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# RAJA AMPAT CENTRAL

## 8 DAY 7 NIGHT

## 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:**

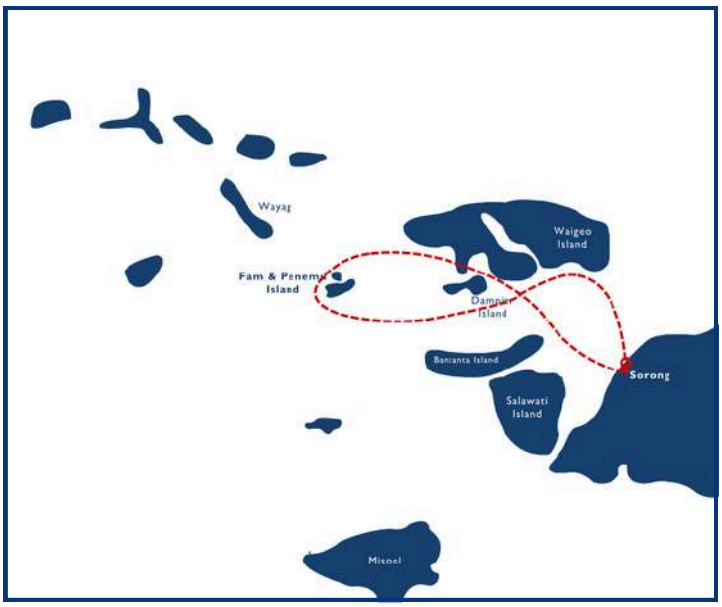
December – April weather condition suitable for Central, Raja Ampat
Sailing to Waisai is mandatory for boat clearance prior to beginning of the journey

**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**

## MAP ROUTE OF RAJA AMPAT

( Central )



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.

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

## How to get to Sorong:

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 CENTRAL RAJA AMPAT***

Marine Life: Divers can expect a range of topography from shallow reefs, fringing reef, deep drop-offs, pinacle, caves, black sand, and white sand. With wide variety of hard coral, soft coral, seafan, and sponge.

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

## Day 1 - Sorong to Waisai

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 in Waisai, you'll have the opportunity to do a check dive. Before 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.

## Day 2- Pyanemo

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 3 – Gam Island

Dicing around Gam Island is an exhilarating experience where underwater enthusiast can expect colorful reef fish, healthy corals and sightings of the majestic Wobbegong Shark. At Mayhem, the dive experience is thrilling due to the drift dive, however rewarding because sometimes one can encounter schooling barracudas. A note for newcomers should be aware that these sites can present challenges such as strong currents, varying visibility and depth factors. Let our divemaster how you feel and suggest a comfortable plan for the dive.

Possible dive sites:

- **Citrus Ridge**
- **Mayhem**
- **Gam corner**

## Day 4 – Dampier Strait

Highlight dive site Manta Sandy features a shallow channel nestled between sandbanks, where manta rays are frequently seen being cleaned or occasionally feeding. Diving at Manta Sandy requires dive operators to book ahead the dive slot with strict rules that we must follow, such as entering and exiting the water on time based on the booking schedule. The dive site is a simple sandy bottom, where divers kneel down to watch the mantas in the cleaning station. It is highly recommended to bring a pointer as it may be helpful where there is strong current when kneeling.

Possible dive sites:

- **Manta Sandy**
- **Yenbuba jetty**

## Day 5 – Mansuar Island

Afterward, we move to the village of Sawandarek, where we typically encounter a sizeable green turtle. Not to mention the shallow reef and the jetty with all the fishes.
Then we head to Cape Kri, a divesite renowned for one of the most biodiverse locations in the world, with stunning coral reef slope and school of fishes. As night falls, we will dive in Saporkren, a sand slope without any reef or no coral. However, you know what to expect in this kind of dive right?

Possible dive sites:

- **Sawandarek**
- **Cape Kri**
- **Chicken reef**

## Day 6 – Dampier strait

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.
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- **Cape Mansuar**
- **Sapokren**

## 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.

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After the last dive, crew will help wash and dry scuba equipment while sailing to Mayalibit bay. Arriving at Kali Biru (Blue River) - a small river in the middle of Lush green landscape of Waisai, which is the perfect combination of crystal clear water and the forest scenery. Jump in the blue river and immerse yourself in the soothing water. Sailing to Sorong in the evening.

## 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.

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