

Itinerary

Raja Ampat South (Waisai – Waisai) 10D/9N

Raja Ampat, which in Indonesian means ‘Four Kings’, is a Marine Park world renowned for being the epicenter of marine biodiversity. The park covers a large area with approximately 320 km separating the northern and southern extremities. It would be possible to dive for weeks without seeing the same sites twice. Raja Ampat can be divided into three sections covering the North, Central and Southern Sections.

The administrative center of Raja Ampat is the small town of Waisai on Waigeo Island. This is where our cruise starts. Most likely guests will travel from Sorong airport to Waisai by ferry, departures are at 9:00 and 14:00. The Raja Ampat Marine Park ticket is available in Waisai harbor and is valid for 1 year. The fee is currently 1.000.000 IDR per person for foreign citizens. It is payable in Indonesian Rupiah cash only. We ask guests to let us buy their marine park ticket in advance and pay for it when they check in on board. Buying the ticket individually can be a time consuming affair and may delay the ship's departure. Please send us a copy of the guests' passport for the marine park ticket and the port clearance paperwork. Guests who already possess such a ticket are asked to send us a copy by email.

Inclusions: A bed in a double or twin cabin, full board accommodation, fresh towels and linen, 3 dives a day plus a night dive twice a week, limited or no diving on departure and arrival days, free nitrox on all dives, tanks and weights, land excursions as offered, self-service of drinking water, coffee and tea, government taxes, port clearance fees.

Exclusions: Flights, transport and accommodation before and after the cruise, excess luggage fees, national and marine park entry fees, diving courses (limited to Nitrox Diver and only on request), rental diving gear (please ask for price list), dive insurance (mandatory), alcoholic beverages and canned soft drinks (offered at reasonable prices on board), tips for dive guides and crew (5-20% of cruise rate recommended). All payments on board in cash please. We prefer Indonesian Rupiah but will also accept USD and Euro in new and clean banknotes.

Travel to GAYA BARU INDAH

Indonesia's traffic system is often less than ideal. Delays and cancellations happen all the time. We find Garuda Indonesia to be the most reliable domestic airline. Other airlines may offer cheaper rates but they often cancel on very short notice and allow less baggage. We advise to schedule flights for an arrival at least one day before the start of the cruise. We will need information of our guests' flight numbers and arrival times, if they wish to be picked up from the airport. If they wish to be picked up from a hotel in the town of our ship's departure, we will need that information to make arrangements. Guests can check in on the ship between 10:00 and 12:00 on departure day.

Transfer Sorong - Waisai

Guided transfers from Sorong to the ship and back to Sorong are not included in our rates but can be booked for 700,000 IDR (50\$US) one way per person.

We offer to meet guests either at the airport in Sorong or at their hotel in Sorong. For a hotel pick up the guest should be ready for pick up at 7:00 in the hotel lobby. The actual pick up will be between 7:00 and 8:30 depending on the number of pickups we do on that day.

For an airport pick up in Sorong the guest should be booked on a flight which arrives no later than 7:00. Most flights from western Indonesia to Sorong arrive early in the morning around 6:00. The ferry from Sorong to Waisai leaves at 9:00 and arrives at 11:00 (most of the time).

This service includes:

- pick up by a member of our team at the airport terminal exit
- transport by car in Sorong,
- the ferry ticket to Waisai and
- transfer from the ferry pier to the Gaya Baru Indah or a hotel in Waisai.

The ship's crew meets the guests on the pier in Waisai and will make sure they get to their final destination either on the ship or a local hotel.

Transfer Waisai - Sorong

At the end of the cruise a guided transfer back to Sorong (hotel or airport) will work in the same way. For further planning please note that our ship is back in Waisai harbour at 12:00 on arrival day. Disembarkation will begin right after arrival, depending on the guest's wishes. The ferry to Sorong leaves at 14:00 and arrives in Sorong not before 16:30.

Transfer in Waisai

Transfers from local hotels in Waisai to the Gaya Baru Indah are free of charge. Pick up time at the hotel is 10:00 on departure day. We will need to notice that the guest wants to be picked up and the name of the hotel.

Transfers from resorts in Raja Ampat to the pier in Waisai should be arranged by the resort in question. Meeting point will then be the Tourist Information at the pier in Waisai.

For guests who have not made any transfer or pick up arrangements, the meeting point and time is the Tourist Information booth in Waisai harbour at 10:00 am on departure day.

Guests can call us on Whatsapp or phone at this number: +62 852 4400 9606 (Mr. Ondi).

Make sure to carry the following when you check in on board

- Passport
- Diver certification card (Advanced or higher, Nitrox)
- Proof of dive insurance (DAN or similar)
- Marine Park ticket
- Relevant covid19 travel documents depending on regulations at the time of travel

Some places we often visit during this cruise

Batanta Island is the smallest of the Four Kings Islands. Its mountainous interior is little known but divers have in recent years begun exploring the coast line and found some fantastic sites. We often check out Pulau Dayang where Mantas are a frequent encounter.

Misool Island is perched on a shallow shelf in the Ceram Sea. The reefs surrounding this large island are a diver's dream. The bulk of our Misool itinerary takes place in its south-eastern quadrant. The reefs around the small islands of Balbulol, Daram, Farondi, Yellit and Boo offer pristine hard and soft coral as well as vast numbers of fish gorging on frequent upwelling in nutrient rich waters. We feel privileged to share these waters with mantas, sharks, schools of jacks, tuna and fusiliers.

On our way back from Misool we pass through the Dampier Straits where we dive some of its best sites: Blue Magic, Sardine and Cape Kri. After diving we visit Mioskon Island where flocks of flying dogs hang in the trees and enjoy the sunset.

DAY 1

Check in on board between 10:00 and 12:00

Have a welcome drink, we will show you your cabin, arrange and check your dive gear

Departure from Waisai harbor at 13:00. We have our first dive in the afternoon.

Day 2 – Day 6 (typical diving days during a cruise. Note that diving can be reduced to 1 or 2 dives a day when the ship makes a long passage)

6:00 Wake up call, coffee, tea, snack

6:30 Dive briefing

7:00 1. dive

9:00 Breakfast

10:30 Dive briefing

11:00 2. dive

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Dive briefing

15:00 3. dive

17:00 Snacks

19:00 Dinner

On 3 evenings of this trip we have a night dive at 19:00 and a later dinner

Day 7

We enjoy a leisurely cruise through the island group and reach Waisai harbor by 12:00. Disembarkation will start after arrival. We assist our guests with their journey to the next destination.

Total number of dives planned for this cruise: 27 dives

Please note that all itineraries and dive sites are subject to various unpredictable changes, including weather changes and changes in local and national government approval. We will make every effort to select the best available sites on all cruises.

All time information is based on a 24 hour clock.

**Divers should obey a 24hrs no-flight time between the last dive of the cruise and boarding an aircraft.
Plan your continuing voyage accordingly.**