

SOUTH & NORTH RAJA AMPAT EXPEDITION

This immersive cruise from Sorong and back explores the heart of Indonesia's Raja Ampat archipelago, a region renowned for its unparalleled marine biodiversity and dramatic island scenery. The journey takes travelers through hidden gems like Wayag Island, with its postcard-perfect karsts and lagoons, and Neptune's Passage, where vibrant corals thrive in crystal-clear waters. From the tranquil Blue Water Mangroves to the secluded shores of Boo and Kofiu Islands, the itinerary offers a blend of snorkeling, exploration, and cultural encounters in remote villages like Arborek. With stops at biodiversity hotspots such as Cape Kri and Aljui Bay, this voyage showcases Raja Ampat's pristine wilderness, culminating in a return to the bustling port of Sorong.



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Day 1 Indonesia Sorong

Arrive at Sorong to a warm welcome. There will be a private transfer to Swiss-Belhotel Sorong to rest and relax, before embarkation at noon. Board Aqua Blu and cruise to Thousand Temples island complex while enjoying the world-class cuisine of chef Benjamin Cross for dinner.

Day 2 Indonesia One Thousand Temples & Yillet

Wake up to the magnificent Thousand Temples Island and lagoon complex. In the morning, we explore mysterious jellyfish lakes and karst island seascapes, witnessing ancient rock art before touring the magnificent caverns of Tomolol Cave. After lunch, we head out to Yillet - an island featuring some of the world's most iconic diving and snorkeling sites, before returning to Aqua Blu for a sunset sail to Daram.

Day 3 Indonesia Daram



Explore the colorful coral reefs of Daram, renowned for its multiple dive and snorkel sites. Featuring Andiamo, Candy Store, and Andys Ultimate, there's a site fit for anyone - no matter their experience level. Take a leisurely walk through Daram's uninhabited beaches and catch sight of endangered green and hawksbill turtles. As the sun sets, lay back and enjoy bespoke cocktails at Aqua Blu's private beach club.

Day 4 Indonesia Sabuda

Witness the sparkling coral reefs and beaches of the verdant Sabuda island as the sun rises. Jump in for a refreshing morning swim and discover the reef's abundant marine life. At The Dome dive and snorkel site, expect to see large schools of tropical fish and even the occasional manta ray. In the evening, enjoy a relaxing stroll along the beach, drinks in hand, while taking in the enthralling views of the Pacific.

Day 5 Indonesia Neptune's Passage & Fibiacet

Bask in the views of Neptune's Sea Fan; a limestone passage on the south of Misool, where an early morning kayak excursion awaits. After breakfast, a dive and snorkel in the passage's blue pools presents an opportunity to witness some of the finest reefs on the planet. In the afternoon, we visit the remote Fibiacet island - home to some of Indonesia's most biodiverse waters - before returning to Aqua Blu for sundowners.

Day 6 Indonesia Kapatcol & Blue Water Mangroves

Head out early in the morning to the lush forests of Kapatcol, home to the Lessor and King birds of paradise. After the morning's bird-watching excursion, plunge into the surrounding lapis lazuli waters for a refreshing dive or snorkel. In the afternoon, we visit the remote Blue Water Mangroves and Crocodile River in search of saltwater crocodiles basking in the sun. Cap off the day with a tender tour of the mangrove channels with cocktails and canapes.

Day 7 Indonesia Boo & Kofiu Islands

The day begins with a kayak exploration of Boo Island's shimmering lagoons and waterways. In the afternoon, we head off to Kofiu Island, which boasts some of the highest diversity of marine life recorded worldwide. Test your sense of adventure once more as you explore the stunning underwater world of Kofiu.

Day 8 Indonesia Sorong

We dock in Sorong as the ship replenishes itself for the next leg of the journey. Spend the day partaking in R&R; on board Aqua Blu. Enjoy an outdoor gym session, relax in the jacuzzi, or book yourself a spa session. In the afternoon, welcome aboard the new guests who will be joining us for the rest of the expedition.

Day 9 Indonesia Mioskon Island & Kabui Bay

Wake up to the beauty of Mioskon Island and head out for a relaxing snorkeling and diving excursion. In the afternoon, tour on tenders or kayak in 'The Passage' - a narrow passing between Waigeo and Gam Island, that Alfred Russell Wallace traveled through in 1860. Enjoy the mangrove views and catch sight of saltwater crocodiles, hawksbill turtles, and hornbills before returning to Aqua Blu for sundowners and dinner.



Day 10 Indonesia Cape Kri & Yangeffo Island

Rise in the morning to birdsong for an early tender tour of Kabui Bay's magnificent karsts. Afterwards, enjoy breakfast while cruising to Cape Kri. Snorkel or dive at a site which holds the world record for most species spotted in a single 90-minute dive. On to Yangeffo Island, go on an exhilarating afternoon dive excursion at Mayhem reef or enjoy a sunset cocktail tender tour of the mangroves. Dine underneath the stars once you're back onboard.

Day 11 Indonesia Aljui Bay & Wofoh Island

We'll have an early departure to Aljui Bay, followed by an eye-opening visit to a pearl farm. Next, it's off to Wofoh Island for diving, snorkeling, and water sports in the afternoon. Lay back and enjoy Aqua Blu's Beach Club on a private beach, sipping on bespoke cocktails and frolicking family fun as the sun sets.

Day 12 Indonesia Wayag Island

Witness the magnificence of Wayag Island's limestone islets and lagoons as the sun rises. Jump in for a refreshing early morning swim and listen to the sounds of the surrounding nature. Attempt to spot the rare birds of paradise before a hearty breakfast onboard. Next, we'll be diving at Figure Eight Rock or snorkeling at the Ranger station to spot black tip reef sharks. Spend the afternoon exploring hidden lagoons aboard kayaks at "Castaway" beach.

Day 13 Indonesia Dayang Island & Arborek Island

We'll be arriving early at Dayang Island, known for its plethora of marine life, especially Reef Manta Rays and occasionally Oceanic Manta Rays. Snorkelers and divers alike will revel in the close presence of such majestic creatures at the Manta Cleaning Station. Afterwards, we'll cruise to Arborek Island for a cultural excursion at the Papuan village before returning onboard to dine beneath the stars.

Day 14 Indonesia Mayalibit Bay

Rise before the sun to embark on a spectacular nature excursion to hike to spot the rare birds of paradise on the island of Waigeo. After breakfast enjoy a relaxed snorkel excursion at Friwinbonda Island. In the afternoon test your sense of adventure heading inland on a local canoe before a refreshing swim down the shimmering blue Kali Biru river. Departing for Sorong for your last night.

Day 15 Indonesia Sorong

Enjoy a healthy breakfast onboard in Sorong before your outbound flight.

Please note:
Itineraries are subject to change.



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VESSEL TYPE:	**Yacht**
LENGTH:	**198 feet / 60 meters**
PASSENGER CAPACITY:	**30**
BUILT/REFURBISHED:	**1968/2006/2019**

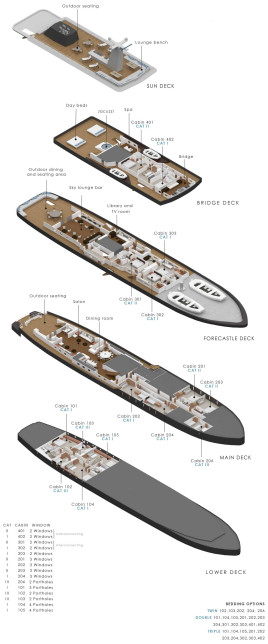
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