


# Sorong-Bitung On MV AMBAI



- ✓ GREAT COMFORT, LARGE CABINS
- ✓ OPTIMAL DIVING EXPERIENCE
- ✓ EXCELLENT FOOD
- ✓ FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE
- ✓ FREE NITROX



Raja Ampat has often been qualified as the “last frontier” and this is really the feeling you will get in this area: one the rare untouched places on earth. The main highlight of the area is the gorgeous abundance of life, both the fixed fauna such as corals and gorgonians and the stunning abundance of fish. Trevallies, barracudas, bumphead parrot fish, spade fish, surgeon fish, fusiliers often form big schools on the reefs. Mantas rays are generally present on at least two dive sites, and encounters with bigger fishes as tunas, spanish mackerels, reef sharks and the “carpet shark” Wobegons-are frequent, The topographies of the dive sites are also very diverse and interesting: pinnacles, ridges, walls, caves, rock formations and lagoons...

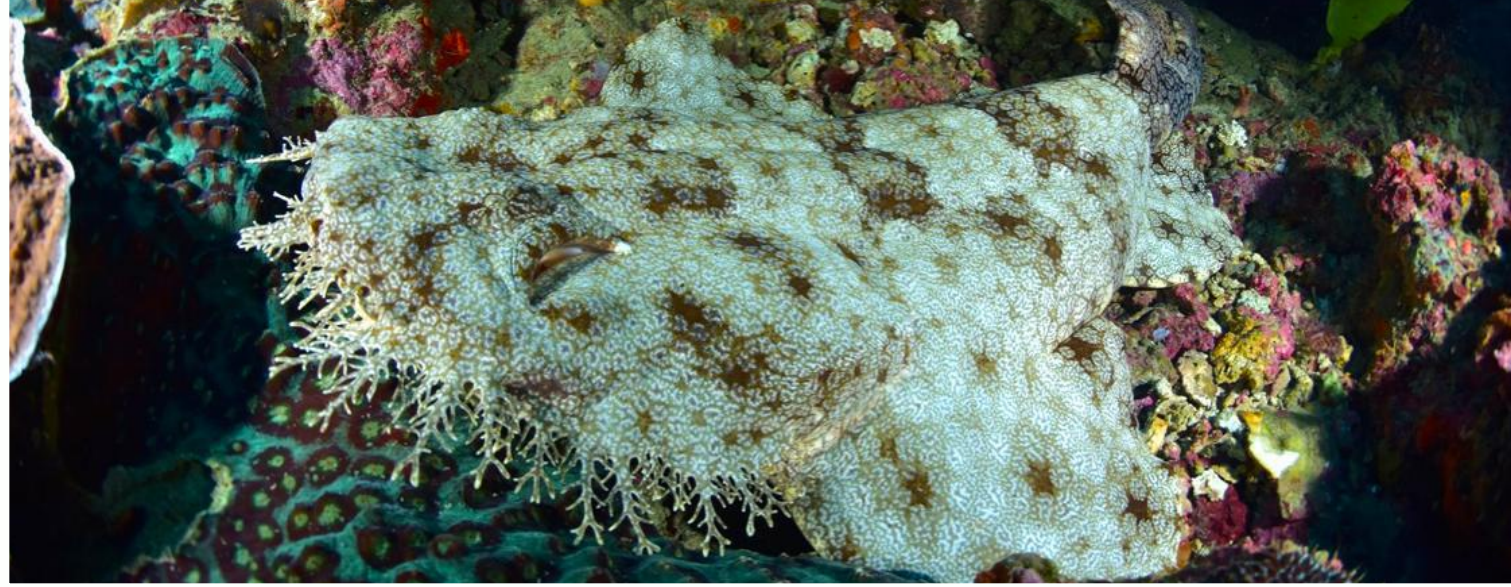
You will also discover the incredible landscapes of this area; during our cruise we will propose you to visit at least one village, a short trek and many short trips with the dinghies to explore the beaches and other lagoons. Another optional trek is also proposed to look for Birds of Paradise.

