

LADY DENOK

South and Central Raja Ampat

Sorong to Sorong | Misool, Waylbatan, Piaynemo, Arborek and the Dampier Strait

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Winged pipefish, nudibranchs, turtles and whitetip reef sharks live here, and the reefs nearby are alive with abundant fish and coral.

Further north, in central Raja Ampat, there is a trek up to the Piaynemo viewpoint, followed by a sunset dive.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 days / 10 nights	Sorong	Sorong	Advanced Open Water







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Sorong to Misool

1 dive

We pick you up at Sorong airport or your hotel and transfer to Sorong harbour.
After check-in, a welcome drink and a briefing about the ship and the general programme from the cruise manager, depending on your time of arrival the check dive will be at Matan Island on the way to Misool, otherwise at Daram Island in Misool.

DAY 2

Daram Islands, Misool

4 dives

The Daram Islands are the easternmost island group in the Misool area and part of a 300,000-acre marine conservation area.
We dive at Andiamo, Candy Store and Warna Berwarna, and the night dive is at Yiliet Kecil.

DAY 3

Warakaraket Island

3 dives

We explore fabulous dive sites like Whale Rock, with a vast area of hard and soft coral that looks more like an aquarium, and giant morays hiding under the hard coral.
Here you can see winged pipefish, nudibranchs, turtles and whitetip reef sharks.
At Boo Window and Karang Bayangan (Magic Mountain) you again see abundant fish and coral reef life.

DAY 4

Wayilbatan Island

4 dives

Early in the morning we sail to Wayilbatan Island and dive at Four Kings, Wedding Cake, Barracuda Rock and Wayilbatan Bay (night dive).

DAY 5

Balbulol Island

3 dives

We dive at Pet Rock, 3 Rock and Plateau.
At night we cross to Central Raja Ampat.

DAY 6

Piaynemo Island

4 dives

We dive at Melissa Garden and Keruo Channel, trek up to Piaynemo viewpoint and enjoy a Galaxy sunset dive.

DAY 7

Mayhem and Yanggefo Bay

4 dives

We dive at Mayhem, Mangrove Ridge, Citrus Reef and Yanggefo Bay.

DAY 8

Arborek

4 dives

We dive at Manta Ridge, Manta Sandy, Arborek Reef and Arborek Jetty.

DAY 9

Sardine Reef and Friwen

3 dives

We dive at Sardine Reef, Friwen and Sapokren.

DAY 10

Cape Kri and Mioskon

4 dives

We dive at Cape Kri and Mioskon.

