

INDO MASTER

10 Nights Raja Ampat

Sorong to Sorong | Dampier Strait, Gam, Yangeffo and Misool

Raja Ampat has reef manta rays of every shade and size, including the all-black mantas distinctive to the area, gathering at a cleaning station.

Fast drift dives and big fish schools mark the Dampier Strait, with swarms of fusiliers, snappers and sweetlips, bumphead parrotfish and grey reef sharks cruising in the blue.

Around Gam are some of the best hard coral gardens in Raja Ampat, and a stunning reef covered in carpet-like orange, pink, yellow and green soft corals.

Batanta is muck diving where there is really nothing that cannot be seen.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 days / 10 nights	Sorong	Sorong	Advanced, 30 dives







Your route

STOP 1

Day 1

Embarkation from 12:00 to 12:30, followed by introductions, boat and safety briefings and dinner.
There is no diving on this day.

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Day 2

Breakfast, then a check dive and up to 3 more dives.

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Days 3 to 9

Up to 4 dives a day

Your Cruise Manager schedules up to 4 dives a day, three day dives and either a sunset or a night dive.

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Last full day

2 morning dives

Two morning dives before the boat cruises back to Sorong, where it stays at anchor overnight.



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Disembarkation

Breakfast on board, then a transfer to Sorong airport no later than 10:00.

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Mansuar Island & the Dampier Strait

Dive site

Fast drift dives and big fish schools characterise the sites surrounding Mansuar and the Dampier Strait.

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Manta Sandy

Dive site

The two large bommies situated in the middle of a sandy bottom at just 18 metres (60ft) is a world-renowned cleaning station which attracts many reef manta rays of a variety of shades and sizes, including all–black mantas, distinctive to Raja Ampat.

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Cape Kri

Dive site

One of the best known sites in the Dampier Strait, the variety of reef fish is astounding.

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Blue Magic

Dive site

A long finger-shaped reef sloping down at the points from 8 metres to 30 metres (26ft - 98ft) with hard and soft corals, sea fans and black coral bushes; schools of jacks and barracuda hover close to the reef while grey reef sharks cruise in the blue and.

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Sardine Reef

Dive site

Swarms of fusiliers, snappers and sweetlips, schools of bumphead parrotfish and banner fish, barracuda and trevally that come to feast on the nutrients in the surrounding water all make this site a very fishy dive.

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Mioskon

Dive site

A superb dive spot where we can see pygmy seahorses, flatworms, nudibranchs, scorpion fish and the occasional hunting shark.
We can also see trevally hunting fusiliers, black-tip reef sharks and giant moray eels.

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Mike's Point

Dive site

As we approach the tiny island known as Mike’s Point, eagles can be seen resting in the treetops.

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Friwinbonda

Dive site

Lionfish can be seen hunting glassfish schools that hover around the black coral bushes, tiny pipefish and the transparent skeleton shrimp are amongst the other interesting critters at this great night dive spot.

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Gam & Yangeffo Islands

Dive site

The islands surrounding Waigeo, the third main island of the Four Kings, provide a range of dive sites for us to choose from including:

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Melissa's Garden

Dive site

This site is home to some of the best hard coral gardens in Raja Ampat.
Featuring a shallow flat reef with beautiful blue-tipped staghorn corals inhabited by myriads of damselfish, trevally, black tip reef sharks and wobbegong sharks, along with orangutan.

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Mayhem

Dive site

This dive spot is notorious for its strong currents, making for an exhilarating dive with lots of action.

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Citrus Ridge

Dive site

A stunning reef named after the carpet-like orange, pink, yellow and green soft corals that cover the entire area.

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Batanta Island

Dive site

Batanta Island, one of the Four Kings, which we will visit during your liveaboard cruise, offers something truly exceptional.
Known for its muck diving, there is really nothing that cannot be seen here along the dark sand slopes.

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Misool Islands

Dive site

Due to travel distances involved, 7 night itineraries will not visit Misool unless there are exceptional circumstances.
If Misool is visited then some of the areas above will not be dived.

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Candy Store

Dive site

Situated at Daram Islands, is where we see colourful soft corals and yellow sponges, sea whips and black coral which hide creatures, such as ghost pipefish and coral shrimps.

