



WALLACEA
DIVE CRUISES

MV AMBAI - RAJA AMPAT ULTIMATE
8 NIGHTS CRUISE

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DEPARTURE PORT: SORONG / ARRIVAL PORT: SORONG

The legendary Raja Ampat area has long been thought of as the “last frontier”.

A sense of peacefulness surrounds you when exploring the area: one of the last, rare untouched places on earth.

Our usual 9-days trip, which visits the South (Misool and satellites) and the center part (Dampier Strait) is an unforgettable experience: outstanding Scuba diving into one of the planet’s best spots, sea kayaking into a constellation of sapphire blue-water lagoons fringed by rainforests, bird watching opportunities, hiking to stunning viewpoints and finally encounters with the local inhabitant of these islands.

Our adventure will begin in Sorong where you are awaited on our vessel before 12 noon, and will end up in Sorong as well where we will disembark before 12 noon. We organize your pick up and drop off at the airport or at your hotel.





THE DIVING:

The abundance of sea life, both fixed fauna such as corals and gorgonians along the lush reef, as well as the stunning quantity and diversity of fish swimming above is just astonishing. The dive sites' underwater topographies are also varied and interesting, filled with dramatic pinnacles, long ridges, walls, hidden caves, rock formations, azure lagoons and much more.

The fauna ranges from the tiny Pygmy Seahorse to the oceanic manta ray. Raja Ampat's signature are the huge schools of fish: clouds of fusiliers that attract predators like tunas and trevallies, barracudas, schools of the inquisitive spadefish, schools of sweetlips, groups of bumphead parrotfish, napoleon wrasses, etc.

Reef sharks are very much present on the reefs; the carpet shark or Wobegon is ubiquitous, laying on a coral or under a rock behind a cloud of glass-fish. The walking shark (Epaulette shark) can often be seen during night dives. Mantas are often seen on three different dive sites.

The Wallacea typical "Raja Ampat ultimate" 9 days trip covers the area of Misool in the South and the Dampier Strait. We then choose the dive sites according to the prevailing conditions during the trip.

A minimum of 24 dives (3 dives per day) is offered during the trip, including at least 5 night dives.

SNORKELING:

Our trips are open to snorkelers. Most of the dive sites offer great snorkeling opportunities with a lot to see in shallow waters, and we offer specific guidance for snorkelers.



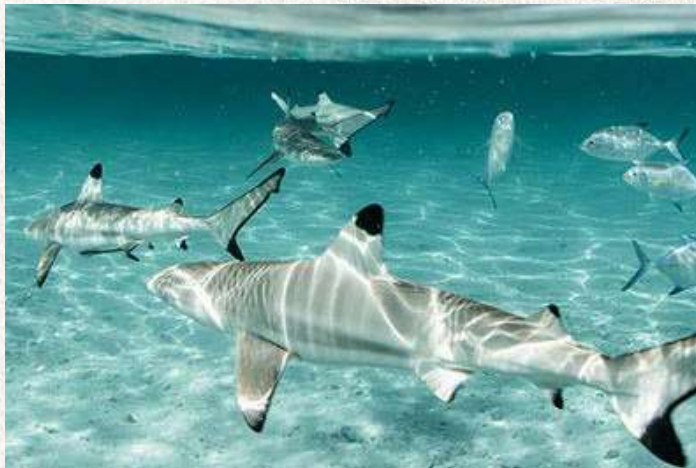
ACTIVITIES:

Besides the diving, we offer some activities along the trip according to weather conditions and the final trip itinerary.

In Misool, we will visit the ranger's station and snorkel in front of their beach in a natural shark nursery where small black tips are swimming around in one meter of cristal clear water. A short trek to the view point of the "love lagoon" (a lagoon in the shape of a hearth!) will be offered. In Farondi, we will use the dinghies to navigate inside some hidden lagoons and go for a walk into a cave.

In Penemu we will visit the famous lagoon and hike the stairs to the view point.

You can also ask a boatman to bring you a shore at any time, as long as the schedule allows it. Our four complementary kayaks and paddles are also available to go on shore or in the lagoons whenever the boat is anchored. All these activities are subject to weather conditions as well as the planned daily schedule and itinerary.





WEATHER

The weather is variable, even during the "dry" season, in this part of Indonesia, rain showers often happen. The sea is generally calm, with a few temporary storms, and sometimes light swell in the northern parts. Temperatures are around 30 °C.

VISIBILITY

Raja Ampat's waters are dense with life and visibility can be limited. It is typically in the range of 10-20 meters, depending on the local condition that can vary from one dive to another.

