critters and sleeping wobbegongs.
West of Waigeo, the rocks and seamounts of Kawe sit on the equator, so you can dive between the northern and southern hemispheres.
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STOP 5

Wayag

Further north is Wayag, an isolated uninhabited area of green limestone islands with slivers of white sand beaches and palm trees.
The diving is spectacular, with extensive untouched hard coral reefs, and as most of the islands are still to be explored, more dive sites are likely to be found.
The rare red bird of paradise lives on Waigeo.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Dive Gaia trips

Dive Gaia trips give divers the opportunity to explore the whole of the region.

Seasons

The dry season is October to March, and the area can be dived all year.

Check in

Check in time depends on flight arrivals, and the boat arranges transfers to and from the port.

Check out

Check out time depends on flight departures.

Routes

The routes are a guide and can change.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Air-conditioned twin share accommodation with an attached bathroom
- All meals, snacks and non-alcoholic drinks
- Guided diving, up to 4 dives a day
- Use of 12 litre aluminium cylinders, weights and weight belts
- Shore activities and excursions organised by Dive Gaia
- Same day land transfers and airport transfers to and from the port
- A complimentary glass of wine per person at dinner
- Shared use of the camera room
- Government taxes

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights, visas and other taxes or fees
- Harbour clearance, national park fees and fuel surcharge, shown on our trip listings
- Courses and certifications
- Nitrox, for certified divers, and equipment rental
- Alcoholic drinks unless stated otherwise
- Massages and spa treatments, laundry and onboard purchases
- Satellite internet on board
- Accommodation and meals before and after the cruise
- Crew gratuities

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Dive insurance, which is mandatory
- Medical clearance from your doctor, if needed
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy
- Torch for night dives

AND ALSO

- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Personal medication and toiletries
- Passport

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

This is an overview of the area and the routes can change

Good to know

Harbour, national park and fuel fees are paid in addition to the cruise price

Good to know

Non-divers receive a 10% discount off the listed rates