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Andiamo

Dive site

A diverse, exposed, two-island reef with walls, overhangs, pinnacles, ridges and a shallow plateau.
With a wide variety of marine life, it is no wonder Andiamo is one of the most famous dive sites in Misool.

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Boo Windows

Dive site

Comprised of two rocks that stick up from the eastern edge of Boo Island with a saddle formed between them, this dive site is a coral garden paradise.

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Whale Rock

Dive site

This small island in the Fiabacet chain, derives its name from its distinctive shape which looks like a whale when viewed from the south.

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Nudi Rock

Dive site

A nudibranch-shaped island and an iconic dive site, part of a 1.3km (0.8 mile) ridge with walls, pinnacles and sandy plateaus.
Marine species vary from macro to large pelagics that can all be seen at this stunning site.

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Kalig Potato Point

Dive site

Also in the Fiabecet area, this is a superb night diving location and host to a wide variety of nudibranch species including nembrotha, chromodoris, hypselodoris, tambja and joruna.

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Gorgonian Passage

Dive site

Also known as Neptune's Fans Sea, this passage is situated in the channel that runs between Wayilbatan and Wayil islands.
It has huge sea fans along the walls in which a variety of pygmy seahorses can be found including Bargibanti and Denise's.

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Barracuda Rock

Dive site

This is another very fishy site with schools of Big-Eye Trevally and hundreds of Yellowtail and Chevron Barracudas.
An overhang on the southeast side is a good place to find Sweetlips, moray eels and lionfish during the day.

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Dunia Kecil

Dive site

Also known as Small World, this tiny island with its steep walls, overhangs, slopes and beautiful shallow reef top is a delight of colours and fish variety.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Penemu viewpoint

The Penemu viewpoint is always offered and is popular. There are usually 2 land visits on each trip.

Other visits

The second visit may be Arborek village, the Aljui pearl farm or Sawinggrai bird spotting, which has a charge.

Misool visits

Ten night trips add Tomolol Caves, the Lenmakana jellyfish lake and Daram beach.

A typical diving day

Light breakfast, briefing and dive 1. Full breakfast, relaxation, briefing and dive 2. Lunch, relaxation, briefing and dive 3. A snack, then a briefing for a sunset or night dive where possible, and dinner.

Who can join

Divers need PADI Advanced Open Water or equivalent and at least 30 logged dives. Safety and dive briefings are given in English.

No-fly time

Leave at least 24 hours between your final dive and your flight home.

Check in

Embarkation is at Sorong harbour from 12:00 to 12:30. Please arrive in Sorong before 12:00 on embarkation day, and ideally the day before.

Check out

Disembarkation is at Sorong harbour no later than 10:00, with a transfer to the airport or a local hotel.

Transfers

Transfers from Sorong airport or a local hotel are included on embarkation and disembarkation days.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Transfers between the nearest domestic airport or local hotel and the boat on embarkation and disembarkation days only
- En-suite air-conditioned cabin with towels, bed linen and shower gel
- Full board, with snacks, drinking water, soft drinks, fruit juices, tea and coffee
- Up to 4 guided dives a day
- 11 litre cylinder, weights and air fills
- Deck towels
- Land visits as described in the itinerary

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights, and hotel stays or day rooms
- Marine park and port fees, paid on board
- Travel and dive insurance, which is compulsory
- Alcoholic drinks, with beer, wine and spirits sold on board
- Equipment rental and 13 litre cylinders
- Nitrox up to 32%, at an extra charge
- Wi-Fi and laundry, at an extra charge
- Crew and dive guide gratuities

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card, Advanced Open Water or equivalent, and logbook
- Dive insurance, which is mandatory and must cover evacuation and recompression
- Marine park entry card, if you already have one
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy
- Torch for night dives

AND ALSO

- 3 mm wetsuit, or a 5 mm suit if you feel the cold
- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Passport and personal medication

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

The itinerary is an example, and the route and dive sites depend on weather, tides, currents and sea conditions, as decided by the Cruise Manager

Good to know

The number of dives depends on the weather and on how far the boat has to cruise

Good to know

Marine park and port fees are paid on board and can change without notice