



New White Manta

11 day/ 10 nights & 30 dives

Raja Ampat-Halmahera-Lembeh

Itinerary

White Manta Trip Schedule

- **Departure; 3pm, 1st Day - Sorong, West Papua.** Or earlier if everyone arrives before and all trip preparations have been completed. Free transfer from local hotel or [Domine Edward Osok Airport](#), Sorong to White Manta on trip departure day (transfer time 20-30 mins)
- **Return; 5am, Last Day - Bitung Port, Manado, North Sulawesi.** After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to local hotel or [Sam Ratulangi Airport](#), Manado in time for Check-in & flight (transfer time 2 hours). **Note;** latest WM Check-out midday, 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 last night on White Manta. This also allows for your minimum 18 hours' surface interval/ No Fly Time (as recommended by PADI) before flying next day.

Sample Itinerary

- **Note;** all schedules are subjected to changes according to weather, sea, diving, & local conditions.
- **Day 1.** (0-1 dives) 3pm 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. 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.
- **Day 2-3.** (4 dives x2 days) Raja Ampat; Misool; Fiabacet & Boo area, Windows & Magic Mountain.
- **Day 4.** (3 dives) Raja Ampat; Nempole; exploring the West coast of Misool, a photography must with amazing mangroves in clear, shallow water. Sail to Pulau Pisang.
- **Day 5.** (3 dives) Pulau Pisang; rich coral reefs in aquarium like conditions. Sail to Halmahera.
- **Day 6.** (4 dives) Palau Bacan; reef sharks, schools of barracuda & jacks along a coral & sponge packed reef.
- **Day 7.** (3-4 dives) Palau Kusu; strong currents & amazing action in the Patintie Strait.
- **Day 8.** (4 dives) Palau Tolimau & Goraichi; Manta cleaning station & fish packed reefs amongst pristine hard coral gardens.
- **Day 9.** (3 dives) Pulau Tifore; amazing dive site island in the Moluccan Sea equidistant from Goraichi & Lembeh, schools of jacks, snappers and massive school of barracuda. Sail to Bitung Port, Manado where you spend last night on board. Plenty of time to wash & dry equipment, rest & relaxation, and if need be, an early flight on Trip Departure day.
- **Day 10.** (2 dives) Critter dives in Lembeh Strait. Sail to Bitung Port, Manado. Plenty of time to wash & dry equipment, have lunch, and rest & relaxation.
- **Day 11.** (0 dives) 5am-12pm. Check out after light breakfast & farewells, and transfer to airport. Departure from Bitung Port, Manado to local hotel or transfer to Manado Airport.
- **Diving days:** 10 days (30 dives)

This route offers a wealth of biodiversity starting with the spectacularly beautiful reefs around Raja Ampat in some of the world's most bio-diverse waters; 580 kinds of coral, 1,397 species of fish including 23 endemics, are just a few of the numbers used to define this area. 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. We conclude the cruise in the critter heaven of the Lembeh Straits. The cruise runs between Sorong Papua and Bitung in North Sulawesi.

Dive Site Information

Raja Ampat-Halmahera

- **Water Temp;** 27-30 degrees Celsius, **Air Temp;** 27-32 degrees Celsius,
- **Visibility;** 15-30 meters, **Currents;** medium to strong, **Level;** intermediate to advanced,
- **Best Time to Dive;** October to April (less rain & much less wind; perfect for diving)

Lembeh

- **Water Temp;** 27-30 degrees Celsius, **Air Temp;** 27-32 degrees Celsius,
- **Visibility;** 20-30 meters, **Currents;** mild, **Level;** beginners to advanced.
- **Best Time to Dive;** September to April (less rain & much less wind; perfect for diving)

Embarkation / Disembarkation

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

How to get to Sorong (SOQ), West Papua

- Daily flights to Sorong (SOQ) from Jakarta (CGK) via Makassar (UPG, Ujung Pandang), Bali (DPS, Denpasar), or from Manado (MDC).
- Domestic Airlines; [Garuda Indonesia](#) / [Sriwijaya Air](#) / [Lion Air](#) / [Express Air](#)

How to get from Manado (MDC), North Sulawesi

- Early morning with [Lion Air](#) back to Bali (via Surabaya) or with [Garuda Indonesia](#) back to Jakarta.
- International, [Silk Air](#) back early afternoon direct to Singapore.
- **Note:** departing flight on Trip Return day should be no earlier than 10am to allow for early morning departure & transfer from the boat with plenty of time for Check-in & flight.

What's included?

- Land transfer from local hotel / airport from destination on trip start & end days (Sorong/Manado) to boat, all nights' accommodation on White Manta, all meals (Western & Indonesian) snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, Milo, soft drinks, towel, toiletries, cabin services, FOC replacement if equipment breakdown, 12-liter air tanks, weights & belt, warm towel & drink after every dive, 5 dive guides (1x Instructor, 4x Dive Master), 30 dives

What's excluded?

- All flights, hotels, pickups outside trip start & end dates fee applies per car, Marine Park & Harbour fee (**USD250/ pax**), dive & travel insurance, massage services (USD35/ hour), laundry services (USD5/ basket), Nespresso coffee (USD2), alcohol; beer (USD4), wine (USD30-50), Satellite Wi-Fi (USD30 for trip per person)
- Diving Gear; Full Set USD50/ diving day (except Large tank) or if individual items then; BCD (USD12), Regulator (USD12), wetsuit (USD8), fins (USD5), mask (USD5), torch (USD12), dive computer (USD12), 15L tank rental (USD12)
- Nitrox Enriched Air fills (USD15/ diving day or USD5/ fill).
- **Note:** Nitrox & Diving Gear Items priced per diving day and is subject to availability
- **Note:** Exposure suits; 3mm shorty wetsuits available ONLY.

Additional Trip Information

- For more regional Trip & Travel information plus FAQ's, find our [Molucca & Celebes Sea Fact Sheet](#)
- For more regional Trip & Travel information & FAQ's, please find our [Raja Ampat Fact Sheet](#)
- For more Vessel Information, please find our [New White Manta Info Pack](#)