

RAJA AMPAT EXPLORER

Misool, Fam and Central

Sorong to Sorong | Misool, Fam and Central Raja Ampat

Raja Ampat is reef diving perfection, and this route starts in the far south at Misool, where visibility is better and soft corals are more plentiful.

Pinnacles with vibrant colours hold schooling barracuda, napoleon wrasse and huge potato groupers, a sea mount draws mantas and sharks to be cleaned, and a wall is dominated by enormous sea fans.

A sardine ball frenzy can bring predators and a school of mobula rays feasting on millions of fish.

Fam has garden reefs where the corals fight for space, and Mansuar has manta rays flocking over a sandy bottom.

Night dives bring the walking shark.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 days / 10 nights	Sorong	Sorong	Advanced Open Water, 50 dives







Your route

STOP 1

Embarkation in Sorong

Pick up at the airport and transfer to the harbour to board the boat, then sail to Misool.

STOP 2

Misool, up to 4 dives

1st dive at Yeliet Kecil.
2nd dive at Nudi Rock: a great spot for divers who want to spot pelagic fish and it is also a great spot for macro underwater photography.
The dive site is named because it is a place to find Nudibranchs, and also because the small island resembles a nudibranch.
The island even has trees on it that look like the rhinophores and gills of a nudibranch.
The wind gentle sways the trees, making it resemble a nudibranch in the currents below.
3rd dive at Tank Rock: 3 pinnacles lie to the east of Tank Rock.
Giant grouper 6 – 8 feet long may approach close to divers in deeper waters.
The fish schools around these pinnacles can make it difficult to see the reef.
One of the most pristine coral reefs.
Night dive at Romeo: a great night dive for the endemic epaulette shark, the 'walking' shark.

STOP 3

Misool, up to 4 dives

1st dive at Magic Mountain: also known as Shadow Reef for its amazing corals, this is one of the prime sites in Misool.
An underwater sea mount with lots of currents around it, it is a popular Manta Ray and Shark cleaning area.
2nd dive at Boo Window: features an interesting underwater topography with a number of large swim-throughs, or so called windows that start to appear just below the sea surface.
3rd dive at Boo West.
Night dive at Yeliet Besar.

STOP 4

Misool, 3 dives

1st dive at Four Kings: this site features schooling barracudas, smaller schools of jacks, scorpionfish, napoleon wrasse and huge potato groupers.
The pinnacles themselves are dramatic structures, with vibrant colors and corals and good visibility as well.
2nd dive at Wedding Cake.
3rd dive at Gorgonian Passage: a stunning wall with impressive corals dominated by enormous sea fans which really make this a breathtaking site.
Hiking to Love Lagoon to overlook the beautiful heart-shape lagoon.

STOP 5

Misool, 1 dive

Dive at Puri Pinnacle: the huge sardines ball frenzy, Predator fishes, including a school of Mobula rays were feasting on millions of sardines and other fishes.
Sailing to Fam.

STOP 6

Fam island, up to 4 dives

1st dive at My Reef: this reef is more of a large pinnacle extending 30 meters beyond the island and has some super strong water currents sometimes.
The schools of big barracudas and snappers will greet you, and you will be at a loss at where to look and where not to.
2nd dive at Melisa's Garden: you will start to encounter the amazing diversity of coral and fish life that this reef has to offer.
As you get closer to the top of the reef you will find that the corals fight with each other for space, making it one of the most spectacular garden reefs.
3rd dive at Keruo Channel.
Night dive at Fam Jetty.

STOP 7

Fam island, 3 dives

1st dive at Melisa's Garden.
2nd dive at My Reef.
Night dive at Galaxy.
Hiking to top of the hill to overlook stunning view of Piaynemo lagoon.

STOP 8

Mansuar, up to 4 dives

1st dive at West Mansuar.
2nd dive at Manta Sandy: one of the most dived site at northern raja ampat to see manta rays.
It's a sandy bottom playground at 20m where manta rays, both black and white, love to flock and play during cleaning season.
Butterfly fish and numerous cleaner wrasses can thus be seen at this site too.
3rd dive at Arborek Jetty: you can encounter huge schools of fish that take shelter beneath the jetty of Arborek village.
The large schools of fish spin like a tornado, especially between 3 PM and 6 PM, when there is a fish feeding frenzy!
Look out for giant clams sheltering beneath Arborek Jetty, and soft corals that camouflage their piles in colorful swathes.
Night dive at Arborek.

STOP 9

Tanjung Putus, up to 4 dives

1st dive at Mayhem Reef: This site has a great variety of encounters, from large schools of fusiliers, snappers, jacks and batfish to wobbegongs and pygmy seahorses on the bottom.
The ideal dive on Mayhem involves dropping in along the edge of the pinnacle along the current side and watching the schools of fish parading in the current.
As bottom time slips away, then it's time to swim along the plentiful large bommies leading toward the shallows.
2nd dive at Citrus Ridge: The reef is made up of a ridge that slopes down and it is one of the.

STOP 9

Tanjung Putus, up to 4 dives (continued)

Dive at sites that are often called aquariums for the vast numbers of marine life that exist here:
There are many bommies littered on the sandy bottom.
The soft corals are home to literally thousands of glassfish that nest all over the dive site.
The sea fans are home to many different types of sea horse including pygmy seahorses.
There are also many different types of sweetlips and jaw fish.
3rd dive at Gam Channel.
Night dive at Yanggefo Reef.

STOP 10

Dampier Strait, 2 dives

1st dive at Cape Kri: holds the world record for the site with the largest number of species referenced in one single dive!
The crossroads of different currents at the tip of the island of Kri has created an incredible variety of marine biodiversity – all kinds of sharks, many schools of fish, amazing coral diversity, specimens for macro fans.
2nd dive at Yenbuba Jetty: is home to many wonderful fish, in all shapes and sizes.
The jetty offers pretty fans and soft corals, plus the village kids who love to dive-bomb in from the top.
Sail back to Sorong.

STOP 11

Disembarkation in Sorong

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

THE TRIP

About the trip

Raja Ampat lies off the northwestern tip of West Papua, in the heart of the Coral Triangle. It is an archipelago of over 1,500 small islands and reefs around the four main islands of Waigeo, Batanta and Salawati in the north and Misool in the south. The marine diversity is staggering and, quite literally, like nowhere else on earth, and Raja Ampat is reef diving perfection, with a promise of exploration and discovery.

The diving in Raja Ampat can be broadly divided into two areas. The north has nutrient-rich currents, denser fish life and better hard corals, while Misool Island in the south offers better visibility and more plentiful soft corals.



DIVE EXPERIENCE

Diving experience

Divers need at least 50 logged dives and Advanced Open Water certification, or equivalent. Dive guides go with every dive, and the schedule is built around up to four dives a day including a night dive.

THE DIVING

Day by day

Sample itineraries and maps are for illustration only. The exact route and sites visited depend on local regulations, guest experience, weather and logistics, and are at the Captain's discretion.







ON BOARD

On board

Accommodation on board and full board meals are included, along with transfers from and to the airport and local hotels on boat arrival and departure days, the dive guides, weights and tanks, and island tours.







INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Accommodation on board
- Full board meals
- Transfers from and to the airport and local hotels on boat arrival and departure days
- Weight belt, weights and tanks
- Dive guides
- Island tours

NOT INCLUDED

- Conservation and harbour fees, the Raja Ampat retribution fee and national park fees
- Diving and travel insurance
- Domestic flights
- Alcoholic beverages and soft drinks
- Gratuities for the crew, which are optional