

# 11 days / 10 nights Raja Ampat, Tour & Cruise

## Raya Ampat Tour & Cruise – 11 days / 10 nights

Tour Code: RA 32

Duration: 11 days / 10 nights

Accommodation: On board the ship / cabin

Cruise starts: 2 or 3 times a month

Price: about USD 380 per Person

Flights to Sorong not inclusive

World's Last Paradise, this is the name **Raja Ampat** archipelago is widely known and called today. It may sound an exaggeration, but not for those who have been there. Raja Ampat archipelago consists of a group of large and small islands, strands of coral reefs, mountains, tropical forests, white sandy beaches and varieties of wildlife making Raja Ampat's landscape an unmatched beauty.

Located off the northwest tip of Bird's Head Peninsula on the island of New Guinea, in Indonesia's West Papua province, **Raja Ampat**, or the *Four Kings*, is an archipelago comprising over 1,500 small islands, cays, and shoals surrounding the four main islands of Misool, Salawati, Batanta, and Waigeo, and the smaller island of Kofiau.

It encompasses more than 40,000 km<sup>2</sup> of land and sea, which also contains Cenderawasih Bay, the largest marine national park in Indonesia. It is a part of the newly named West Papua (province) of Indonesia which was formerly Irian Jaya. Some of the islands are the most northern pieces of land in the

Australian continent.



The landscape of Raja Ampat is beautifully crafted like strings of pearls enchanting everyone who sees it. It is really not easy to find the right phrases to describe the beauty. The scenery of Raja Ampat is a natural view which will make your heart tremble, your breath stuck and your skin goose bumps when you look at it. Its beauty will make some of you to shed the tears admiring just how magnificent and merciful Creator giving the natural resources Raja Ampat archipelago.

## **The Trip:**

Set in the heart of the famed Coral Triangle, Indonesia's Raja Ampat archipelago is an amazing world few travelers ever get to experience. The snorkeling and diving here is world-class, with extravagantly rich coral reefs that support astonishing species—technicolor soft corals, ghost pipefish, tasseled wobbegongs, hawksbill turtles, octopus, eight different species of anemonefish—the diversity is absolutely mind-

bending! Topside, you'll relish a realm of dramatic limestone islands, dazzling aquamarine lagoons, and rare birds—even the red bird of paradise.

Our “mother ship,” a 100-foot Indonesian schooner, makes a comfortable home base, and our evenings are spent in exquisite and remote anchorages savoring the utterly unspoiled beauty of our surroundings.

## **The Ship:**

Our vessel is a double-masted traditional Indonesian sailboat that offers the unique opportunity to explore the incredibly remote, unique, and mystical Raja Ampat archipelago.

The boat was built in Sulawesi in 2000 out of Indonesian hardwoods and is 100 feet long with a 21-foot beam. While not luxurious, she is comfortable and well maintained. The ship is hand-crafted from local hardwoods like Teak and Ironwood. With her 6 jaunty sails, you cut across the remote seas in style and grace.

The ship can accommodate 14 guests in basic cabins that are small but have individually controlled air-conditioning and electricity 24 hours a day. There are no en suite cabins, but there are three shared toilet/shower combinations on the boat. The boat is very sturdy and stable, whether still or under motor. The boat's crew of seven is attentive, experienced, and helpful, and many have worked on the boat for years.

Note: The boat has steep stairs/ladders from the double cabins up to the main deck (the restrooms and dining room are located on the main deck), so it may not be suitable for people with limited mobility.

The ship has also satellite phone, International and local radios, life rafts, life jackets and a crew trained in emergency procedures.



