JAKARE

Raja Ampat South

Sorong to Sorong | Misool, Pienemu and the Dampier Strait

Tunnels and openings pierce the rock from the surface to below, and that is only the start of the diving in southern Raja Ampat.

Huge gorgonian fans, turtles, reef sharks and barracuda fill the water around Misool, with a chance of mantas.

Pinnacles carry black coral, colourful soft corals and tiny pygmy seahorses, and schools of anchovies bring in the pelagic predators.

The seascape includes drop-offs, a canyon and pinnacles, while above water limestone mounts hide small lagoons.

The route finishes in the Dampier Strait with an easy wall drift, giant clams and a manta cleaning station in shallow water.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	HIGHLIGHTS
9 days / 8 nights	Sorong	Sorong	Misool, Melissa Garden, Manta Ridge







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Sorong

Check dive

Pick up at Sorong airport or your hotel and board around 10 am after boat clearance. Welcome drinks and snacks while the cruise director briefs you on safety, the boat and the itinerary.

DAY 1

Sorong (continued)

Check dive

Jakare sails south to Misool, with a check dive on the way in the afternoon, and reaches Misool in the night or next morning.

DAY 2

Misool, Boo area

Dives

Boo Window, a dive site with tunnels and openings piercing the rock from the surface to below, then Bo West, Magic Mountain and Yiliet Kecil, known for huge gorgonian fans, turtles, reef sharks, barracuda and a chance of mantas.

DAY 3

Misool, Fiabacet and Wayil

Dives

Fiabacet Ridge, with pelagic fish and turtles on underwater ridges between Tank Rock and Nudi Rock, then Fiabacet Pinnacle and Whale Rock for soft corals and small creatures such as Denise and Barbiganti pygmy seahorses.
The Neptune Fan Sea channel with its profusion of big gorgonian fans, and Four King, four pinnacles with healthy pelagic and reef fish.
Other sites include Barracuda Point, Wedding Cake and Dunia Kecil.



DAY 4

Misool, Pele

Dives

Pele's Playground, the most westerly site of the Waaf group, often with schools of anchovies and pelagic predators, and Kaleidoscope on the north west side, known for black coral, colourful soft corals and gorgonian fans.
Mantas have been spotted here.

DAY 5

Misool, Balbulol

Dives

Baby Rock, Balbulol Corner and Balbulol Plateau, with drop-offs, a canyon and pinnacles, above water limestone mounts and small hidden lagoons.
Kayaks, stand-up paddle boards and snorkelling are available.
In the evening Jakare sails overnight to Central Raja Ampat.

DAY 6

Pienemu and Yangaffo

Dives

Keruo Channel, an easy wall drift covered in soft and hard corals with barracuda and snapper, and Melissa Garden, a current dive on soft coral pinnacles with schools of fusiliers, jacks and batfish.
A limestone mount walk with a swim in the lagoon, or a dive at My Reef.
In the evening Jakare sails 12 NM to the mangroves of Pulau Yangaffo, with a night dive possible.

DAY 7

Arborek and Manta Ridge

Dives

Dive Citrus Ridge or Mayhem early, then the Arborek jetty, an easy dive with giant clams, coral garden and schools of fusiliers, groupers and trevally, and a visit to the village.
Then the Manta Cleaning Station at Manta Sandy in under 12 metres of water, and a night dive or beach at Yanbuba.



DAY 8

Yanbuba, Blue Magic and Friwen

Dives

Dive the Yanbuba jetty for turtles, barracuda and snappers, then Blue Magic and Sardines Reef at Mioskon, non-emergent pinnacles with current dives and sometimes mantas.
Jakare anchors off Friwen for swimming, snorkelling, kayaks and a beach BBQ in the evening.

DAY 9

Back to Sorong

Jakare sails through the night and reaches Sorong latest at 11:30 am.
You leave the boat by 1 pm for the airport.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Boo Window

Tunnels through the rock.

Four King

Four pinnacles of fish life.

Manta Cleaning Station

In under 12 metres.

Beach BBQ

At Friwen anchorage.

Check in

Guests are met at the airport or at a hotel within 10 km of the port. In Raja Ampat check in is before 10 am, and most guests arrive around 8 am. In Labuan Bajo check in is before 12 noon.

Check out

Check out is between 8 am and 12 noon, with a transfer to the airport or your hotel.

Last dive

The last dive is on the penultimate day of the trip. Divers should wait at least 24 hours after their last dive before flying, so please keep to the no-flying rule when you book your flight home.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Airport or hotel transfers at embarkation and disembarkation
- Air-conditioned cabin with private bathroom
- Full board, with snacks, drinking water, soft drinks, tea and coffee
- Guided diving with the dive team
- Snorkelling gear, kayaks and stand-up paddle boards
- A French and English speaking cruise director
- Welcome drinks on arrival

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights and hotels before and after the cruise
- National park fees and the fuel surcharge
- Alcoholic drinks and crew tips
- Nitrox and rental dive gear
- Massages and other on-board services
- Dive and travel insurance

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Completed diver medical questionnaire
- Details of your dive and travel insurance
- 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 a proposed itinerary for planning only, subject to the weather and the conditions on board and at each site

Good to know

The daily programme is discussed with guests each evening for the following day

Good to know

Divers should wait at least 24 hours after their last dive before flying

Insurance

Please arrange dive and travel insurance before you travel