

# RAJA AMPAT

DAMPIER STRAIT & MISOOL

SORONG – SORONG (8 NIGHTS)

On this trip we propose to visit 2 sections of the enormous diver's playground that is Raja Ampat: Misool and the Dampier Strait. As Raja boasts more dive sites than could be done even in multiple trips, no Raja trip will look exactly the same. The following itinerary is just an example to illustrate how your cruise might look like.

*For private charters on Adelaar, everything can be fully customized, including length of the trip and places visited.*

## Day 1 Sorong

After the airport or hotel pick-up and transfer to Adelaar, the first day is dedicated to getting to know the crew, settling in, and enjoying the first day on the boat while we are sailing toward Raja Ampat.

## Day 2 Misool – Daram

Daram, one of the many miniature archipelagos off Raja's southernmost region Misool, keeps divers impressed with coral studded underwater limestone formations that are bathed in fish. Schooling barracudas, Spanish mackerels, batfish and trevallies are common. Daram's sea fan forests are also home to Raja Ampat's endemic 'Santa Claus' pygmy seahorse. *3-day dives, 1-night dive*

## Day 3 Misool – Pele

The ridges, overhangs, and swim-throughs underneath the waves around Pele's islets are some of the best places to swim in clouds of baitfish and silversides. These huge bait balls of small fish attract predatory fish such as trevallies, tuna, sharks, and squadrons of mobula rays. Pele is also home to some of the largest groupers. *4-day dives*

## Day 4 Misool – Wagemab

The overwhelming kaleidoscope of colors created by the dense soft and black coral growth around Wagemab makes it hard to notice the equally colorful critters hiding within, such as nudibranchs, frogfish, boxer crabs, blue ringed octopi and others. They are also amongst the best sites to find Raja's endemic walking shark on night dives. There are several lagoon and cavern systems waiting to be explored by speedboat, and snorkelers can immerse themselves in marine lakes inhabited by stingless jellyfish. *3-day dives*

## Day 5 Batanta

Still part of the central section, Batanta offers superb diving with a wide diversity of options from macro heavens and mandarin fish sites over drift dives along pristine reefs to manta aggregation spots. It is also a spectacular destination for land-based activities such as treks to waterfalls, birds of paradise or hornbill nesting areas. *3-day dives, 1-night dive*

## Day 6 Piaynemu

Before the late afternoon lagoon tour and walk to an iconic viewpoint, you will dive on sites that include arguably the most beautiful and largest hard coral garden found anywhere. There are also several seamounts in this area that lie between Raja's central and northern section, surrounded by huge schools of fusiliers, which in turn attract pelagic such as grey reef sharks and giant jacks. *3-day dives, 1-night dive*

## Day 7 Dampier Strait

This strait between Batanta and Waigeo is the heart of Raja's central section. During the dives on its seamounts, headlands and village piers you are likely to meet dense schools of fish, turtles, various kinds of sharks, including the iconic Wobbegongs - and maybe already cross paths with the first manta ray of your cruise. With a bit of luck, you may even spot one of the many whale species that inhabit this area. Before the night dive there is a chance to visit one of central Raja Ampat's friendly villages. *3-day dives, 1-night dive*

## Day 8 Yanggefo

The channels between the mangrove studded islands of Yanggefo hide some of central Raja Ampat's most breath-taking underwater ridges and seamounts. Dominated by brightly coloured soft coral fields and covered by coral bommies, they are a good place not only for larger animals such as schooling barracudas, grey reef sharks and giant trevallies but also for some of Raja's tiny treasures such as Pontohi, Denise and Bargibanti pygmy seahorses. After the last dive Adelaar will hoist her sails and cruise through the islands of central Raja Ampat. *2-day dives*

## Day 9 Sorong

After breakfast, it is time to say goodbye. Disembarkation and assistance to check in at the airport – until the next time.

(Itinerary may vary depending on weather and sea conditions)

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