### **The ship is equipped with**

- 7 Air-Conditioned cabins for 14 persons with ensuite bathroom, hot shower, wash basin and toilet
- Air-conditioned lounge with dining seating for fourteen
- TV, CD / DVD Player
- Camera battery charging stations
- Camera work stations
- Satelite telephone
- Sun deck with awning
- On dive platform shower
- Coltri Sub Compressor
- 14 gear up stations, 20 scuba tank
- European & Indonesian food

## **Itineraries**

**11 Day – 10 Night PAPUA Raja Ampat**

**Day 1 From Jakarta, Bali, Ujung Pandang or Manado to Sorong / Raja Ampat**

	<p><b>Arrive Sorong. Transfer to boat. Depart for Raja Ampat. Begin dive program. Meals onboard.</b></p>
<p><b>Day 2 through Day 9 Raja Ampat</b></p>	
	<p><b>Full dive &amp; snorkling schedule. All meals onboard.</b>  <b>Cruise on the archipelago of Raja Ampat, Indonesia</b>You may see:  Wayag Island, Mansuar Island, Kri Island, Gam Island, Fam Island, Arboreg Island, Batanta Island, Soq-Friwenbonda, Bala-bala, Bat island  At Wayag, a stunning island of jungle-covered rock outcrops, you'll snorkel through mangroves and among schools of silver sardines and juvenile reef fish. Search for leatherback turtles feeding on jellies at Gam Island and enjoy fabulous drift snorkeling near Manta Point and South Kri. On our island hike, we'll look for the red bird of paradise, first made known to the Western world by pioneering naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace, who made his famous voyage here in 1860.</p>
<p><b>Day 10 Raja Ampat – Sorong</b></p>	
	<p><b>Morning dives. Meals onboard. Overnight on the stay on the boat.</b></p>
<p><b>Day 11 Sorong – Manado or Jakarta or Denpasar</b></p>	
	<p><b>Breakfast onboard. Disembark, travel to Sorong's airport for flight to Jakarta, Denpasar/Bali or Manado.</b></p>

## Rates & Prices:

**Rates from USD 380 per Person.**

**Internal airfare: about USD 695 (subject to change)**

Exact rates can be confirmed on your inquiry.

# What's included

## The trip price includes:

Pick up from your hotel (in the Sorong area) – transport to the pier and back – full room and board on trip – Organic Cotton towels and linen – tea, coffee, water and electrolytes – dive tanks and weights – dive guides – lots and lots of delicious food (3 times daily) – good times, great memories and lots of fun on the Raja Ampat Trip.

## What is not inclusive:

International airfare to/from the trip, internal flights, any meals not specified after each itinerary day in the Full Trip Brochure, optional gratuities to leaders or staff, additional hotel nights made necessary by airline schedule or other factors, airport taxes, PIN fee for Raja Ampat national park, snorkeling gear (fins and mask), expenses such as immunizations (if any), travel insurance, and other expenses of a personal nature (alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.).

PIN is Personal Identification Number. A regulation set up by the local government and conservation organizations for tourism in the Raja Ampat area is that each tourist is required to buy an entrance PIN which is valid for one year. This fund will go to the several programs organized by the Government and the stakeholders all of which are intimately involved with the conservation.

- PIN PRICE
- Indonesian: Rp 250,000 per person
- Non-Indonesian: Rp 1 millions (USD 100)

**When you are interested, please write the schedules you wish**

**to start the cruise.**

## **Inquiry & Booking**

# **Raja Ampat**

This is the final frontier, at the eastern end of Indonesia. Raja Ampat offers amazing diving and the most stunning topside scenery of any dive destination on Earth. This is where Dr. Gerald Allen counted 273 fish species on a single dive.

If you're looking for unusual sea life like the elusive wobbegong shark, or looking for Birds of Paradise, then a Grand Komodo liveaboard cruise here is for you.

**Water temperature:** 24 – 29 C. **Visibility:** 10 – 30 M (seasonal). **Year-round diving.**

## **The Essence Of Raja Ampat**

Raja Ampat is not really about rare critters or seeing sharks, there are generally not as many of what one would call – classic critters or big marine life. What is so special about this area is the scenery and in places the abundance of fish life. Dives where you are inundated with vast schools of fish, on the best of dives fish seem to block out the sun there are so many. Mellow drift dives across the most beautiful coral slopes and channels, unique dives with heavily undercut mushroom shaped islands with gorgeous coral growth virtually to the surface. Some of the best coral gardens we have seen are in this area.

Taking a live-aboard will allow you to see not just these great fish dives but also the topside highlights of this area too. The real “essence of Raja Ampat” is the incredible mix of

wonderful topside scenery with great reefs to dive on. Another highlight of this area is taking rides on the tender boat through the most outstanding island scenery of any dive destination anywhere.

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