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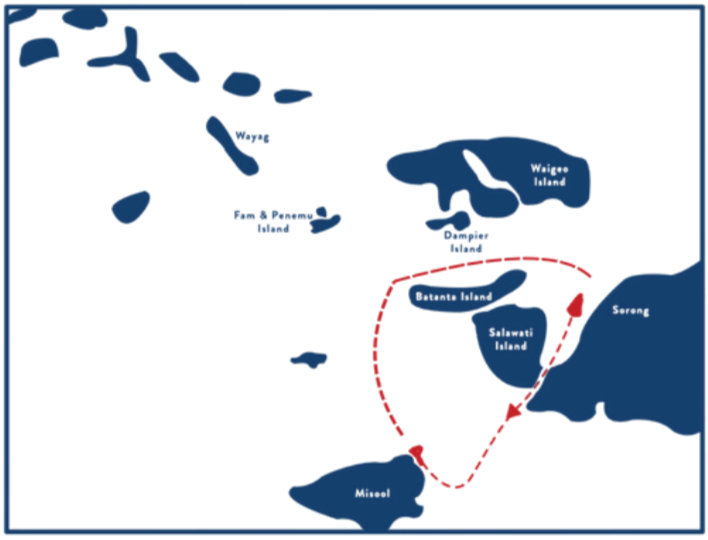
explorer

RAJA AMPAT
SOUTH - MISOOL
8 DAY 7 NIGHT

MAP ROUTE OF RAJA AMPAT
(Central - South)



Trip details:

Length of trip: **8 days 7 nights**
Dives: **approximately 20 dives in total**
Park fees: **USD200 per person (subject to change depending on government regulations)**
Required experience: **Advance Open Water with minimum 20 logged dives**

Notes on itinerary Raja Ampat:
Trip length 7D6N itinerary can only cover Central Raja Ampat only March - April weather condition suitable for **Misool**, Raja Ampat.

Diving conditions:

- Water Temp: **27-30 degree celcius**
- Visibility: **20 - 30 mtr**
- Current: **Mild to medium. However, prepared to experience strong current in 1 - 2 dive sites**

How to get to Sorong:

Raja Ampat trips embark and disembark in Sorong Harbour, West Papua.

Amaya Explorer crew will pick you up at the airport on the D-Day or at the hotel.

Verify if baggage check-through is available or if you'll need to collect and re-check your luggage for Sorong when flight domestic flight after an international arrival.

In Jakarta, be aware that some international and domestic flights use different terminals.

AIRPORTS:
Jakarta : Soekarno Hatta International & Domestic Airports
Sorong : Domine Eduard Osok Domestic Airport

Flight options to Sorong:
Via Jakarta (overnight flights, arrive one day before at the airport)
Jakarta (CGK) -> Sorong (SOQ)
- **Garuda Indonesia** (00.10 – 06.15)
- **Batik Air** (00.30 – 06.40)
- **Lion Air** (frequent delays and rescheduling without notice)

Flight options from Sorong:**To Jakarta**
Sorong (SOQ) -> Jakarta (CGK)
- **Garuda Indonesia** (08.15 – 10.10)
- **Batik Air** (10.45 – 12.35)

Visa & travel permits:

- check the visa and passport requirements well in advance.
- Ensure that your passport is valid for at least six months beyond your planned departure date.
- Depending on your nationality, you may need to apply for a visa before your arrival or may be eligible for a visa on arrival.
- Please verify the specific requirements based on your country

Itinerary is subject to change without notice:

Sample itineraries and maps are for illustrative purposes only. The exact route and sites visited are subject to change based on local regulations, guest experience, weather, and logistics and are at the Captain's discretion.

The last dive will be on the penultimate day of the trip. Divers are recommended to wait for 24 hours before flying after the last dive.

In rare circumstances, it is possible that prices may be increased. While all efforts will be made to minimize the implementation of surcharges, circumstances under which this may occur include:

- High sudden increase in fuel cost
- Increase in local taxes and duties
- significant government or park permit price changes

INCLUDE:

- 3-4x dives in a day except for first and last day also depends on itinerary,
- all on board meals, snacks, tea, coffee, mineral water & refreshments (excluding alcohol),
- shore excursions as outlined on the itinerary;
- transfers to/from shore to the ship during check in date and check out date;
- services of English-speaking cruise director; service of the crew;
- use of all onboard water sports equipment including sea kayaks, stand-up paddle boards (where permissible by local regulation);
- Sensatia organic amenities; in room aromatic diffuser and organic essential oils.