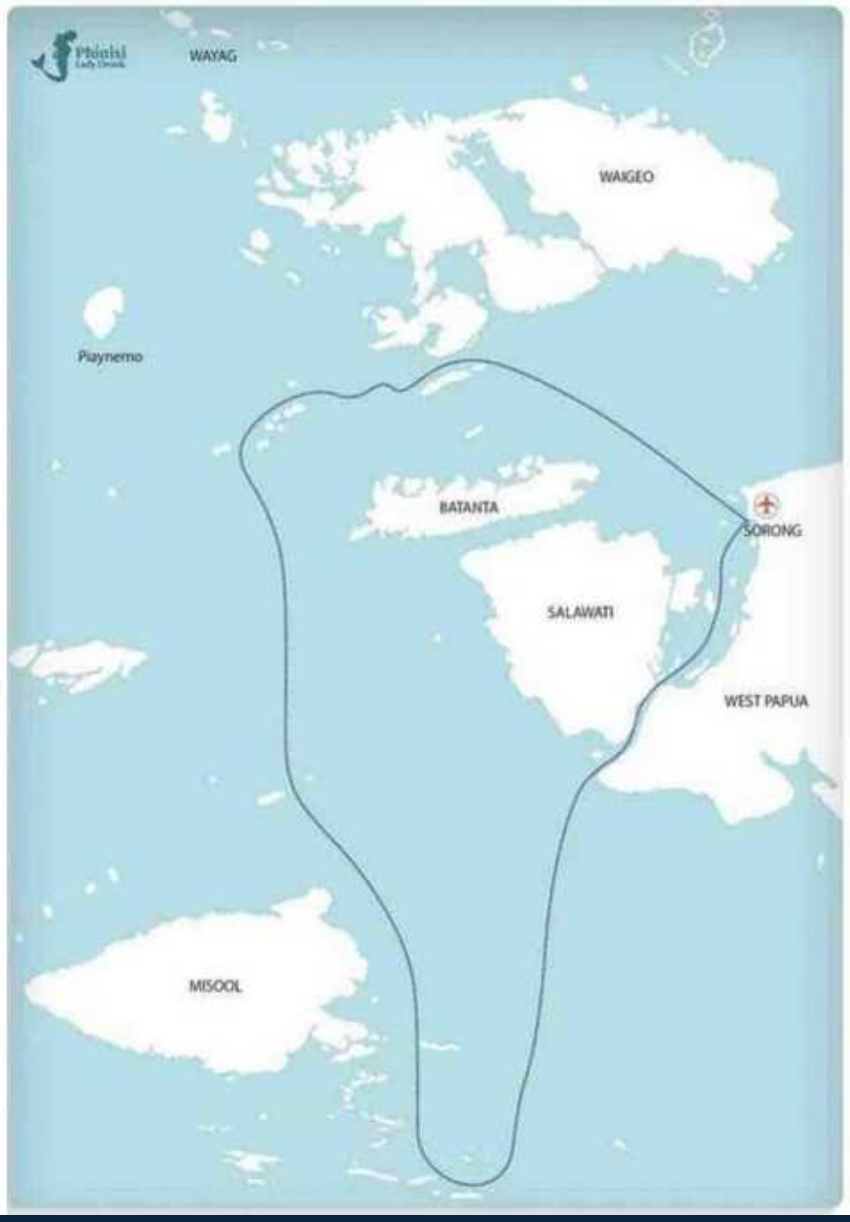
DAY 11

Sorong, disembarkation

Departure day.
Check out after breakfast, and we transfer you to the airport or hotel in Sorong.

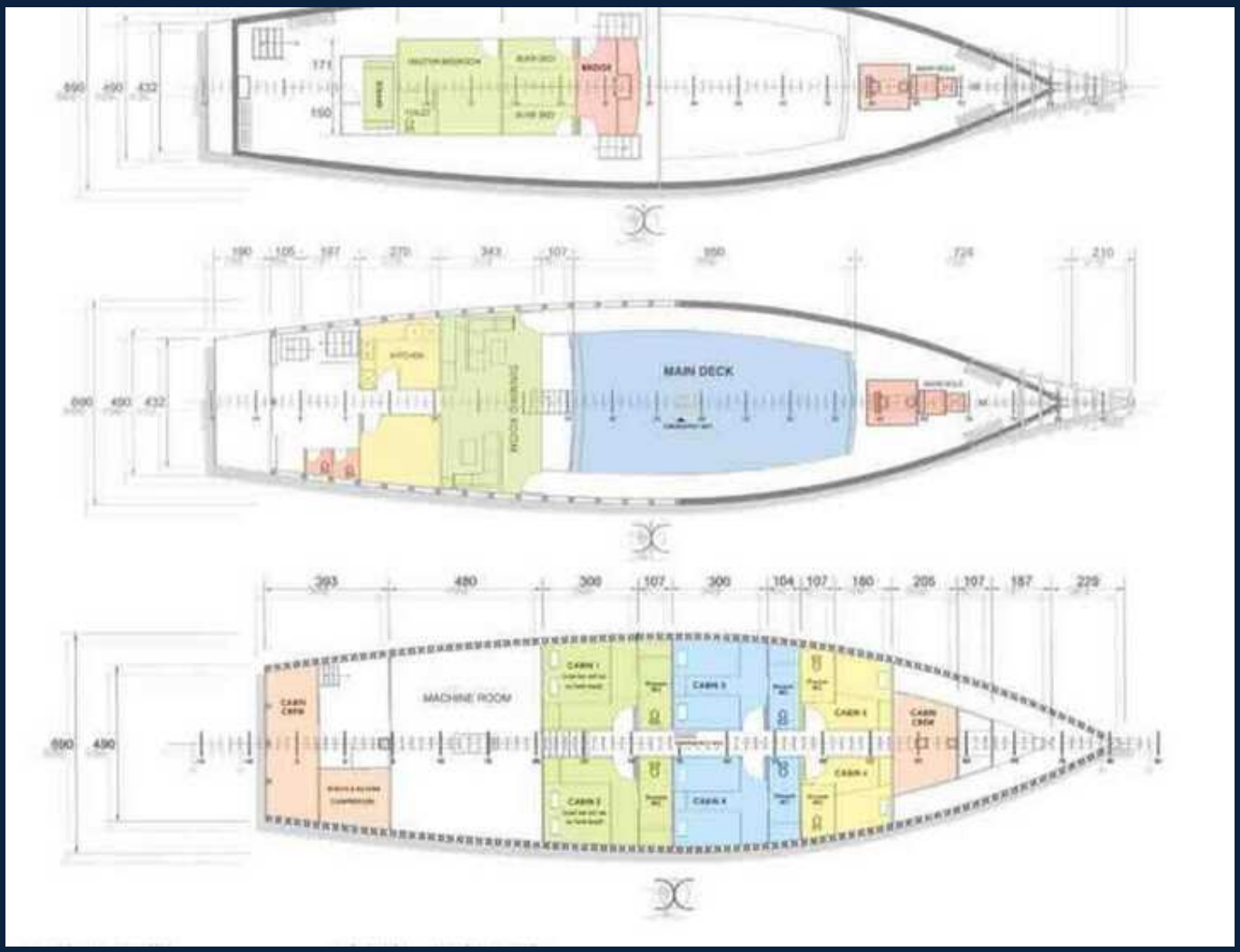
THE ROUTE

Route map



THE BOAT

Deck plans









ACTIVITIES

Activities and daily routine

SNORKELLING

If you do not dive, you can still explore vibrant marine life in some of the best locations. Snorkellers are accompanied by a crew member as a guide, and a speedboat always follows closely.

