



WALLACEA  
DIVE CRUISES

MSY SEAHORSE - RAJA AMPAT - TRITON BAY  
12 NIGHTS CRUISE

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DEPARTURE PORT: SORONG / ARRIVAL PORT: KAIMANA

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.

This 13 days/12 nights trip combines the two diving hot spots of West Papua: the magic South Raja Ampat and the magnificent Triton Bay area. An unforgettable experience that offers outstanding scuba diving into some of the planet best spots, sea kayaking, lagoons fringed by rainforest, hiking to some stunning view points and encounters with the friendly inhabitants of those areas.

Our adventure will begin in Sorong where you are awaited on our vessel before 12 noon, and will end up in Kaimana 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 bump head parrotfish, napoleon wrasses, etc...In triton Bay rocks are covered with large stands of soft corals forming an unique seascape.

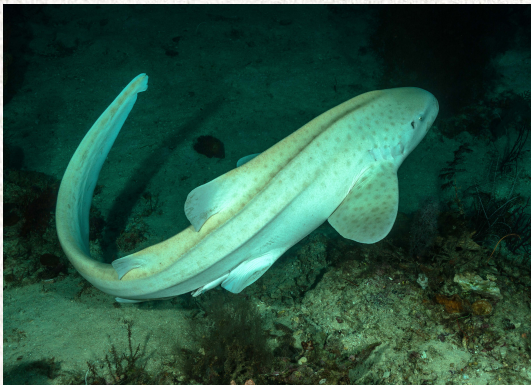
Reef sharks are very much present on the reefs; the carpet shark or Wobbegong is ubiquitous, laying on a coral or under a rock behind a cloud of glass-fish. The walking shark (Epaulette shark) can often be seen during night dives. Mantas are often spotted on different dive sites, and in Triton Bay, you will experience diving with whale sharks under the fishing platforms

The Wallacea typical "Sorong-Kaimana" 13-day trip covers the south of the Raja Ampat area with all the famous sites of Misool, the Triton Bay area, and epic dive sites in between. We then choose the dive sites according to the prevailing conditions during the trip.

A minimum of 36 dives (3 dives per day) is offered during the trip, including at least 6 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 Triton bay, we propose a ride with the dinghies into the lagoons at dawn. The bay offers a labyrinth of shallow lagoons between quartz islets covered with rainforest, where inhabits thousands of birds. Turn of the boat engine and listening to the bird songs in the early morning is a truly moving experience. In the channel between Namarote island and the mainland is a cliff which was probably, a long time ago, a cave that is now open and reveal ancient art rocks painting. We stop there and look at them from the boat.

In Momong, on the coast of Papua, we take the time for a short afternoon trek in the rain forest where, if we are (very) lucky, we may sight some tree-kangaroos. 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 crystal clear water. A short hike to the viewpoint of the "love lagoon" (a lagoon in the shape of a hearth!) is also scheduled.

Guests are welcome to 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. 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 10-20m, depending on the local condition that can vary from one dive to another. In Sabuda and Momong the water is clear. In Triton Bay, the visibility is an average 10 meters and can be lower in case of heavy rainfalls.

## TEMPERATURE

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

## CURRENTS

On this itinerary the currents are generally moderate on most of the dive sites, and there's always the possibility to do the dive in a current protected area. Wallacea Dive Cruises has a long experience diving these dive sites and always pays attention to dive 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



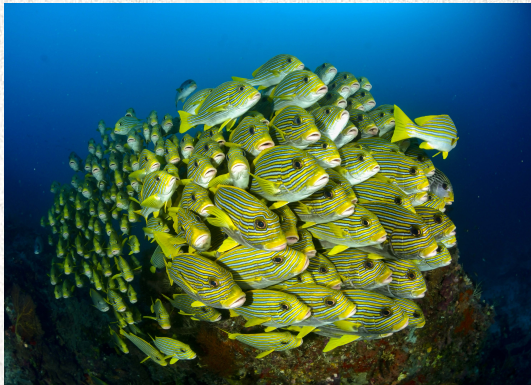


## ITINERARY & NAVIGATION :

The map shows the general cruise itinerary. It can slightly vary depending on weather conditions, currents, visibility, and tides. There are 4 overnight crossings on the trip, otherwise, we navigate between dives or in the early morning.

