WHITE MANTA

Raja Ampat, Halmahera and Lembeh

Sorong to Manado | Raja Ampat, Halmahera and Lembeh

The spectacularly beautiful reefs of Raja Ampat, in some of the world's most bio-diverse waters, are only the start of this trip.

The Dampier Strait comes first, then dives among the mangroves and reefs in aquarium-like conditions, with 580 kinds of coral and 1,397 species of fish.

From there it crosses to Halmahera, whose pristine beauty is staggering and made all the more alluring by the lack of crowds.

Reef sharks, barracuda and jacks patrol a reef packed with coral and sponges, strong currents bring amazing action, and a manta cleaning station sits among pristine hard coral gardens.

The finish is a round of critter dives in the Lembeh Strait.

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

Your itinerary

DAY 1

Day 1

0-1 dives

1pm trip departure day.
Our staff will meet you upon your arrival to Sorong Airport or local hotel and transfer you to the awaiting White Manta.

DAY 1

Day 1 (continued)

0-1 dives

Arrivals before midday are best so we can make check dive at Red Light District (Lampu Merah) just outside Sorong before we get underway by 3pm for overnight sail to Central Raja Ampat.

DAY 2

Day 2

4 dives

Dampier Strait: Sawandarek Jetty, Cape Kri, Sardine Run, and night dive at Sapokren.

DAY 3

Day 3

4 dives

Yangeffo and Airborek areas to dive amongst the mangroves and visit an island village.

DAY 4

Day 4

3 dives

Pianemu area: including famous Melissa's Garden and stunning Viewpoint hike.
Sail to Pulau Pisang.

DAY 5

Day 5

3 dives

Pulau Pisang: rich coral reefs in aquarium like conditions.
Sail to Halmahera.

DAY 6

Day 6

4 dives

Palau Bacan: reef sharks, schools of barracuda and jacks along a coral and sponge packed reef.

DAY 7

Day 7

3-4 dives

Palau Kusu: strong currents and amazing action in the Patintie Strait.

DAY 8

Day 8

4 dives

Palau Tolimau and Goraichi: Manta cleaning station and fish packed reefs amongst pristine hard coral gardens.

DAY 9

Day 9

3 dives

Pulau Tifore: amazing dive site island in the Moluccan Sea equidistant from Goraichi and Lembeh, schools of jacks, snappers and massive school of barracuda.

DAY 10

Day 10

2 dives

Critter dives in Lembeh Strait.
Sail to Bitung Port, Manado where you spend last night on board.
Plenty of time to wash and dry equipment, have lunch, rest and relaxation, and if needed an early flight the next day.

DAY 11

Day 11

No diving

Check out (between 5am-10am) after light breakfast and farewells, and transfer to airport.
Departure from Bitung Port, Manado to local hotel or transfer to Manado Airport.

THE TRIP

Departure, return and timings

- Departure: 1pm, 1st day, Sorong, West Papua. Or earlier if everyone arrives before and all trip preparations have been completed. Free pickup upon arrival from Domine Edward Osok Airport, Sorong or from local hotel (10am) to White Manta on trip departure day (transfer time 20-30 mins).
- Return: 5am, last day - Bitung Port, Manado, North Sulawesi. After breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to local Bitung hotel* or Sam Ratulangi Airport Manado, in time for check-in and flight (transfer time 1 hour). Note: Latest White Manta check-out at 10am, trip return day.
- Last dive ends: 12pm (midday), penultimate day. Plenty of time for R&R as we sail back to Manado where we spend the last night on White Manta. This allows for your minimum 18 hours' surface interval/ No Fly Time (as recommended by PADI) before flying the next day.

THE VOYAGE

About this trip

From Raja Ampat we head to Halmahera where remote, unspoiled, and stunning underwater landscapes await, Halmahera's pristine beauty is staggering and made all the more alluring by the lack of crowds.

DIVING

Diving days and notes

- Note: All schedules are subject to changes according to weather, sea, diving, and local conditions.
- Diving days: 10 days (28 dives)
- Note*: If staying in Manado, the included drop offs are for local hotels in Bitung area or Sam Ratulangi Airport, Manado (transfer time 1 hour). Manado City hotels are NOT included in our free drop offs. If NOT local, we can drop you off at Manado Airport where your hotel can pick you up.

CONDITIONS

Dive site information

RAJA AMPAT-HALMAHERA

- Water Temp: 27-30 degrees Celsius
- Air Temp: 27-32 degrees Celsius
- Visibility: 15-30 metres
- Currents: Medium to strong
- Level: Intermediate to advanced
- Best Time to Dive: October to April (less rain and much less wind: perfect for diving)

LEMBEH

- Water Temp: 27-30 degrees Celsius
- Air Temp: 27-32 degrees Celsius
- Visibility: 20-30 metres
- Currents: Mild
- Level: Beginners to advanced.
- Best Time to Dive: September to April (less rain and much less wind: perfect for diving)

GETTING THERE

Getting to and from the boat

EMBARKATION AND DISEMBARKATION

- Sorong (SOQ), West Papua / Manado (MDC), North Sulawesi

HOW TO GET TO SORONG (SOQ), WEST PAPUA

- It is easiest to fly through to and from Sorong (SOQ) via Jakarta (CGK), Makassar (UPG Ujung Pandang), Bali (DPS, Denpasar), or Manado (MDC). Recommended, via Jakarta.
- From Jakarta: Overnight direct daily flights, with Batik Air / Garuda Indonesia, arriving to Sorong earlier morning. Lion Air and Sriwijaya Air have similar overnight flights but with a stopover in Makassar.

HOW TO GET FROM MANADO (MDC), NORTH SULAWESI

- To Bali, direct flights with Lion Air daily flights, Citilink or Garuda Indonesia, via Jakarta/ Makassar/ Surabaya.
- ToJakarta, direct flights with Batik Air, Citilink and Garuda Indonesia, or with Lion Air, via Surabaya.
- International to Singapore, direct flights with Scoot.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Land transfer from local hotel / airport from destination on trip start and end days (Sorong/Manado) to boat
- All nights' accommodation on White Manta
- All meals (Western and Indonesian) snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, milo, soft drinks, towel, toiletries, cabin services
- FOC replacement if equipment breakdown
- 12-litre air tanks
- Weights and belt
- Warm towel and drink after every dive
- 6 dive guides (1x instructor, 5x dive master), 28 dives

NOT INCLUDED

- All flights, hotels
- Pickups outside the trip start and end dates (a fee applies per car)
- Marine park and harbour fee (paid in advance of the trip)
- Fuel surcharge (paid in advance of the trip))
- Dive and travel insurance
- Massage services
- Laundry services
- Nespresso coffee, alcohol: beer, wine, satellite wi-fi
- Diving equipment rental
- Nitrox (enriched air) fills