#### Some of the species

- Barracudas, surgeonfishes, Bumphead parrot fish, Trevallies and giant trevallies, spafefishes. Napoleon wrasse, wobbegon, tunas, bonitos, waow, manta rays, mobulas
- Seahorse, frogfish, leaf fish, scorpionfish .
- Black corals forests, gorgonian fields, soft corals , gorgonian fields and so much more...

The Sorong-Bitung cruise cross East to West about half of Indonesia. Leaving from Sorong, we directly go to Dampier strait for two days then to Misool. Cross over to the west coast, a few days of diving west and South of Halmahera, with a mix of sites for macro and some other more fishy, stop on some small islands in the middle of Molluca sea Halmahera. The cruise will end in Bitung, after some dives in the Molucca sea.







The itinerary varies slightly between each cruise depending on weather conditions, currents, visibility and tides.



**Lembah Strait**  
The best muck diving in the world! Nothing less

**Misool & Dampier**  
Excellent for the wide angle, undersea life, mantas, lots of fishes... Very colourful soft corals and gorgonas fields. Macro subjects nonetheless with many small seahorses. Inconvenience of the area, visibility is sometimes limited near Misool.

**Pisang**  
Extraordinary colours. Lot of colourful soft coral beautiful morning dive with dream landscape. Nudis, boxer crab, turtle, big murray eels, solo big barracuda, no current visi great.

**Halmahera**  
Black tip,napo, big sweetlips, big red scorpion fish,nudis, crabs, Nice and quiet reef. Current at the surface.  
Excellent reefs full of blooming orange soft corals packed with anthias, plenty of large soft coral covered bommies in all different colours and different species. Here we can expect some good currents which gives us the chance to see lots of reef sharks; black tip, white tip and grey reef sharks as well as many other pelagic



## Number of dives

During your cruise you will perform a minimum of 42 dives:

- \* 1 dive-guide/ 4 divers maximum (4 guides/16 divers)
- \* Free nitrox for certified divers (possibility of certification on board)
- \* 3 fibreglass tenders
- \* Our great crew is at your service to carry your tank and gear



## Visibility

Raja Ampat's waters are dense and visibility can rapidly change. Commonly you can see 20 meters away, but visibility can diminish in certain areas or punctually.

## Temperature

The temperature is all year long between 29° and 31°C.

## Currents

Komodo Park is well known for its consistent currents that can be dangerous. Wallacea dive cruise has a real experience of the scuba diving sites. We pay very much attention to dive at the right place at the right time in order to avoid that uncomfortable and dangerous currents. Obviously before each dive, briefings will inform you about the diving conditions and advises will be given to always keep the dives safe. However, a strong scuba diving experience is required for this fabulous cruise. A reef hook can be useful.



## Flights to reach the departure of the cruise in Sorong

Our cruises depart from Sorong (Usamina harbor to be accurate). Sorong is a little coastal city on the North West part of the Indonesian Papua well served with many daily morning flights from the main International Indonesian Airports such as Jakarta, Manado, Makassar, and Denpasar. Sorong is Jakarta time + 2.

From Europe, we now recommend booking your flights directly from Qatar Airways' website. Indeed, this airline recently signed an agreement with Garuda Indonesia to serve Sorong from most European international Airports with a single ticket. The condition is to fly within Indonesia with flights GA682 (Jakarta-Sorong) and GA683 (Sorong-Jakarta).

From the US, Qatar airways serve Los Angeles, New York, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphie, Atlanta and Houston.

Arriving from Qatar Airways hub (Doha), flight QR954 lands at Jakarta Airport (the day before the departure of your cruise) at 09:15 pm.

Return from Jakarta the last day of your cruise with flight QR957 at 6:25 pm.