EXCLUDE:

- **National park and retribution fee**, all government taxes
- entry permits, ports and handling fees outside our seasonal bases; repositioning fees;
- En-route accommodations at stopover cities at the beginning and end of your trip;
- aircraft charter fees; international airfare; domestic airfare; excess baggage fees; passport, visas or airport departure fees;
- **Starlink access $50/device/trip**, telecommunication costs for satellite phone & internet charges;
- alcoholic beverages;
- land expedition and cultural program costs outside itinerary;
- **TRANSPORTATION COST FOR REQUIRING REQUESTED ITEMS;**
- PADI dive certification courses;
- Dive / Snorkeling gear rental;
- private dive master with ratio 1:1;
- **Nitrox $150/trip; SIDEMOUNT EXTRA TANK $80/tank (limited 3 pax in a group), BIG TANK 15L $80/tank/trip (limited 2 pax);**
- medical care; any special requests; dive or medical insurance;
- crew gratuity (recommend 10%);

WHAT TO EXPECT IN THE SOUTH

Marine Life: Diver can expect a wide range of topography from shallow reefs, fringing reefs, drop off and wall, pinnacle, cave and swim through with a variety of hard coral, soft coral, sea fans, and sponges.

Manta rays, sea turtles, sharks, cuttlefish, pipefish, various seahorse species, and massive school of reef fishes are norm, not to mention the abundance of reef macro critters, plus the delightful wobbegong shark and epaulette shark inhabit these waters too.

Day 1 - Sorong Sailing to Misool

Begin your adventure by embarking from Sorong Harbour and boarding the vessel. The cruise leader will brief on boat safety, an overview of the trip, equipment set up and then settle into your accommodations.

Upon arrival at the check dive site, the dive crew will outline the upcoming dive sites and safety protocols. This dive is designed to refresh your skills and ensure your comfort in the water. You'll explore a nearby dive site, assessing your gear and diving proficiency.

Afterwards, we will sail to Misool for approximately 18+ hours. Due to the long hours to reach Misool, guests flying to Sorong are expected to arrive before 8 am or recommended to stay a night before in Sorong to avoid flight delays. As part of the sailing experience, expect a range of delightful boat movements from a small wobble to more adventurous waves.

Day 2 - 4 - Misool

After an overnight of sailing we welcome you to the gem of Indonesia, Misool, one of the four major islands in Raja Ampat. These waters offer unparalleled scuba diving experience with breathtaking underwater biodiversity and pristine coral reefs. The region's protected marine areas ensure the preservation of its rich ecosystems.

Explore a psychedelic world in this area that has various dive sites from fringing reefs around small islands, slopes, walls, pinnacle, and swim through with prominent soft coral and sea fans densely covering the reef. Expect to be blown away by friendly mantas, curious turtles, school of trevally, barracuda, batfish, and many more.

Possible dive sites:

- Two tree rock
- plateau,
- Pet rock
- Yelit kecil,
- nudi rock,
- tank rock,
- boo window,
- fourkings,
- gorgonian passage,
- boo east,
- magic mountain,
- love lagoon

Day 2 - 4 - Misool

Get ready for another tropical underwater playground diving in an unspoiled landscape combination of unique rock formations with a teeming multitude of marine species.

After enjoying the 2 last dives in Misool, we venture to a unique sanctuary in the remote corner of Raja Ampat - a magical lagoon home to the famous stingless jellyfish. Getting there involves scenic trek over sharp limestones, where proper shoes or booties are definitely the must wear gear. Dip in the lagoon and get personal with these jellyfish, and don't worry they won't bite or sting. Pain free swimming in the refreshing lagoon while enjoying the lush green scenery of the area. What more can you ask for?

Saying thank you to Misool for such memorable experience, it's time to rest and relax on the boat while we sail for around 15 hours+ to Pyanemo for another adventure.

Possible dive sites:

- Twin rock,
- wagmab,
- farondi,
- jellyfish lake

Day 6 - Piaynemo

After breakfast, gather for a briefing that outlines today's dive sites: Melissa Garden, My Reef, Batu Rufas and Galaxy. Melissa Garden is a renowned dive site characterized by an incredible carpet of healthy corals. Be prepared as the other dive sites are as stunning, such as My Reef where there is a high chance to encounter schools of barracuda as they glide through the water and Batu Rufas where you'll find a striking underwater frame perfect for striking a pose. In the afternoon, switch gears for some exploration on land and embark on a short trek to Pyanemo Point, famous for its stunning overlook of the turquoise lagoon below. Night dive will depend on weather conditions.

Possible dive sites:

- Melissa Garden
- Rufus
- My Reef
- Galaxy

Day 7 - Central

We'll have an early start as today's dive is another highlight. Depending on flight schedule, guests are able to opt for 1 dive due to no 24 hours no fly requirement or can participate for 2 dives. Blue Magic, as the name suggests, is like diving into the magic world underwater. School of fishes, sharks, and corals, not to mention the critters you might find lurking on the reef. Get ready for the big prize, oceanic manta ray, might come occasionally cleaning themself above the reef.

For the second dive, Mioskon, is also a mesmerizing dive site with so many fishes swimming around the shallow reef. After the last dive, the crew will help wash and dry scuba equipment while sailing back to Sorong.

Day 8 - Sorong

Disembark in Sorong Harbour. After breakfast we will assist guests to the airport depending on flight schedule or we will transfer to a hotel. For those staying in hotels, are able to relax on the boat until 10.00am.

GOODBYE!