## MISOOL :

We spend the 5 first days of the trip in the South of Raja Ampat, around Misool and its satellite islets. Excellent for wide-angle pictures, mantas, and massive schools of fish. The underwater topography is dominantly rocky, with ridges and rock formations. The very colorful reefs display an abundance of soft corals and huge gorgonians. Macro subjects are abundant as well, with the four kinds of pygmy seahorses, tiny crabs, nudibranchs, and other rare photogenic life all over. We need one night of navigation to reach the next island of Sabuda.



## SABUDA & MOMON :

Halfway between Misool and the coast of Papua, Sabuda is a very scenic group of islands with beautiful lagoons and white sand beaches. The diving is interesting with big schools of fish (surgeons, trevallies, barracudas) and eventually mantas rays. Another night of navigation brings us to Momon, which has magnificent landscapes. The mountainous coast is covered with primary forest and a river from the highlands ends up into the sea as a large glorious waterfall (we go to swim and play there). We dive on a seamount outside the coast: huge schools of jacks, napoleon wrasse, maybe mantas, and even whale sharks. A small islet has thousands of bats flying out at sunset, which is a good macro dive. A third night of navigation is necessary to reach Triton bay.



## TRITON BAY :

The development of soft corals there has little equivalent in the world. On most of the dives we generally find the soft corals in the shallows (0-5m) on rock and boomies, then come the black and tubastrea corals with lot of sweetlips and snappers. Below 12-15m the bottom is mostly sandy or rubble with interesting critters (nudibranchs, frogfish...). Some spots can have a lot of baitfish, eventually attracting devil rays and other predators. The “bagans” are platforms for baitfish fishing at night, eventually attracting the whale sharks. We dive there in the morning, in small groups of 4 guests turning on 30 minutes shifts.





WAIGEO

 Sorong

WEST PAPUA


INDIAN OCEAN

MISOOL

 Balbulol

 Daram

Wayil 

 Fiabacet

SERAM SEA

SERAM

 Sabuda

Momon 

 Kaimana

 Whale shark

 Triton Bay

100 Km



## DIVE ORGANISATION ON MSY SEAHORSE

- 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 MSY SEAHORSE 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:

MSY SEAHORSE is a phinisi wooden boat of 33m x 8.5m built in 2004 and refurbished in 2018, for smooth navigation with focus on spaciousness and convenience for diving activities. With its 2 aluminium dinghies, comfortable dive deck and camera room, the boat is suitable for avid and pro divers, UW photographers & videographers. Kayaks and paddle boards 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 toilet and shower, with ample water pressure for everyone!

There are 2 sea viewcabins with double bed (upper deck 13.5 m2), 1 cabin with a double bed (lower deck 12 m2), and 5 cabins with twin beds (lower deck 12 m2).

## COMMON AREAS:

MSY SEAHORSE is designed to make guests comfortable during long trips with a spacious outdoor lounge on the upper deck. There are 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 spacious air-conditioned restaurant on the main deck with meals served on the table, family style and is equipped with a TV in the middle of the room. The restaurant includes a bar.





## SERVICE:

Behind the MSY SEAHORSE'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:

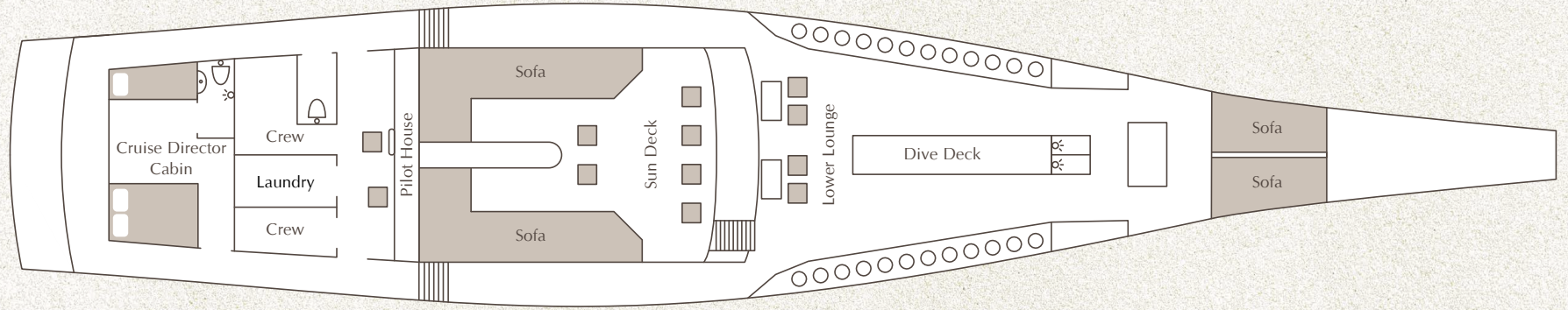
Mixing eastern and western specialties, our cuisine is a "fusion" of the best of both that will never let you go hungry. Should you have specific requests, or a particular dietary need, (vegetarian or allergy, for example), our chefs will adapt the meals for your greatest pleasure.

