(Sorong-Sorong) Sorong To Sorong 10 Days/9 Nights Your Time With Us Ports of Call CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

SeaTrek The Jewels Of Raja Ampat

• How does gliding through a dreamy fairy tale landscapes of karst limestone spires, mysterious caves, ancient rock paintings and endless secret coves filled with corals and fish of every colour sound?

- How about floating in body-temperature water watching endless species of fish swim below over the backdrop of kaleidoscope corals, or rolling over and floating on your back when you hear the screech of a sulphur-crested cockatoo flying past highlighted against the backdrop of a lush green landscape?
- forest pool of evolution? • Or for a more terrestrial experience, how about an early morning cool and misty forest walk to see the secret and seductive dancing of the iconic birds of paradise?

• Maybe the otherworldly experience of drifting among masses of rare stingless jellyfish in an actual

- If this sounds like you then let us bring you to one of the real Jewels of Indonesia the islands of Raja Ampat.

Whether it's swimming with whale sharks & mantas rays, or leisurely gliding along a stunning

tropical reef surrounded by myriad fish and corals, snorkelling lies at the very heart of what we do

at SeaTrek. We do it well and we do it often - usually twice a day for an hour or more at a time. No

matter if you are a novice or a seasoned pro, our tour leaders will ensure that you have everything

you need to have some of the best underwater experiences of your life.

WANT TO ADD ON A WILDLIFE

this is

OR CULTURAL EXCURSION TO YOUR TRIP? Our four-day orangutan programme that features in our Orangutans & Dragons itinerary can be worked into any of our SeaTrek cruises throughout the year, regardless of length or location, so just let us know if

- villages and take you deep inside these unique cultures. We are also a wealth of information on other great destinations and wildlife and cultural excursions in Indonesia
- The possibilities are endless so all you have to do is ask.
- Our mission is to provide the best experience possible for our guests given the current conditions and when unexpected opportunities for adventure may present themselves along our cruise routes.

on your travels.

DAY 1 tour leader at the airport in the

after settling into your new home for the next ten days we will set course for the southernmost islands part of the Raja Ampat National Park. - After an alfresco lunch, we will stop off for our first swim and snorkel of the

DAY 2 - Today we wake up at the eastern end

seaborne adventuring. - After our full day of island-hopping we will spend a quiet night at anchor under the stars.

chain of jungle-covered limestone islets

with spectacular corals reefs offering

- We will spend the day exploring the

many inlets and bays and beaches with

snorkelling. We will also break out the

kayaks and paddle boards for some

some fantastic snorkelling.

some trekking, swimming and

- Today we will try our best to see the

Lesser Birds of Paradise in the wild, an

lucky enough to see them. We will rise

unforgettable experience for anyone

early and walk through the forest to

hopefully see the birds as they dance

around in their 'lekking' trees.

- In the afternoon, an underwater

exploration will take place as we

reefs in the world. School of fish

snorkel around one of the best coral

hanging out in the deep and colourful

sea fans sticking out of the wall. - Late in the afternoon, we will be watching the sunset while sailing our way to Batanta island.

DAY 4

DAY 6

local area.

- We will spend the afternoon snorkelling and kayaking amongst three small islands linked together by some pristine coral reefs, or you can simply choose to relax on the beach.

- In the morning, we will visit a pearl

farm tucked away in a protected, deep

learn how this precious commodity is

produced and harvested. Pearling is an

water cove and tour the facilities to

important industry and provides

employment for many people in the

- Central Raja Ampat stores many

magical underwater gems. Today, we

will be exploring some of them. We

start with an epic snorkel at Yenuba,

home to the magical "Fishbowl", where

hundreds of species can be found along

simply teeming with fish of all sizes and

- Another underwater adventure awaits

in the afternoon as we make our way to

the eastern point of Mansuar, famous

this fantastic reef and jetty that is

a massive diversity of coral species.

for its school of big fish and turtles. - Later in the afternoon we will head

DAY 8

- ashore at Yenbesir village to see a replica of Alfred Russel Wallace's jungle hut, built by local villagers out of wood and local plant materials with SeaTrek support. We access this via a narrow channel through the mangroves and may have the chance to see cockatoos, hornbills and other birds.

