

New White Manta

8 day/ 7 nights & 22 dives

Raja Ampat-Misool Itinerary

White Manta Trip Schedule

- **Departure: 1pm, 1**st day, Sorong, West Papua. Or earlier if everyone arrives before and all trip preparations have been completed. Free pickup <u>upon arrival from Domine Edward Osok Airport</u>, Sorong or from local hotel (10am) to White Manta on trip departure day (transfer time 20-30 mins).
- Return: 5am, last day, Sorong, West Papua. After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to the local hotel or Sorong Airport in time for check-in & flight. Note: Latest White Manta check-out at 10am, trip return day.
- Last dive ends: 12pm (midday), penultimate day. Plenty of time for R&R while we sail back to Sorong where we spend the last night on White Manta. This also allows for your minimum 18 hours surface interval/ No Fly Time (as recommended by PADI) before flying the next day.

Raja Ampat will immerse you in a diving paradise, 50,000 square Kilometers of islands & reefs, 580 kinds of coral, 1,397 species of fish including 23 endemics, this truly is the epicenter of marine biodiversity with the world's richest collection of underwater flora & fauna. The sheer abundance of marine life, healthy colourful reefs, and diverse dive sites will leave even the most experienced divers wanting more! The stunning beauty of Raja Ampat's exotic & enchanting islands both above and below the water will leave you in no doubt that this truly is one of the world's premier diving destinations.

Sample Itinerary

- Note: All schedules are subjected to changes according to weather, sea, diving, & local conditions.
- Day 1. (0-1 dives) 1pm trip departure day. Our staff will meet you upon your arrival to Sorong Airport or local hotel and transfer you to the awaiting White Manta. Arrivals before midday are best so we can make check dive at Red Light District (Lampu Merah) just outside Sorong before we get underway by 3pm for overnight sail.
- **Day 2.** (4 dives) Misool: Daram Islands and Boo area with amazing diving amongst picturesque coral gardens and in mild currents.
- Day 3. (4 dives) Misool: Warakaraket and Fiabacet areas in search of Manta rays.
- **Day 4**. (3-4 dives) Misool: Wayil area to explore world-class dive sites such as Four Kings. Enjoy the sight of a beautiful lagoon via speedboat tour.
- Day 5. (3-4 dives) North Misool or Central Raja Ampat, depending on conditions.
- **Day 6.** (4 dives) Piaynemo area to explore some of Raja Ampat's iconic dive sites such as Melissa's Garden, a pristine hard coral garden. Take a short trek up to a viewpoint for a bird's eye view of the limestone islands of Raja Ampat.
- **Day 7.** (2 dives) Dampier Strait: Including Kri area with fabulous dive sites like Cape Kri, Sardine Run. Sail back to <u>Pelabuhan Perikanan Sorong (harbour)</u> where you spend your last night on board. Plenty of time to wash and dry equipment, rest & relaxation, and if needed an early flight the next day.
- Day 8. (0 dives) Check out (between 5am-10am) after light breakfast & farewells, we transfer to local hotel or airport. Departure from Sorong to Manado/ Makassar/ Jakarta/ Denpasar.
- **Diving days**: 7 days (22 dives)

Dive Site Information

Raja Ampat-Misool

- Water Temp: 27-30 degrees Celsius, Air Temp: 27-32 degrees Celsius
- Visibility: 15-30 meters, Currents: Mild to strong, Level: Intermediate to advanced,
- Best Time to Dive: October to April (less rain & much less wind: perfect for diving)

Embarkation / Disembarkation

Sorong (SOQ), West Papua

How to get to & from Sorong (SOQ), West Papua

- It is easiest to fly through to & from Sorong (SOQ) via Jakarta (CGK), Makassar (UPG Ujung Pandang), Bali (DPS, Denpasar), or Manado (MDC). Recommended, via Jakarta. For more flight options and details, please see our <u>Raja Ampat Fact Sheet</u>
- Please refer to our White Manta Trip Schedule before booking your domestic flights.
- From Jakarta: Overnight direct daily flights, with <u>Batik Air</u> / <u>Garuda Indonesia</u>, arriving to Sorong earlier morning. <u>Lion Air</u> & <u>Sriwijaya Air</u> have similar overnight flights but with a stopover in <u>Makassar</u>.
- To Jakarta: Early morning direct daily flights, with <u>Batik Air / Garuda Indonesia</u>, arriving to Jakarta, which should allow enough time to schedule your international flight home. <u>Lion Air</u> also offer flights, some direct, others via Makassar.

What's included?

• Land transfer from local hotel / airport from destination on trip start & end days (Sorong) to boat, all nights' accommodation on White Manta, all meals (Western & Indonesian) snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, Milo, soft drinks, towel, toiletries, cabin services, FOC replacement if equipment breakdown, 12-liter air tanks, weights & belt, warm towel & drink after every dive, 6 dive guides (1x instructor, 5x dive master), 22 dives

What's excluded?

- All flights, hotels, pickups outside trip start&end dates fee applies per car, marine park & harbour fee*
 (USD250/ pax), fuel surcharge fee* (USD150/ pax), dive & travel insurance, massage services (USD40/
 hour), laundry services (USD10/ basket), Nespresso coffee (USD3), alcohol: beer (USD4), wine (USD4050), Satellite Wi-Fi (USD35 per person per 10Gb card). Note*: Paid in advance of the trip.
- Diving gear rental: Full Set USD50/ diving day (except large tank & torch) ONLY if paid in advance of the trip, else individual rates apply per diving day**:
 BCD (USD15), Regulator (USD15), wetsuit (USD10), fins (USD10), mask (USD10), dive computer (USD15), large tank (USD15), torch** (USD15)
- Nitrox Enriched Air fills (USD20/ diving day or USD7/ fill).
- Note: Nitrox & diving gear items priced per diving day** and are subject to availability.
- Note: Exposure suits: 3mm shorty wetsuits available ONLY.
- Note**: Torch rental is based on each use/sunset/ night dive.

Additional Trip Information

- For more trip & travel information plus regional FAQ's, please find our Raja Ampat Fact Sheet
- For more vessel details, please find our <u>New White Manta Info Pack</u>
- **Note**: Late receipt of passport details may very likely lead to delayed departure & significant changes to the itinerary. We **MUST** receive the guests' details well in advance in the trip.