## THE TEAM AT YOUR SERVICE:

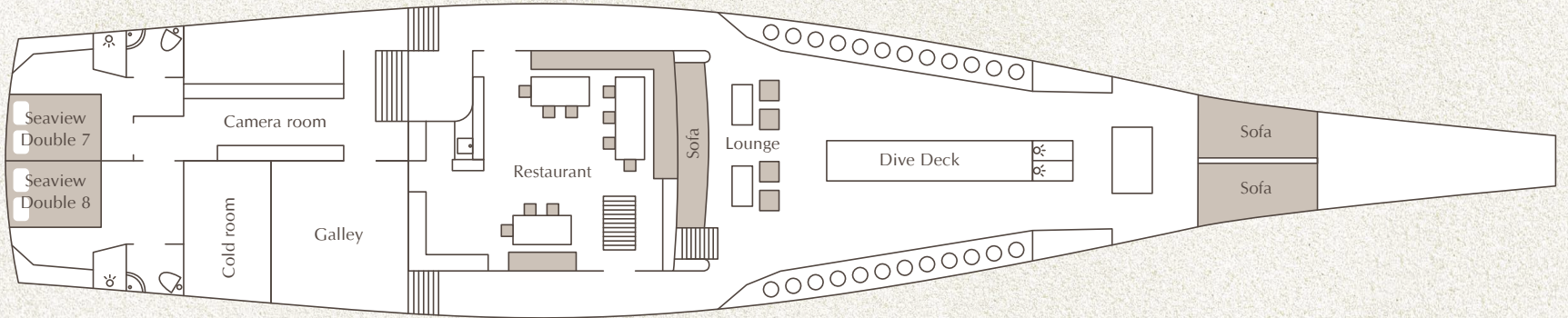
- 1 cruise director / diving instructor
- 16 crew members including 4 dive guides



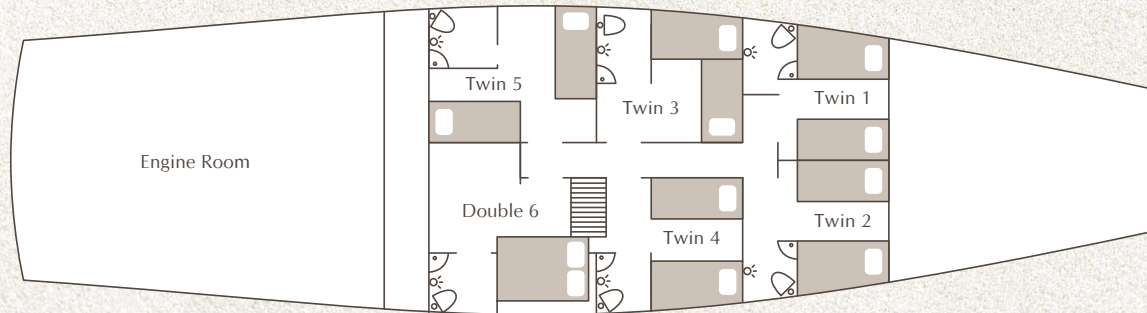
# UPPER DECK



# 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](http://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.
- 2 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	
<b>Port</b>	Sorong	<b>Port</b>	Kaimana
<b>Airport</b>	Sorong (SOQ)	<b>Airport</b>	Kaimana (KNG)
<b>Check in time</b>	Before 12:00 noon	<b>Check out time</b>	Before 12:00 noon
<b>Boat departure time</b>	1:00 PM	<b>Boat arrival time</b>	6:00 AM
<b>First dive</b>	No dive on the arrival day	<b>Lats dive</b>	Penultimate day, 8 AM

### How to get there:

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

NB: the Kaimana-Sorong leg is a Wings Air flight. Domestic flights can be checked and bought on the web site / application [tiket.com](http://tiket.com) or [traveloka.com/en-id](http://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).



