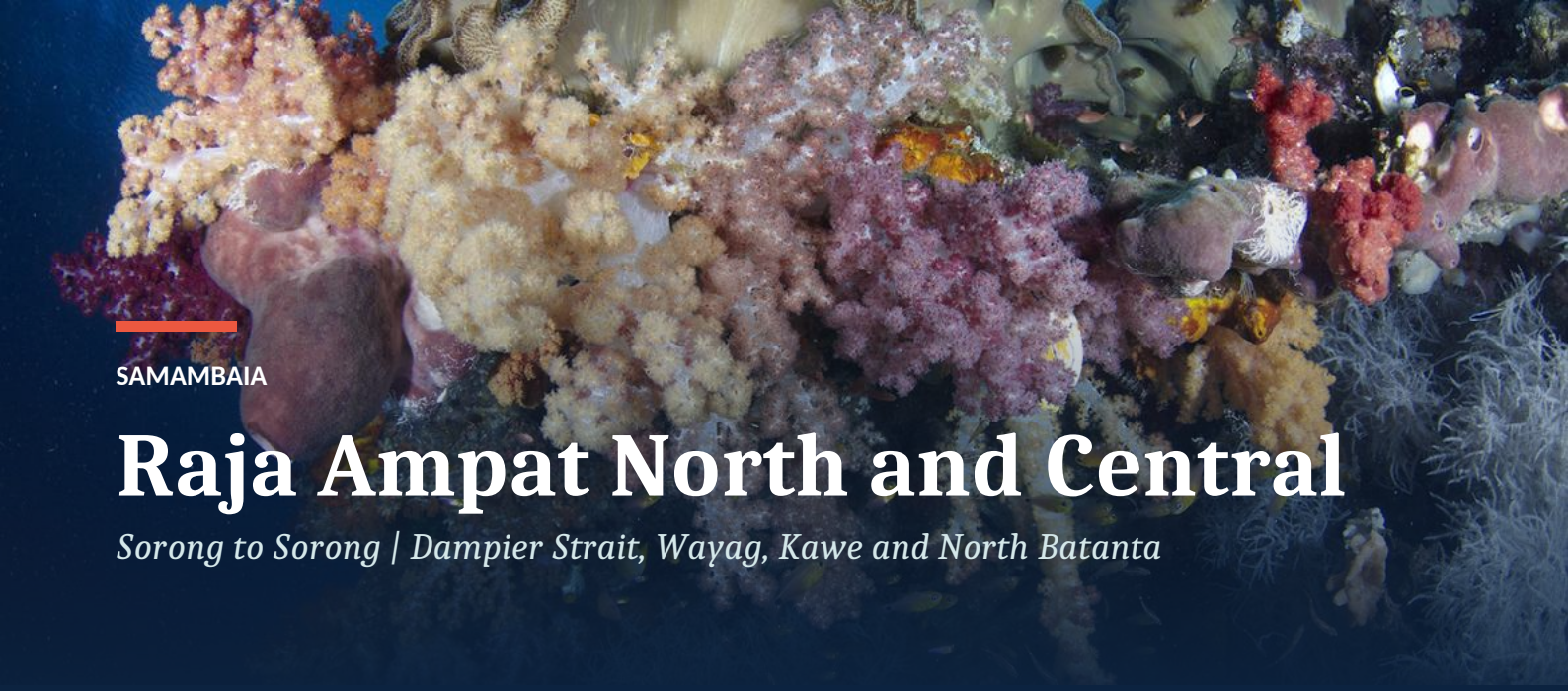


SAMAMBAIA

Raja Ampat North and Central

Sorong to Sorong | Dampier Strait, Wayag, Kawe and North Batanta

Raja Ampat North and Central is action-packed diving in the heart of the Coral Triangle.

The Dampier Strait has hard coral heaven and a giant clam more than 80 years old, and Wofoh has spectacular diving that hardly any boat ever reaches.

