

# Raja/Halmahera/Lembeh

## 12 Night Itinerary

### Raja Ampat Dive Sites

The Raja Ampat part of the itinerary combines the best dive sites of Dampier Strait, Fam, Mansuar and the awesome dive sites of Misool, the best diving area of Raja Ampat.

The highlights are the manta cleaning station near Mansuar and the huge schools of fish near Farondi.

#### Arborek:

- Manta Sandy
- West Mansuar
- Arborek Jetty

#### My Reef Dampier:

- Mioskon
- Sardines Reef
- Blue Magic
- Friwinbonda
- Nudis Rock
- The Passage
- Batu Lima
- Friwonda
- Cape Kri
- Chicken Reef
- Cape

#### Batanta

- North Batata
- Algae Patch

#### Penemu:

- Melissa's Garden
- Keruo Channel

#### Mansuar Misool:

- Magic Mountain
- Boo Windows
- Nudi Rock
- Barracuda Point
- Tank Rock
- Whale Rock
- Three Sisters
- Killer Cave
- Farondi Wall
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The Dampier straight separates the Birds head Peninsula from Waigeo and Mansuar.

The name comes from the Dutch colonial times and refers to the shape of the peninsula on the map, but it is also a paradise for many rare bird species.

Here the Pacific Ocean meets the Halmahera Sea, with an explosion of marine life as consequence.

With regular strong currents, big fish feel especially comfortable.

Manta rays, reef sharks, different schools of mackerel, tuna and barracuda, dolphin and whales.

The night dives under the Arborek or Cape Mansuar jetty is a favorite spot with peculiar creatures such as wobbegongs, epaulette sharks (walking sharks), nudibranchs, pipefish, seahorses, frogfish, scorpion fish and the list goes on.

Misool is the southeast of the four big islands of the Raja Ampat archipelago and at the same time it is one of the most biodiverse regions in the world.

The rich variety of reefs are also not to be overlooked with vertical walls, slopes, dry rocks, caves and lagoons; some covered with hard corals while the others are covered with brightly colored soft corals.

Also renowned as the center of pygmy seahorses and gorgonians, everywhere you go you will be amazed by the profusion of marine life that Raja Ampat has to offer you.

### Halmahera

The remote island of Halmahera is located between the Molucca Sea to the west and the Pacific Ocean to the east and has a unique geography with its four peninsulas enclosing three great bays and three volcanoes.

You will find exciting dives with plenty of weird and wonderful creatures and pinnacles encircled by massive schools of barracuda and other pelagic fishes.

Here you will experience warm, shallow reefs resplendent with colorful reef fish and exotic invertebrates and, in the deeper waters, current-cooled seamounts, walls, and pinnacles with sharks and tunas.

### **Lembeh Strait**

Lembeh Strait is a diver's utopia, renowned for its breath-taking underwater world.

You will be enchanted by the unique topography featuring sandy slopes, volcanic outcrops, and vibrant coral gardens.

This hidden gem is a macro diver's dream, revealing a fascinating realm teeming with diverse marine life.

From rare seahorses and flamboyant cuttlefish to intricate nudibranchs and elusive octopuses, Lembeh Strait offers captivating encounters with an array of micro marine creatures.

The area also boasts stunning reefs and walls adorned with colorful corals, where graceful turtles glide through crystal-clear waters.

*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 is at the Captain's discretion.*

The menu onboard is varied and plentiful, with a variety of Indonesian feasts and local cuisine.

If you have any special dietary requirements, please be sure these are noted when completing the GIS (Guest information sheet).

You will awaken to fresh fruits, hot entrees, cereals and juices. Lunches feature delicious local cuisine.

Dinners are served each evening and include salads, vegetables, seafood, beef or chicken with a fresh homemade dessert.

Once onboard, please speak to the chef about any special needs.

Certain special dietary and beverage requests may not be available due to the remote nature of this location.

The Aggressor's beverage selection includes fruit juices, soft drinks, iced water, iced tea, coffee, and a limited selection of local beer and wine, which are complimentary.

Due to the high duty charged on liquor, we suggest you bring your own special brand.

Drinking and diving do not mix.

Once you consume alcohol, you become a sunbather until the next day.

The water temperature averages 82-86°F / 28-30°C

A 3mm wetsuit recommended

All dives are made from 2 dive tenders

### **Local Fees/Taxes**

Each guest must pay a park and port fee and fuel surcharge onboard at the end of the trip by Visa, Master Card or in cash.

Fees are per person and in USD:

Raja Ampat & Lembah: \$260 (park/port fee) + \$150 (7 nt) or \$200 (10 nt/12 nt) fuel surcharge

Rupiah (IDR) is the official currency. It is required for all guests to have some local currency as any overweight baggage charges must be paid in local currency.

The airport departure tax is included in international and domestic airline tickets so should not have to be paid at the local airport.