TEMPERATURE

The ocean temperature all year long is between 28° and 30°C (82°-84°C).

CURRENTS

Raja Ampat is well known for its consistent currents that bring incredible life. Wallacea Dive Cruises has a long experience diving these sites. We pay close attention to diving in the right places at the right time, to avoid difficult or dangerous currents. Before each dive, our guides conduct current checks so that our briefings will always inform you about the up-to-the-minute diving conditions.





ITINERARY & NAVIGATION :

The map shows the general cruise itinerary. It can slightly vary depending on weather conditions, currents, visibility, and tides. Distances are not long: there are only two overnight crossings, the other navigations are taking place between dives or in the early morning. We usually start the trips by going South and then making our way up to the North.

MISOOL :

Misool is excellent for taking wide angle shots, encounters with mantas, and massive schools of fish. The underwater topography is predominantly rocky with ridges and rock formations. The colorful reefs display an abundance of soft corals and huge gorgonians. Macro subjects are plenty as well: pygmy seahorses, tiny crabs, nudibranchs, and other rare photogenic life are everywhere.



FAM - PENEMU :

We spend one day on these islands between the North and the South area. The dives include the site “Melissa garden” which has the best coral garden of the Raja Ampat and “My reef” well known for its barracuda school and numerous Wobbegongs.



DAMPIER STRAIT :

We usually spend one or two days there to visit its famous dive sites around Kri with their impressive amount of fish.





DIVE ORGANISATION ON MV AMBAI

- Due to the large number of dives performed during the trip and the remoteness of the location, we urge divers to stay within no-deco limits, to not exceed a maximum depth of 35 meters, and to perform a safety stop at the end of every dive.
 - Depending on the guests' dive experience, interests (photography, macro, etc), and use of Nitrox (free for certified divers), the Cruise Director will arrange the diving groups. These groups are made of up to four divers maximum 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 their own dive station for the duration of the cruise.
 - A briefing will be conducted by the Cruise Director or one of the guides before each dive. It will describe the site topography, depths, currents, and potential hazards, as well as the marine life we expect to encounter.
 - The staff carries your tank between the MV Ambai and the dinghies. Onboard the dinghies, the tanks are placed into slots and the guide will help you to gear up just before you back-roll into the water.
 - Identification books of flora and local fauna are available on board, and the dive guides will always help you identify the animals you have seen during the dives.
 - Some dive equipment are available for rent on board. However, all sizes are not necessarily available, so please book it prior to the cruise.
- * Our cruises are open to divers with a Padi Advanced Open Water or equivalent with at least 30 logged dives. Less experienced divers can also participate with special supervision that needs to be arranged before the cruise.
- * Insurance covering medical evacuation and diving accidents is highly recommended. Divers will be filling out a statement of medical fitness for dive activities onboard.





THE BOAT:

MV Ambai is an ironwood boat of 32m x 7.5m custom-built in 2012, for smooth navigation with focus on spaciousness and convenience for diving activities. With its 3 fiberglass dinghies, comfortable dive deck and camera room, the boat is suitable for avid and pro divers, UW photographers & videographers. Kayaks, paddle board and waterski are also available onboard.

THE CABINS:

There are 8 comfortable cabins onboard, all equipped with individually-controlled air-conditioning. Each cabin has a private bathroom with hot shower and ample storage for personal belongings. Every bathroom has a separate toilet and shower, with ample water pressure for everyone!

There are 2 sea view cabins with double bed (upper deck 10 m²), 4 cabins with double bed and a single bunk bed (double/ twin bed, lower deck 12 m²), and 2 cabins with twin bunk beds (lower deck, 10 m²).

COMMON AREAS:

MV Ambai is designed to make guests comfortable during long trips with 2 outdoor lounges, one on the main deck and one on the upper deck. There is plenty of space where guests can mingle and socialize under the shade, but also enough space for them to relax on their own to read their books or take a nap outdoor.

There is a smoking area at the back of the upper deck where guests can also get to know the crew.

The air-conditioned restaurant on the main deck also serves as the place to brief divers before each dive and is equipped with a TV in the middle of the room. The restaurant includes a bar.





SERVICE:

Behind the MV Ambai's success, there is a professional, discreet, smiling, and very friendly crew. Our team will treat you with special attention, assist you with whatever you need, and of course carry your tank & gear. Most of our crew have been working with us for many years.

