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BEST OF RAJA AMPAT

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For your 11-day trip to Raja Ampat, Papua, Indonesia, we recommend exploring the stunning islands and vibrant marine life with Dancing Wind Liveaboard. Start your adventure by diving into the crystal-clear waters of Wayag Island, known for its iconic karst formations and breathtaking viewpoints. Continue your journey to Misool Island, where you can snorkel or scuba dive among vibrant coral reefs teeming with colorful fish species. Don't miss the chance to visit the unique Arborek Village. other activities include kayaking, paddle-boarding, hiking up viewpoints and exploring a lake filled with harmless jellyfish and bonfires/swimming in secluded lagoons.
Dive sites and activities could change due weather conditions.
Total of upto 30 dives and a few non diving excursions

DAY 1 Embarking on your Scuba Liveaboard

Sorong - Waisai Arrive latest by 12pm cruising to Waisai Activities around Saonek Achoring at Waisai On Day 1, after arriving in Sorong and cruising to Waisai, you can engage in various activities around Saonek. These activities may include snorkeling, kayaking, or exploring the beautiful beaches. Once you have finished your day's adventures, the Dancing Wind Liveaboard will anchor at Waisai for the night.

DAY 2

You will have the opportunity to snorkel and scuba dive around the stunning Dampier Strait. This area is known for its vibrant coral reefs and diverse marine life. One popular spot to visit is Cape Kri, where you can witness an abundance of colourful fish and coral formations. Additionally, you can also take a trip to Sawandarek Village to experience the local culture and traditions. After a day filled with underwater exploration, the Dancing Wind Liveaboard will continue cruising. This region is the best chance to spot tasseled Wobbegong sharks.

DAY 3

Visit beaches - Cruise to one of the most iconic sites of Cape Kri, followed by Sawandarek Island, famous for its breathtaking jetty with a huge amount of life under it, with yellowtail barracuda, turtles, sweetlips and jacks. Then head to either Manta Ridge or Manta Sandy to experience an exhilerating encounter with mantas - often having to hook on to a single spot and just watch the action around your. This may be followed by a sunset dive at Arborek Jetty before dinner. As you continue your journey, the Dancing Wind Liveaboard will take you to towards the north renowned for its remote location and pearl farms on the way.....

DAY 4

Weather permitting, we keep heading north and dive iconic sites like White arrow, Tear drop corner around Aljui area. Here the topography changes from slope dives to wall and often drift dives with stunning soft corals, gorgonian fans and a wide variety of nudibranchs, eels and often a passing ray or turtle. A night dive under the jetty here is one of the highlights of this area. If the weather turns foul, we do more iconic sites here and take shelter in the bays - and then continue northwards overnight.

DAY 5

You will immerse yourself and scuba dive around Wayag - Eagle Rock and Black Rock, where you can witness the breathtaking underwater world filled with colorful coral reefs and diverse marine life including sharks, schools of jacks and many others. this day we have reduced number of dives as we may embark on a trek up Mount Pindito to catch a glimpse of the stunning panoramic views that Wayag has to offer. Finally, you will conclude your day with a relaxing cruise to Fam Island, known for its enchanting shark lagoon where you can observe these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat. Optionally meander through the narrow waterways and we go to a secluded lagoon for a sundowner and a bonfire to add to the mood. After dinner we start our journey back towards the central area.

DAY 6

This morning (weather permitting) we go up Piaynemo for a leisurely walk up stairs and get group pictures at the top with stunning views of the bay. Todays highlight will be Melissa's garden - and you will be amazed by the amount of schooling fish and the huge expanses of corals that stretch to the horizon. Two more dives in the sites surrounding the area - including MY reef and then we begin our long journey to South Raja Ampat - i.e. Misool area

DAY 7

Depending on weather we start our dives at Balbulol / Daram, where we choose the best dive sites around us as we communicate with Misool to get our slots to dive in the iconic spots the next day. This has to be done before sundown and we may do a night dive tonight

DAY 8

Fiabacet- have the opportunity to explore the underwater wonders of Fiabacet These sites are known for their diverse marine life and stunning coral formations. sites such as Boo window, Romeo, Whale Rock await us - all subject to getting a slot to dive there as each boat is allocated specific time slots by a central authority. After your underwater adventures, you will have the chance to visit Love Lake, a serene oasis surrounded by lush vegetation. You will then spend the night at Wayil Batan, where you can relax and enjoy the tranquility of this beautiful destination.

DAY 9

Wayil Batan Tour Lagoon Snorkeling and diving around Wayil Batan Cruise to Daram Island, where you can explore its pristine beaches and crystal-clear waters, Here, you can also witness the vibrant marine life and colourful coral reefs that make this area a popular diving spot. Dives today could include, Boo East, Eagle west. After a day of exploration, you will return to Wayil Batan for another peaceful evening surrounded by the beauty of nature.

DAY 10

Today, its decision making time depengind on guest's choice and flying time. You may opt to explore the enchanting Tomolol Caves while snorkeling in its surrounding waters. Afterward, you have the chance to visit the famous Jellyfish Lake in Balbulol, where you can swim among these mesmerizing and harmless creatures. If diving is more important, and you have a late flight, we are flexible to drop the land excursions and do dives around sites like Andiamo. After diving your crew does all the necessary cleaning of your equipment and putting it out to dry. As your cruise continues to Sorong, you can reflect on the unforgettable experiences and memories made during your time in Wayil Batan and Daram.

Day 11

You will check out of your accommodation in Sorong and bid farewell to Raja Ampat. As you leave, take a moment to appreciate the unique marine life and pristine beaches you had the privilege to explore during your snorkelling and scuba diving adventures. Cherish the memories created on our liveaboard and carry them with you as you embark on your next journey.

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