The bay of Alyui is home to some of the most spectacular macro diving in all of Raja Ampat, and at Kawe a manta ray cleaning station starts the morning.

Above the water, the view down from Mount Pindito at Wayag is probably the signature photo of Raja Ampat, and the trip ends snorkelling with feeding mantas.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	HIGHLIGHTS
12 days / 11 nights	Sorong	Sorong	Wayag, Mount Pindito, giant clam







Your route

STOP 1

Embarkation

Arrival with plane to Sorong.
You will be picked up by crew members at the airport.
Embarkation in the port of Sorong.
A general orientation follows.

STOP 2

Dampier Strait

After an initial general dive briefing we take you on an easy check dive.
To get used to the gear again, to get the weights right, to make sure your camera housings are not leaking.
Two more relaxed dives will prepare you for the diverse and lush diving and snorkelling that lies ahead of you.

STOP 3

Yanggelo

'Mayhem' is an action packed dive which we will hit when there is enough current to keep the fish life going without being to challenging for the divers.
Outside the mangroves of Yanggelo we three more very attractive dive sites to show you.

STOP 4

Jef Fam

The hard coral heaven that expects us at 'Batu Burung' is one of a kind.
Towards the end of the dive our guides will introduce you to a huge Giant Clam, that is estimated to be more than 80 years old.
We have several more dive sites to pick from over the day and in the afternoon we invite you to climb the 312 stairs that lead up to a stunning view point.
Around sunset we will witness many hundred of frigatebirds returning to a little rock where they all sleep together.

STOP 5

Wofoh

The diving around Wofoh is spectacular and yet hardly any liveaboard goes there.
Which we appreciate a lot.

STOP 6

Alyui

The bay of Alyui is home to some of the most spectacular macro diving in all of Raja Ampat.
Be prepared for a magical experience.
At some point during the day we will visit the pearl farm of Atlas South Sea Pearls, who produce some of the world's best pearls and get a tour.

STOP 7

Kawe

Eagle Rocks is known for being a Manta Ray cleaning station.
We do one or two dives here in the morning to head north afterwards.
Right before crossing the equator we do one more dive at another secret spot of ours.

STOP 7

Kawe (continued)

Again good potential for Manta Ray encounters but also beautiful coral and great fish life.
After crossing the equator we enter the island group of Wayag.
The view down from Mount Pindito is probably the signature photo of Raja Ampat.

STOP 8

Wayag

We spend one more day in paradise.
Early in the morning we climb Mount Pindito to enjoy the breathtaking view.
Afterwards we will go diving.
In the afternoon we take you on a speedboat ride through this maze of islands to end up at a perfect beach.
A memorable experience for sure.

STOP 9

Mansuar / Arborek

It's time for more close encounters with the majestic Manta Rays of Raja Ampat. 'Manta Sandy' is one of the most popular dive sites out here and therefore we avoid.
Just because we know about even better spots where we will take you.
In the afternoon we will dive the jetty of the small island of Arborek.
The pillars are covered in soft coral and all around we find very attractive macro life.
Afterwards we will go and visit the little village here on the island.

STOP 10

North Batanta

The northern coast of the island of Batanta gives us several opportunities for excellent dive sites to pick from.
Beautiful coral reefs, more Manta opportunities or rather some critter diving?
For sunset we will pull into a bay where Hornbills come in to sleep.

STOP 11

Dampier

Towards the end of the week and the end of the cruise for some other liveaboards it can get a bit busy here.
We don't like that and therefore move away to some sites less dived yet very attractive.
A WW 2 plane wreck. 'Larry's Promise'.
Wruzwarez Slope.
There is many possibilities.
And to conclude our in-water activities we aim to snorkel with feeding Mantas.
On our way back our crew will keep an eye out onto the ocean for you and alert you in time for whale and dolphin encounters.