THE CUISINE:

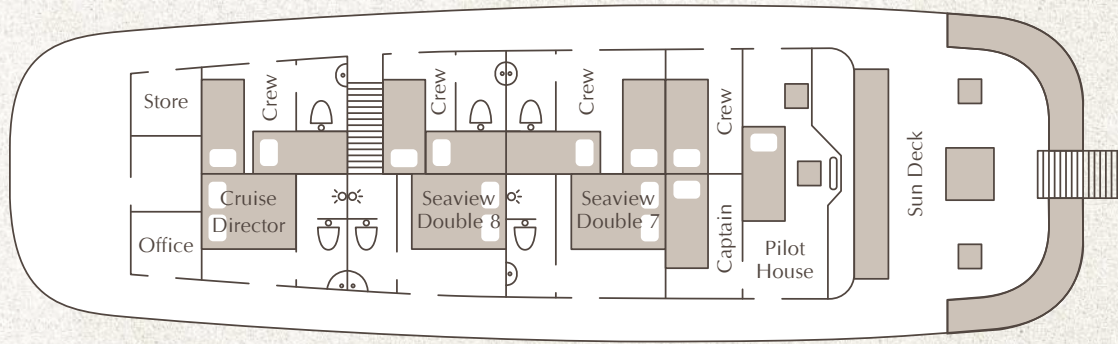
Mixing eastern and western specialties, our cuisine is a "fusion" of the best of both that will never let you go hungry. Should you have specific requests, or a particular dietary need, (vegetarian or allergy, for example), our chefs will adapt the meals for your greatest pleasure.

THE TEAM AT YOUR SERVICE:

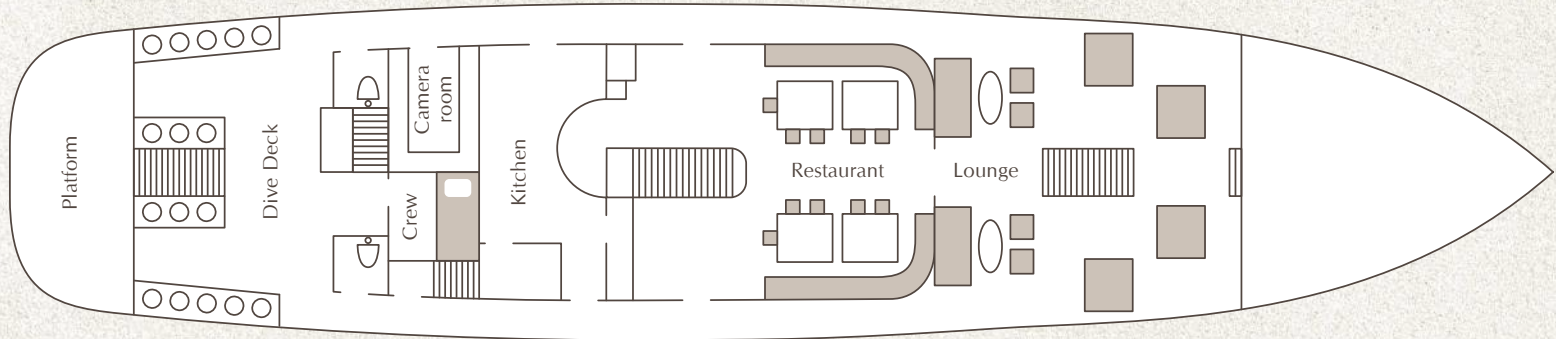
- 1 cruise director / diving instructor
- 17 crew members including 4 dive guides



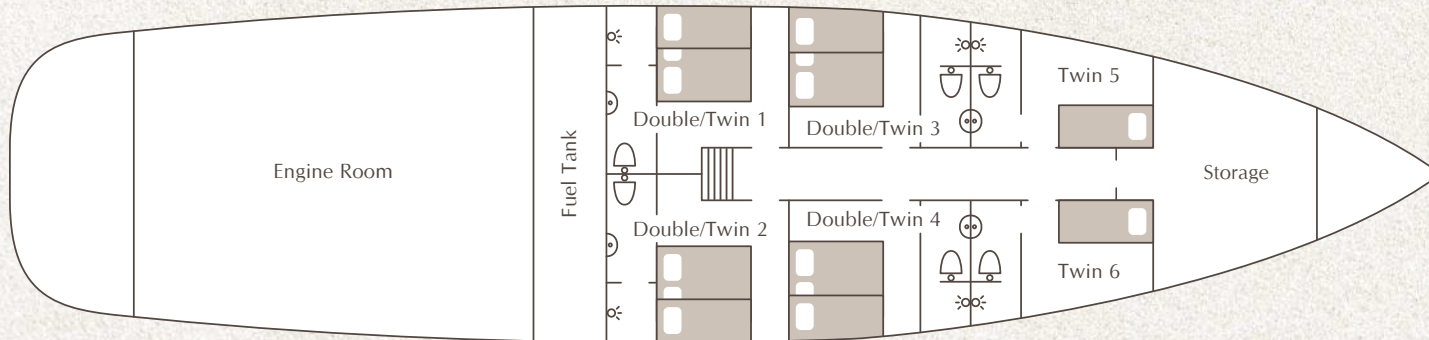
UPPER DECK



MAIN DECK



LOWER DECK



THE CRUISE RATE INCLUDES:

