

Raja Ampat 8 nights



Blue Pearl

Diving

**16 Jan
2028**

8 nights, ~24 dives

**24 Jan
2028**

🕒 08:00 - 14:00

09:00 - 11:00 🕒

⚓ Departure from
Sorong

Arrival to ⚓
Sorong

Requirements: Min 50 dives, AOWD or equivalent

Price details

Included

- ✓ - Full-board accommodation with 3 meals for every full day onboard
- ✓ - 4 Dive instructors
- ✓ - 3-4 guided dives a day
- ✓ - Two-way transfers strictly between the airports/ports and Blue Pearl
- ✓ - Free WiFi
- ✓ - Free Laundry
- ✓ - Drinking water, tea, coffee and snacks
- ✓ - 12-litre diving tanks, weights and weight belts
- ✓ - Nitrox tanks
- ✓ - Reef Hooks, SMB and GPS
- ✓ - Unlimited use of Jacuzzi pool, Snorkelling, Paddleboard, kayaking, SUP
- ✓ SMB, Reef Hook, GPS Upon Request

Obligatory surcharges

- Marine Park Fees and Port Taxes: 250 USD per trip, to be paid on board

Extra cost

- - Marine Park Fees and Taxes
- - SPA treatments
- - All alcoholic beverages as per Bar list
- - 15-litre tank rentals
- - Diving insurance
- - Dive Courses

Price details

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- - Crew gratuities (5-10% recommended)
- Courses
- Equipment rental
- Extra services

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Disclaimer

We wish to show you the best diving possible; however, a number of factors determine which route the Cruise Director and Captain will choose and which dive sites we visit. Weather conditions, tides, currents and the number of other dive vessels at a particular site all play a part in where the boat is heading to. While we attempt to ensure the number of dives we have scheduled is fulfilled, bad weather can hinder the yacht's ability to reach a specific dive site in our scheduled time. The safety of all on board is paramount and we always do our best to offer diving at alternative sites, should we be unable to visit the sites listed below.

A Typical Day

The diving day has a typical schedule as follows:

- 06:00 Wake-up call
- 06:30 - 07:00 Light breakfast followed by a briefing and Dive 1
- 08:30 Full breakfast, relaxation period
- 10:30 Briefing and Dive 2
- 12:30 Lunch, relaxation period
- 14:30 Briefing and Dive 3
- 16:00 Snack, relaxation period
- 19:00 Dinner

(If we offer a sunset or night-dive, the schedule will be slightly amended.)

Trip Overview

Immerse yourself in the breathtaking heart of the Coral Triangle on a 9-day liveaboard journey through Raja Ampat, the crown jewel of global marine biodiversity. This expedition begins in the mythical southern realm of Misool, a labyrinth of limestone karsts hiding pristine reefs, hidden lagoons, and jellyfish lakes. We then voyage north to the iconic Dampier Strait, where vibrant seamounts teem with life and manta rays glide on the currents. From exploring ancient cave systems and trekking to iconic viewpoints to diving amongst some of the most dense and diverse fish populations on Earth, this itinerary is a comprehensive exploration of why Raja Ampat is a diver's ultimate dream.

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Unmatched Coral Reef Biodiversity: Witness the world's highest recorded marine biodiversity at sites like Cape Kri and Melissa's Garden.

Manta Ray Encounters: Drift with majestic Manta Rays at dedicated cleaning stations like Manta Sandy and Manta Ridge.

The Magic of Misool: Explore the stunning southern archipelago, with its intricate reefs, hidden caves, and the unique Jellyfish Lake.

Iconic Landscapes: Hike to the picture-perfect viewpoints of Piaynemo and Karawapop for unparalleled vistas of the karst islands.

Thriving Macro Life: Discover a world of critters on night dives and muck sites, from pygmy seahorses to bobtail squids.

Cultural Interaction & Serenity: Visit local villages, relax on powder-white sand beaches, and enjoy a classic Beach BBQ.

Embarkation: Sorong, Dominique Edward Osok Airport (SOQ)

Disembarkation: Sorong, Dominique Edward Osok Airport (SOQ)

Detailed Itinerary

This is a sample itinerary. The itinerary may be altered based on the weather and sea conditions.

