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Raja Ampat Central & South - 8 Days / 7 Nights

Sorong to Sorong | Dampier Strait, Fam and Misool

A short run through the best of Raja Ampat, from the Dampier Strait to the classic sites of Misool.

The fabulous reefs of the Dampier Strait lead into Fam, where the limestone has been carved into caves, canyons, passages and swim-throughs on almost every dive.

Misool and the Daram Islands follow, with the same turquoise lagoons and green-topped limestone islands above.

On a nursery beach near Pulau Boo, blacktip reef sharks bring up their young.

At dawn in the canopy of Waigeo, the birds of paradise put on their display.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
8 days / 7 nights	Sorong	Sorong	Open Water, 50 logged dives







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Sorong and Waisai

Check dive + night dive

Pick up at Sorong airport and transfer to the boat, with a welcome drink and time to settle into your cabin.
The Ondina sails straight to Waisai for clearance, then you have a check dive in the afternoon at one of the reefs nearby and a night dive in Saonek.

ABOUT THIS ITINERARY

This itinerary is the same as our 9 night Raja Ampat Central & South itinerary, which it is copied from, but it is 2 nights shorter.

The day by day plan below is the original 9 night plan. With 2 nights fewer on board you do not get every day shown here, so please ask us which days are left out before you book.

DAY 2

Dampier Strait

Dives + night dive

Diving some of the fabulous reefs of the Dampier Strait, such as Sardine Reef, Blue Magic and Mioskon.
The night dive is on the jetties of Saporkren, which is muck diving.

DAY 3

Waigeo and Cape Kri

Dives + night dive

An early morning excursion to see the birds of paradise in the canopy of Waigeo.
Then diving at Cape Kri and Sawandarek Jetty, and a night dive in Yenbuba.

DAY 4

Arborek

Dives + night dive

Dive the jetties of Arborek and nearby sites such as Manta Point, Lalosi Reef or Citrus Ridge.
In the afternoon there is a visit to the village of Arborek, and a night dive on the jetties afterwards.



DAY 5

Fam and Penemu

3 dives + overnight sail

Three day dives in the Fam area, at places such as Melissa's Garden, Keruo Channel, My Reef or Galaxy.
You climb to the viewpoint on Penemu Island, and then sail overnight to Misool.

DAY 6

Misool: Puri Pinnacle and Fiabacet

3 dives + night dive

The first dive is at Puri Pinnacle, and the next two are in the Fiabacet area.
After the third dive you visit Kalig beach, where you also do the night dive.

DAY 7

Wayilbatan

Full diving day

A full diving day in Wayilbatan, at sites such as Gorgonian Passage, Four Kings and Wedding Cake, with a night dive at Barracuda Rock.

DAY 8

Pulau Boo

3 dives + night dive

Three day dives around Pulau Boo, Shadow Reef, also known as Magic Mountain, Yilliet or Romeo.
In the afternoon you visit the beach where blacktip reef sharks have their nursery in Yilliet, with a night dive afterwards.



DAY 9

Daram Islands

Two dives

Two morning dives in the Daram Islands, at sites such as Andiamo and Candy Store.
After the dives the Ondina heads to Sorong in the afternoon, and you prepare for departure the next morning.

DAY 10

Disembark in Sorong

After breakfast there is a transfer to the airport or your hotel.
Check out is at 9 am.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Birds of paradise

An early morning excursion to see the birds of paradise in the canopy.

Villages

Visits to local villages, including a cultural stop at the Airborek village.

Viewpoints

Climbs to viewpoints over the limestone islands, with the best views of Raja Ampat.

Night dives

Night dives on the jetties, with muck critters, on most evenings of the trip.

Check in

The crew pick you up from the airport and take you to the boat for a welcome drink. Check in is at 11 am, and the transfers from the airport or your hotel are included.

Check out

The boat is in port the evening before, so you can prepare for departure. Check out is at 9 am, after breakfast, 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
- Full board, with tea, coffee, snacks and a soft drink at lunch and dinner
- An average of 3 or 4 dives a day
- Land excursions where the plan includes them
- Tanks and weights for divers, and snorkelling gear for non-divers
- Library and music on board

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights
- Alcoholic drinks and tips
- Police or diving permits, tourist tax, harbour fees and fuel increases
- Marine park fees and port clearance fee
- Nitrox, charged per day for the full trip
- Rental dive gear 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

Itineraries are only an orientation and can be modified because of the weather, sea conditions and other external causes

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Insurance

Please arrange dive and travel insurance before you travel