

SCUBASPA ZEN

# Raja Ampat & Halmahera Expedition

*Sorong to Ternate | Raja Ampat and the Halmahera Sea*

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Its reefs run from the Dampier Strait down to Misool, with limestone islands to view and treks for birds of paradise.

Then the trip leaves for the Halmahera Sea, away from the usual routes, to remote dive sites few boats reach.

| LENGTH | DEPARTURE PORT | ARRIVAL PORT | EXPERIENCE |
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| 11 days / 10 nights | Sorong | Ternate | Intermediate to advanced |







## Your itinerary

DAY 1

### Sorong

Guests board in Sorong and the cruise begins in Raja Ampat.

DAY 2

## Raja Ampat

Dampier Strait and Misool

Raja Ampat sits in the heart of the Coral Triangle, with manta cleaning stations, wobbegong sharks, turtles and pygmy seahorses, and sites from Melissa's Garden to Magic Mountain, plus treks for birds of paradise and viewpoints over the limestone islands.

DAY 3

## Halmahera Sea

Remote sites

The yacht leaves Raja Ampat for the Halmahera Sea, away from the usual routes.

DAY 4

## Ternate

The cruise ends in Ternate, where guests are escorted to the airport.

THE ROUTE

# An outline of the cruise

This is an outline of the route. The detailed day plan, sites and timings are set by the captain and the dive team to suit the weather, the tides and the guests on board, and are confirmed before you sail.

THE DIVING

# How the diving is organised

The dive centre is a dedicated dive boat with plenty of room, well equipped dive stations, several entry points, a toilet and shower and a sun deck platform. Dives are tailored to each diver's level, with beginners and experienced divers both looked after, and up to four dives a day are possible. Courses run from introductory dives to advanced and Nitrox certification, with multilingual instructors.

Dives are limited to 40 metres. A dive computer is compulsory, diving alone and decompression dives are not allowed, and night dives and dives deeper than 18 metres are for advanced certified divers. Many sites have strong currents, so good buoyancy control is needed.







THE SPA

# Treatments at the quiet end of the boat

The five star spa sits at the stern, the quietest part of the yacht, and welcomes couples as well as solo guests. The menu offers Balinese, Swedish, Shiatsu, sports, hot stone and Hawaiian Lomi Lomi massage, aromatherapy, foot reflexology, a back and shoulder massage, facials, body scrubs and masks, an after sun aloe vera treatment, a foot scrub, and a Dive Delight massage designed for after a dive.

The products are made exclusively in Bali for the boat, from organic ingredients, botanical extracts and essential oils. Yoga is held every morning on the sun deck.







ON THE TABLE

# Food, drink and celebrations

Breakfast and lunch are buffets, and dinner is an à la carte menu served in the al fresco restaurant on the main deck. Live cooking evenings blend Asian, Mediterranean and Continental cuisine, and the chefs share the recipes so you can recreate them at home. Special diets are looked after.

The bar, next to the restaurant with views from the bow, serves wines, champagnes and handcrafted cocktails, with a happy hour every day. Beach barbecues are held on a deserted island, and the team plans birthdays, engagements and anniversaries, from a private dinner under the stars to sunset cocktails.







PACKAGES

# Choose how you spend the cruise

Every guest chooses one of three packages. Dives cannot be swapped for spa treatments, and the dive package is for certified divers only.

### Scuba

Up to 26 dives over the cruise, with spa treatments bookable on board for an extra charge when there is space.

### Scuba and spa

14 dives and 7 spa treatments over the cruise.

### Spa and active wellness

11 spa treatments and guided snorkelling. A Discover Scuba Diving course can be added if you would like to try diving.

CONDITIONS

## Season, water and what to expect

Raja Ampat lies in the heart of the Coral Triangle and is protected as a marine park, with limestone islands, mangroves, bird of paradise treks and the most diverse reefs on earth. Water temperatures run between about 27 and 29 degrees, with strong and fast changing currents on many sites, so the diving suits intermediate to advanced divers. A 5 mm full wetsuit is recommended, because four dives a day can leave you chilled. The main season runs from October to April.

INCLUDED

## What your trip covers

### INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Suite accommodation with three meals a day
- Welcome drink, drinking water, coffee and tea
- Airport transfers at the start and end of the cruise
- Yoga classes every morning
- Snorkelling, with equipment included
- A barbecue on a deserted island and the excursions in the programme
- The diving or spa treatments of the package you choose
- Wi-Fi, with a 1 GB allowance per person

### NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights
- Service and administration charge and the national park and port fees, shown on our trip listings
- Dive and travel insurance
- Dive equipment rental
- Drinks from the bar and extra spa treatments
- Crew gratuities, which are optional