- **DAY 10** - Today is the last day of our adventure and we will wake up anchored in Sorong and have one last hearty breakfast on board before saying farewell to our crew and your fellow travellers before making our way to the airport or hotel for the next phase of your journey.

of the Misool archipelago, a picturesque

- After an early breakfast, our day starts

with a swim and a snorkel through a

massive stalagmites and stalactites,

giant dome-roofed sea cave filled with

amongst the many thousands of stingless animals. - Using our tenders, we will visit some mysterious skull cairns in sea-cave cemeteries, and prehistoric cave paintings, estimated to be anything

amazing creatures exist and swim

the afternoon and overnight cruise to a

DAY 7

beautiful reefs.

- This morning will explore a small

coves and beautiful reefs. After

group of limestone islands filled with

breakfast, we will go ashore for a short

climb to a vantage point where we can

survey our beautiful surroundings,

before heading out to snorkel on the

- During lunch we will head to a small

Mansuar where the currents bring rich

island located between Gam and

- nutrients to the coral reefs. The three famous jetties offer so much underwater life scenery – schools of fish, the shy black tip reef sharks, the elegant spadefish and the magnificent giant clams.
- displays of these birds in the canopy of the rainforest. This is a David Attenborough moment if ever there was one. - Back on the boat we will head off for some more great snorkelling in the famous wall on the east of Gam Island before we sail overnight to an island nearby Sorong.

- Today sees a super early start as we

incredible Red Bird of Paradise. The

head off into the forest in search of the

walk takes about 40 minutes, and as we

arrive at the bird site at dawn, if we are

lucky, we will see the incredible mating

- something you would like to do when visiting Indonesia and we will happily arrange it for you.
- For textile enthusiasts, we also have two five-day land tours across Flores Island in June each year that form our Ancient Villages, Textiles, Dragons, and Vibrant Coral Reefs tour, which will visit many traditional weaving
 - that can be added on to your SeaTrek cruise.
- BE PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE
- Sometimes weather conditions, tides or other local factors dictate that we need to vary from the published route, and at times there are special opportunities to explore and discover new locations, events and activities. These explorations will always be a definite enhancement to the published itinerary and will be undertaken after discussion and agreement among guests. Ultimately, the boat captains and your tour leader will make decisions to maximize trip safety and your overall enjoyment, so please come prepared to be flexible!

THE MORE YOU KNOW THE MORE YOU SEE Our tour leaders are a wealth of information on the regions we visit and will prepare you for each activity with on board talks and presentations to give you a greater understanding of the different experiences you will have each day. They will also act as your cross cultural bridges to all the people

ITINERARY - You will be greeted by your SeaTrek

we meet along the way, so feel free to ask them to translate when talking to local Indonesian people

continuing on our way south. Predinner cocktails will be served on the back deck as the sun goes down and brings an end to our first day as we cruise on through the night.

morning and taken to the boat, and

voyage on a coral reef, before

- undoubtedly one of the areas most memorable experiences. - We will then move on to the mysterious stingless jellyfish lake, one of only 20 in the world where these

DAY 3

- between 3,000 to 5,000 years old and depicting various human figures and huge human hands, fish and flowers.

- Today, the island of Batanta offers us a

change of scenery and a chance to

stretch our legs with an adventurous

jungle trek filled with birds, butterflies

- Starting at a local village, our guides

short walk to the first of two waterfalls,

where we can swim and cool off. The

fitter of the group can keep heading

upriver where a second, larger cascade

will lead us through the forest on a

- After getting back to the boat and having lunch, we will go snorkelling and get the paddle boards and kayaks in the water, before heading north later in

awaits.

DAY 5

and insects.

- beautiful group of islands.

DAY 9