- Transfers between the boat and the closest airport
- Accommodation in a shared twin or double bed cabin
- All meals & snacks, drinking water, soft drinks and hot drinks
- All guided dives (1 guide /4 divers maximum)
- Aluminium tank (12 liters), weights, and belts
- Free Nitrox

PAYMENTS ON BOARD:

All payments on board have to be done in cash, we cannot receive payment by credit card. All major currencies are accepted (€, USD, AUS, CHF, IDR). However, prepayment by wire transfer can be arranged. Please see hereunder what you are mandatory to pay on board and eventual extra costs.

- Parc and port fees: 200€ / pax
- Fuel surcharge: 100€ / pax
- Tips: tipping should reflect your level of satisfaction with the service on board. The usual amount in the industry is 10% or more of the cruise rate.

EXTRAS PRICE LIST:

- Beer 33 cl 4€
- Laundry 1€ / pc
- Massage (45 mn) 30€
- Wines & Spirits 40€ to 60€ / bottle

DOESN'T INCLUDE:

- Park & port fees, fuel surcharge.
- International and domestic flights
- Alcoholic beverages (you can bring your own)
- Diving equipment rental, 100 cf (15 L) tank (see price list)
- Crew gratuities
- Massages
- Laundry

DIVING EQUIPMENT RENTAL:

- Regulator, BCD, Dive computer 10€ / day each item
- Fins, Diving Mask 5€ / day each item
- Surcharge for 100cf / 15 lt tank 75€
- Wetsuit 10€ / day
- Torch 8€ / day





VISAS & USEFUL INFORMATION

Most countries are eligible for a 30 days visa on arrival (VOA) for IDR 500 000 (or the equivalent in € or USD) payable in cash at the airport. This visa can be extended once inside the country for an additional 30 days. You can pre-register and pay online beforehand to avoid waiting on arrival. List of countries eligible for VOA & application for VOA registration & payment here:www.idnonline.vfsevisa.id

A 60 days visa can be requested, type B211A. Wallacea Dive Cruise can arrange it for you.

YOUR PASSPORT MUST HAVE A 6 MONTHS VALIDITY AT LEAST FROM THE DATE YOU WILL EXIT INDONESIA.

- Universal electrical sockets (EU, USA, AUS, UK, CN)
- Camera Room for charging and assembly of cameras and accessory devices with many outlets.
- Towels are provided: bath towel (cleaned and replaced every 3 days) and a “deck/ beach” towel. After each dive a warm towel will be available for each guest on the dive deck. The cabin bathroom is furnished with a hair dryer, organic liquid soap and shampoo as well as toothpaste.
- 4 complimentary Kayaks are available on board.
- WIFI is available on board through our GSM modem. However, depending on the trip area, the GSM coverage may be not permanent.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

BOAT DEPARTURE		BOAT ARRIVAL	
Port	Sorong	Port	Sorong
Airport	Sorong (SOQ)	Airport	Sorong (SOQ)
Check in time	Before 12:00 noon	Check out time	Before 12:00 noon
Boat departure time	1:00 PM	Boat arrival time	6:00 AM
First dive	No dive on the arrival day	Lats dive	Penultimate day, 8 AM

How to get there:

To/From Sorong: through Jakarta or Manado, daily direct flights.

NB: See hereunder about airlines and luggage allowance. Domestic flights can be checked and bought on the web site / application tiket.com or traveloka.com/en-id

Good to know:

- Most of the airlines include for free 20 kgs of luggage.
- Garuda includes on top of the 20 kgs an additional free 23 kgs for sports equipment, diving gear falling into this category.
- WINGS AIR doesn't include any baggage, the fees vary depending on the flight. However if you are booked with a Batik Air connecting flight, you are allowed to 20 kgs on the Wings air too.
- Garuda and Citilink flights Jakarta are operated from the terminal 3 which is also the international terminal. Other airlines are in terminals 1 & 2 reachable by a free shuttle (20 minutes).