Day 1:

Arrival & Check dive in Sorong

Afternoon: Board the vessel in Sorong. Meet the crew and fellow divers during a welcome briefing as we prepare for our adventure.

Late Afternoon (1 Dive): Conduct a check dive at a sheltered site near Sorong, allowing you to test your gear and warm up among the region's rich coral and fish life.

Evening: Welcome dinner as we begin our overnight cruise to the southern paradise of Misool.

Day 2 :

Misool - The coral Library

Morning (2 Dives): Dive into the stunning reefs of Misool. Explore sites like Four Kings or Gorgonian Passage, known for their massive sea fans, vibrant soft corals, and incredible macro life.

Afternoon: Land Excursion to Jellyfish Lake. Take a refreshing swim in this inland marine lake, home to millions of harmless, stingless jellyfish—a truly magical experience.

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Late Afternoon (1 Dive): Another dive at a premier Misool site, such as The Coral Library.

Evening (1 Dive): A night dive at a site like Dunia Kecil (Dunia Baru) to discover the nocturnal wonders of the reef.

Day 3:

Misool - Warakaraket's Windows & Beaches

Morning (2 Dives): Discover the dramatic structures of Whale Rock and the stunning Boo Window or Boo Rock, a swim-through that frames the blue ocean perfectly.

Afternoon: Land Excursion to Yillet Beach, a postcard-perfect white sand beach for relaxation and photos.

Late Afternoon (1 Dive): Dive at a site like Karang Bayangan (Shadow Reef).

Evening (1 Dive): A night dive at Romeo to search for rare critters.

Day 4: Misool - Farondi's Caves & Lagoons

Full Day (3 Dives): Explore the mystical Farondi area. Dive sites like Magic Mountain, Cave & Wall, and Mask Cave, where you can find ancient cave paintings and dramatic walls covered in colorful tunicates and soft corals.

Afternoon: Land Excursion to see the striking rock formations of Balbulol or Christmas Rocks.

Day 5:

Piaynemo - The Iconic Geosite

Morning (2 Dives): Enjoy two morning dives in the Piaynemo area, exploring sites like Keruo Channel or Batu Rufus, known for their gentle currents and stunning coral formations.

Afternoon: Trek to the Piaynemo Viewpoint. Climb the steps to be rewarded with the most iconic view in Raja Ampat—a breathtaking panorama of turquoise lagoons and scattered karst islets.

Evening (1 Dive): A night dive off the Piaynemo Jetty, a hotspot for macro life.

Day 6:

Dampier Strait - Yangefo's Seamounts

Full Day (3 Dives): Arrive in the world-famous Dampier Strait. Dive the iconic seamounts of the Yangefo area: Melissa's Garden, Mayhem, and Citrus Ridge. Be prepared for sensory overload amidst vibrant soft corals, schooling fusiliers, and patrolling reef sharks.

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Evening (1 Dive): A night dive at the Arborek Jetty, famous for its critter population.

Day 7:

Dampier Strait - Manta Magic

Full Day (3 Dives): Dedicate the day to Manta Rays. Dive Manta Sandy and Manta Ridge, two of the best sites in the world to observe these gentle giants being cleaned.

Evening (1 Dive): A final night dive in the Strait, perhaps at Saonek Jetty (Saundarek).

Day 8:

Dampier Strait - The Grand Finale

Morning (2 Dives): Conclude your diving adventure with a bang at Cape Kri, famous for its record-breaking number of fish species in a single dive. Followed by a more relaxed dive at a nearby site.

Beach BBQ: We land on a secluded beach for a classic barbecue celebration, a perfect way to reflect on the week's adventures.

Evening: Bill Settlement with Cruise Director after dinner

Day 9:

Disembarkation in Sorong after Breakfast

Morning: Enjoy a final breakfast on board.

After Breakfast: Disembark at Sorong Harbor. Transfer to Dominique Edward Osok Airport (SOQ) for your flight home, filled with memories of one of the world's greatest diving destinations.