STOP 11

Dampier (continued)

Which are quite common here.
As long as you are on the watch out. and we are...

STOP 12

Disembarkation in Sorong

Depending on your flight schedule, our crew will check your luggage in for you in advance so you can rest on board and let us shuttle you to the airport when your plane is ready to leave.

THE TRIP

How a Samambaia cruise works

This is a sample itinerary for a eleven night cruise from Sorong to Sorong. It is just to give you a general idea and is subject to change with the weather and other conditions. Popular dive sites are named, and the crew has secret spots as well, which you learn about during the cruise.

The decision on the itinerary is made by the Cruise Director as the boat cruises, and is based on the weather, the dive conditions, the requests of guests and the schedules of other liveaboards, which the boat tries to stay away from. There are some constants on every cruise:

- Three day dives of at least one hour each
- One sunset or night dive, unless the boat has a serious number of miles to cover overnight
- Scenic rides through lagoons and coves in the tenders
- Trekking to breathtaking viewpoints
- Visits to secluded beaches
- Excursions to traditional villages
- Whale watching
- Water action such as wake boarding and water skiing

Raja Ampat can be cruised in three ways: north only, south only, or north and south combined. This sample is for the north.

THE DIVING

Diving and snorkelling

HOW THE DIVING WORKS

The Cruise Director leads the diving programme and four dive masters go with guests on the dives, usually with one guide to every four divers. All dives are no decompression dives within your certification level, and solo diving is not allowed. Nitrox is included.

Every diver carries a GPS marine rescue device for the whole trip, the dive staff are trained in Emergency First Response and oxygen is on board. Two tenders take the divers to the sites and the crew looks after the transfer of dive gear by speedboat.

THE AREA AND THE CONDITIONS

The best time to dive Raja Ampat is October to April, with near flat seas, warm sunny days and the occasional rain shower. The first dives are often around Wai island, about two hours by boat from Sorong. Some dives are timed for slack tide and the currents can occasionally be challenging, but the stronger currents bring better visibility, blooming corals and more fish activity.

Raja Ampat lies in the heart of the Coral Triangle and has over 1,400 fish species and almost 600 coral species, about three quarters of all the coral species known. Its name means Four Kings, after the four main islands of Waigeo, Batanta, Salawati and Misool, surrounded by more than a thousand smaller islands.

WATER TEMPERATURE

Water temperature across Indonesia is typically 26 to 30 C all year. During the monsoon, from December to February, it is about 27 to 29 C. A 3 or 5 mm wetsuit is usually enough, and a hood helps to avoid ear problems.

SNORKELLING

Indonesia's warm waters suit snorkelling, and the day by day notes point out the places where snorkelling is a good option.







ON BOARD

Food, service and the team

CUISINE

Meals blend continental, Indonesian and Italian dishes, cooked with fresh, locally sourced ingredients. Expect Indonesian favourites such as nasi goreng, satay and rendang alongside Italian pasta, pizza and tiramisu. The chef cooks for dietary needs, including vegan and gluten-free.

SERVICE AND THE TEAM

The Cruise Director and the instructors guide the diving, and the crew is made up of the captain, four dive masters, a chef engineer and a cook. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the boat, although the mobile signal depends on the itinerary. An inflatable kayak is included, and there is one free wakeboard trial.

DECK PLAN

The upper deck has the sun deck and the speedboat. On the main deck are the restaurant, the dive deck, the camera room and the wheelhouse.

INCLUDED

What is included

- Nitrox
- Weights and weight belts
- 12 litre tanks
- Inflatable kayak
- Beer, soft drinks, juices, Italian coffee, premium tea and snacks
- Transfers between the airport and the harbour in both directions
- Guided diving with the Cruise Director and dive masters

Not included are flights and hotels, wine and spirits, massages and laundry. The boat leaves before 1 pm on the first day, and on the last night it returns to the end harbour so guests can catch early domestic flights.