### Via Jakarta (Sorong is jakarta time + 2)

AIRWAYS	Jakarta-Sorong	Rate	Sorong-Jakarta	Rate	Luggage
 Garuda Indonesia <small>The Airline Of Indonesia</small>	00:30 - 06:35 (direct flight)	€290	08:25 - 10:05 (direct flight) 14:35 - 18:40 (Via Makassar)	€290	20 kg (+23 kg)
 Batik air	00:30 - 06:30	€220	08:05 - 12:25 (transit) 14:05 - 17:15 (short transit)	€220	20 kg (+3€/ Kg above)

**NB shall you wish to fly direct flight only, it is perfectly possible to outbound with one airline and come back with another one at no extra charge.**

### Via Manado (serve from by Singapore Airlines & Silkair)

AIRWAYS	Manado-Sorong	Sorong-Manado	Rate	Luggage
 Garuda Indonesia <small>The Airline Of Indonesia</small>	06:00-08:30	14:15-14:40	€110	20 kg (+23 kg)
 Lion air	08:15-10:30	06:00-06:50 09:25-10:15	€95 €185	10 kg (+2€/ Kg above)

### Via Bali (Sorong is Bali time + 1)

AIRWAYS	Denpasar - Sorong	Sorong-Denpasar	Rate	Luggage
 Sriwijaya Air <small>Your Flying Partner</small>	16:55-06:30 (transit de 09h10 à Makassar)	10:45-15:25	€275	20 kg (+10 kg)
 Garuda Indonesia <small>The Airline Of Indonesia</small>	17:30-06:45 (10h40 transit in Makassar)	14:35-21:00	€380	20 kg (+23 kg)





# Ambai:Boat specifications

## 8 air-conditioned double bed Cabins with ensuite & hot water

\* 32 m x 7,5 m

\* 16 divers

\* 12 crew members - 4 dive guides - 1 cruise director/instructor

\* 4 cabins double bed and single bunk above, lower deck

\* 2 cabins with single bunk, lower deck

\* 2 cabins with double bed on the upper deck



4 versatile lower double/twin bed cabins (1,2,3,4)



2 upper deck double bed cabins (7,8)



2 lower deck twin bed cabins (5,6)