KAYAKING AND PADDLEBOARDING

Two kayaks and two paddleboards are available when the boat is anchored, to explore the shore or lagoons.

TREKKING

As an alternative to diving, there are trekking opportunities to explore the surrounding areas during dive breaks. In Raja Ampat guests can trek to the famous lagoon viewpoints of Piaynemo or Wayag, and in Komodo they can trek to meet the Komodo dragons.

SPENDING TIME ON DECK

Relax on the deck, soak up the sun, or enjoy the stunning views.

NIGHT DIVES

Depending on the itinerary, night diving may be offered for a unique experience of nocturnal marine life.

POST-DIVE RECAP

Share the highlights of the dives with fellow guests and crew, along with photos if available.

A TYPICAL DAY ON BOARD

- 06:00 Wake up call
- 06:30 Light breakfast
- 07:00 First dive
- 08:30 Warm breakfast
- 10:30 Second dive
- 12:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Third dive
- 16:00 Snack time
- 18:00 Night dive (depending on the itinerary)
- 20:00 Dinner

DIVING

Dive organisation

- Before the trip, all guests complete an enrolment form with their flight details, dietary preferences and any allergies, so the onboard team can prepare in advance, including airport pickups for those arriving on the same day as embarkation
- Dives are conducted as non-decompression recreational dives, with a maximum depth of 35 metres, and a safety stop is required at the end of each dive
- The crew prepare a dive box for each diver. The first dive is a check dive, during which the dive masters assess each diver's skills and comfort level, and the diving groups are organised by experience level, interests and safety needs
- Before each dive the cruise manager briefs the topography, depths, currents and potential hazards, and the marine life you can expect to see
- The crew carry your tank and equipment between Lady Denok and the dinghies. In the dinghies the tanks are secured in designated slots, and the guide assists you in gearing up right before the back roll into the water
- There is 1 dive guide for a maximum of 4 divers, and books about reef and coral fish are available onboard
- Cruises are open to divers with a PADI Advanced Open Water certification or its equivalent and a minimum of 30 logged dives. Less experienced divers are welcome, with special supervision arranged before the cruise
- Typically there are 3 to 4 dives a day, with a maximum of 2 on the first and penultimate days. The last dive is on the penultimate day, at least 18 hours before your flight

CONDITIONS

Weather, visibility, temperature and currents

WEATHER

In this region of Indonesia the weather can be unpredictable, even in the typically “dry” season, with occasional rain showers. The sea tends to remain calm, although there may be brief storms and occasional light swells in the northern areas. Average temperatures hover around 30°C.

VISIBILITY

Raja Ampat’s waters are teeming with marine life, which can sometimes affect visibility. Visibility generally ranges between 10 and 20 metres, varying from site to site.

WATER TEMPERATURE

The sea temperature remains consistently between 28 and 30°C (82 to 84°F) throughout the entire year.

CURRENTS

Raja Ampat is famous for its strong, dependable currents that support a rich variety of marine life. Before every dive the guides assess the current so that briefings provide the latest conditions.

ON BOARD

Cuisine, service and team

Meals are served à la carte or buffet-style, with Western, Indonesian, Asian and vegetarian options, and special diets such as vegan and gluten-free can be accommodated when you tell the crew before boarding.

Each day the chef prepares a cold breakfast, a warm breakfast, lunch, snacks and dinner from fresh, high-quality ingredients, and bakes cakes and bread on board.

Drinking water, tea, coffee and soft drinks are free of charge, and a coffee machine with premium local coffee beans is available in the dining room. Cookies, candy bars and fruit are available throughout the day.

NAVIGATION, SAFETY AND TEAM

- Navigation: Radar Furuno with GPS, two further GPS units, AIS Class B transponder, Navtex receiver and fish sounder
- Communications: SSB radio, VHF marine radio and an Inmarsat satellite phone, with Starlink internet
- Safety: life jackets for 40 adults and 2 infants, 2 life rafts for 40 persons, flares and positioning systems
- Tenders: 7.6 m and 6.6 m speedboats
- Team: 12 crew, 1 cruise manager and 2 dive guides
- Dive equipment: 2 Bauer compressors, 1 nitrox compressor and aluminium dive tanks



INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Air-conditioned accommodation with en-suite bathroom, warm and cold water, towels, shampoo and soap
- All meals and snacks, fruit, drinking water, soft drinks, tea and coffee
- All guided dives, with 1 guide for a maximum of 4 divers
- 12 litre aluminium tanks, weights and belts
- Airport and hotel transfers to and from the nearest airport and hotel on embarkation and disembarkation dates
- Kayaks, paddleboards and snorkelling gear for snorkellers
- Internet by Starlink
- Excursions organised by Lady Denok

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights and transit hotels
- Marine park, port fees and fuel surcharge
- Beer, wine and other alcoholic beverages
- Diving, medical and travel insurance
- Onboard purchases and laundry
- Dive equipment rental, nitrox and 15 litre tanks
- Onboard satellite telecommunication
- Tips for crew, which are optional
- Excursions not organised by Lady Denok