## 2 Spacious Lounges & 1 Restaurant boast a friendly feeling which assures your comfort!



Meals and drinks served at the table. No buffet



Restaurant - direct access to the outdoor lounge



Radar, GPS, depth sounder, VHF & UHF radios, satellite phone

1 camera room, 3 dinghies, 4 kayaks





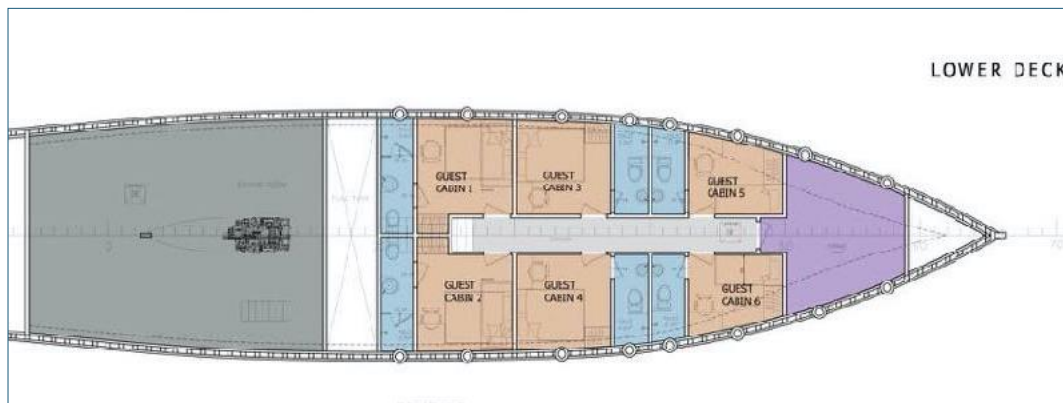
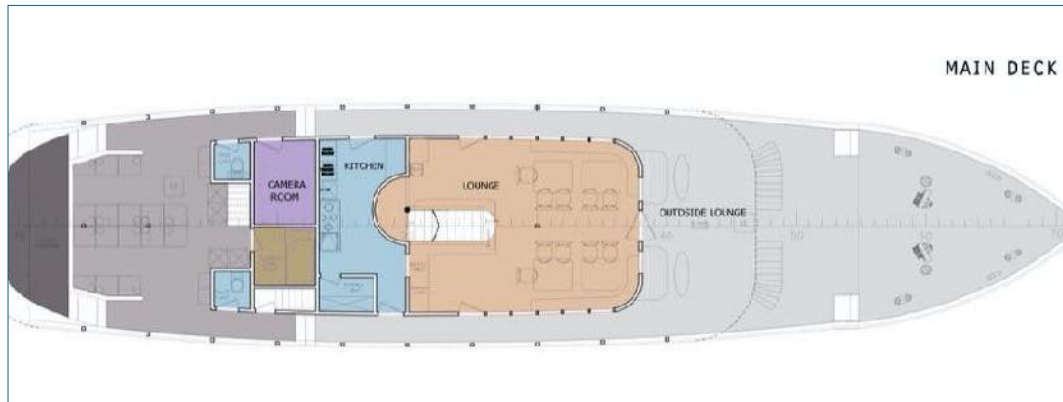
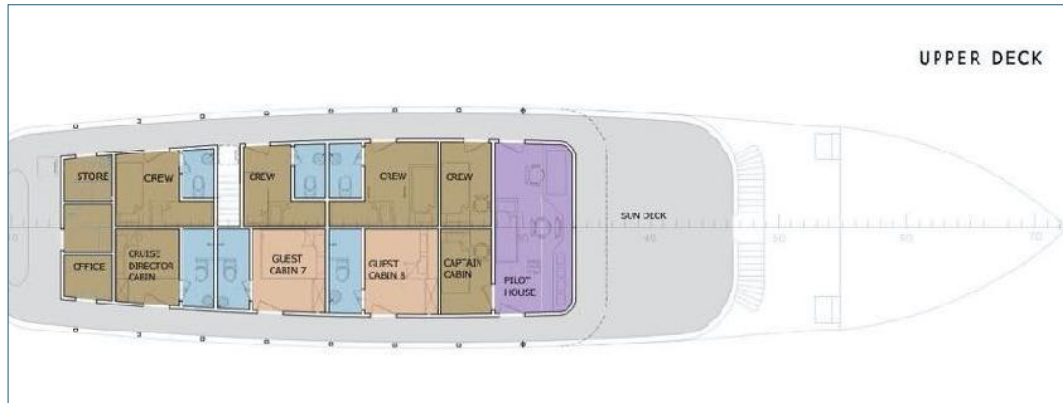
## Service

Behind the MV Ambai there is also and mainly a discreet, professional, smiling and friendly crew. Our team will treat you with some special attentions, will assist you if necessary and will carry your tank.

## The cuisine

Mixing eastern and western specialties, our chef cuisine is a « fusion" that will never let you hungry. Shall you have specific inquiries, or a particular diet (vegetarian or banana allergy), our chef will adapt the meals for your greatest pleasure.

## Layout of the Boat



### The team at your service

17 crew members  
4 dive guides  
1 skipper / diving instructor

### Technical part

Engine: 610 Hp Mitsubishi Navy 2012  
Generators: Generators Yanmar 3 respectively 40, 28 and 16 kW, 2012  
Fresh water: 10 tons of reserves and water-maker capacity 10 tons / day

Compressors: air compressors 2 200 lts / min. Atlas-Copco low pressure compressor with membrane production NITROX.

Navigation: GPS, GPS Plotter, Echo sounder, Radar

Communication: Radio VHF, Radio UHF, satellite phone (+881632675145). Wifi if 3G available

Dinghies: 3 fibreglass speedboats 4-stroke 50Hp engine



## Diving organisation on MV Ambai

### Number of dives (minimum 42)

- 1 Dive the day of departure
- 3 dives / day every day of the cruise
- 7 Night dives.
- 1 dive the day before disembarking, maybe 2 according to your flight schedule (24h/No FLY).

### Schedule & standards

- 1st dive: 07:00am
- 2nd dive: 10:30am
- 3rd dive: 02:30pm
- Night dive: 06:30pm
- Dive time: 60 minutes
- Maximum Depth : 35 meters
- Dives into the safety curves
- Systematic safety stop

Due to the large number of dives and the remoteness of the location, we urge divers to stay within the safety curve, to comply with a maximum depth of 35 meters, and to systematically perform a safety stop.

Depending on the guests dive experience, aspirations (photography, macro, etc), and eventual use of nitrox (free for certified divers), the cruise director will arrange the diving groups. These groups are made up of four divers and a dive guide. The dive guides are rotating on a daily basis. Each diver is given a dive tank (DIN & INT available, no need for adapters) and a single location for the duration of the cruise.

A briefing will be conducted by the director of cruises or one of the guides before each dive. It will provide guidance on the site topography, depths, currents and potential hazards, as well as on marine life and the species represented.

The staff carries your tank between the MV Ambai and the dinghies and back. to the dinghies, tanks are disposed in slots and the guide will help you to gear just before to roll back for the dive.

Identification books of flora and local fauna are available on board, and the dive guides or the skipper will always help you to identify the strange animal you just saw underwater!

\* There are some dive equipment to rent on board: However, all sizes are not necessarily available, so please book for it before the cruise.

\* Our cruises are open to divers Padi Advanced Level 2 or equivalent with at least 50 dives logged. Less experienced divers can also participate with a specific supervision that have to be arranged before the cruise.

\* An insurance covering medical evacuation and diving accidents is highly recommended. We will request the participants to fill up on board a statement of fitness for the dive activities.

\*We will ask you to carefully respect the fauna and flora: have adequate buoyancy to avoid touching the substrate or break any corals; do not touch the animals, do not collect anything; do not to harass wildlife to photography and moderate the number of flashes you impose on them. The use of gloves is not allowed.

\*The divers should always carry a marker buoy.

## The cruise rate

### Includes

- Accommodation in a shared twin or double cabin.
- All meals & snacks. Drinking water, soft drinks and hot drinks
- All guided dives (1 guide /4 divers maximum)
- Nitrox
- Aluminium tank (12 litres), weights and belts
- Airport-boat transfers from/to the closest airport (departure and arrival).

### Doesn't include

- Park, port & distance fees: 300 € (cash on board)
- International and domestic flights
- Alcoholic beverages (you can BYOB)
- Diving equipment rental (see pricing below)
- 100 cf (15 litres) tank : 65 € / cruise
- Laundry (1 € / 2 pieces)
- Crew gratuities
- Massage
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## Good to know

- All extras are payable in cash on board. We can not receive payment by credit card.
- Currencies accepted on board: €, USD, CHF, IDR.
- Tipping: they reflect **your** level of satisfaction with the service on board. As an indication in the area , this is 5%-10% of the cruise rate.
- Provided on board: towels and toiletries, soap, shampoo and toothpaste.
- Electrical outlets round European type.
- Room for storage and loading photos / videos and accessory devices with many outlets. Taken in the cabins and bathrooms also. Hair dryer available on request.
- Available on board: rods and hooks in stainless, € 15
- 4 complimentary Kayaks

**YOUR PASSPORT VALIDITY MUST BE AT LEAST 6 MONTHS  
AFTER THE SCHEDULED RETURN DATE**

# DIVING EQUIPMENT RENTAL RATES

• Complete regulator with octopus & pressure gauge	10€/ day
• BCD	10€/ day
• Wetsuit	10€/ day
• Torch	5€/ day
• Dive Computer	10€/ day
• Fin	5€/ day
• Diving mask	5€/ day

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Visa

Since May 2016, nationals from 169 countries are dispensed of visa and can enter the Indonesian territory for a maximum of 30 days (not renewable).

You can check the list of these countries by following this link :<http://www.topbali.com/indonesia-visa/>

### Insurance

An insurance covering medical evacuation and diving accidents is compulsory. It will be requested upon arrival on board.

### MV Ambai/MSY Seahorse schedules

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[Raja Ampat & Triton bay cruises](#)

[Ring of Fire & Banda sea cruise](#)

[Derawan Island cruises](#)

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### Check in - Check out

Check in: the cruise starting date, before 13:00 pm

Check out: at the cruise ending date, before 12:00 pm

# SCHEDULE CRUISES

NOV- MAY  
Raja-Ampat

JUN- SEP  
Komodo/Derawan

SEPT-OCT  
Banda Sea

OCT- NOV  
ROF- Triton Bay

