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INDO SIREN

RAJA AMPAT - 11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS

DAYS	ITINERARY	DIVES
DAY 1	<p>Arrive Sorong</p> <p>Meet a member of the crew at the Sorong Airport, transfer to the port and board the SY Indo Siren. After boarding settle into your cabin and assemble your equipment with help from our friendly crew. The boat briefing is followed by dinner and enjoy the rest of the evening at your leisure. Depart for North of Batanta</p>	---
DAY	<p>Batanta Island and Wai Island</p> <p>Batanta Island offers up something truly exceptional for your first full day. Known as the muck dive capital in Raja Ampat, there is really nothing that cannot be seen here. Mimic octopus, wonderpus, inimicus, picturesque mandarin fish, dragonets, frog fish and much more. On land, Batanta offers up some wonders including the red bird of paradise and if time allows we will venture to look for this beautiful bird that can only be found here. Just off the north shore of Wai Island are two downed World War 2 American fighter planes that lie in 24 to 34 meters. The shallower wreck is upside down and is fairly intact with excellent coral covering it especially on the lower side of the tail section. The guns are also visible and sometimes tassled wobbegong sharks are sighted on the slope leading to the plane. During the darkest phases of the moon, Wai's trees glow with millions of fireflies blinking in unison, a sight never to be forgotten. Drift off to sleep to the sound of giant hornbills, cockatoos and the birds of paradise.</p> <p>Depart for Misool Island</p>	Up to 4
DAY 3	<p>South East Misool and The Farondi</p> <p>The small islands that run east and south from Misool are surrounded by reefs supporting some of the most majestic underwater scenery in Raja Ampat. You will dive some of the most popular sites. Farondi has some good macro diving and its many channels support fish schools and healthy reefs.</p>	Up to 4

	<p>The Three Sisters can be one of the top dive sites in Raja Ampat and the marine life is nothing short of exceptional. The very large number of reef fish including snapper, sweetlips and batfish are a truly wonderful addition to the great coral on this site. The number of colourful soft corals is unbelievable.</p>	
DAY 4	<p>South Misool</p> <p>Spend part of the day further south of Misool around Fiabacet. Take in the fan covered walls of Fiabacet and the soft coral lined swim-through of Boo Kecil, the ocean teems with schools of batfish, damselfish and fusiliers. Boo Windows dive site is comprised of two rocks that stick up from the eastern edge of the island of Boo. One large and one small, these rocks are surrounded with good coral that drops to around 30 meters. A saddle is formed between the two rocks and with current affecting it diving can be quite exciting as it attracts trevally and schools of dog tooth tuna. Back near to the surface the tides and water have eroded some holes in the rocks, creating swim-throughs that make for great photography opportunities.</p> <p>Sightings of yellow tailed barracuda, snapper, grouper, Napoleon wrasse, turtles, batfish and rabbit fish are often seen in the waters surrounding the islands.</p>	Up to 4
DAY 5	<p>Mansuar</p> <p>Do up to 4 dives between Mansuar Island and Airborei Island, you can spot many manta rays at a dive site called Manta Ridge and this is where we shall stay for a few dives. The dive site is a popular manta ray cleaning station that attracts large groups of mantas. Up to thirty can be seen on one dive but five or six is more common with wing spans of 4 meters. There are normally strong currents at this site and although the manta rays make hanging around look effortless, you may require a reef hook. The manta rays of Raja Ampat are quite distinctive as some are all black as opposed to the norm of a white underside and black upper. The dive site drops to around 40 meters where bumphead parrot fish can be found in large numbers but the mantas in shallow water normally steal the show.</p>	Up to 4
DAY 6	<p>Fam</p> <p>Another picture postcard moment as you find yourself in the dozen or so limestone islands and islets which are home to many channels with shallow, aquamarine inlets, bays, lagoons, beaches, cliffs and coves. Offering five recognized dive sites, you'll have a great day surrounded by thousands of fish. Starting with Barracuda Point (aka Burt's Reef), which is open to some strong currents which attract large schools of barracuda and schooling reef fish. Wobbegong sharks can be found here. Melissa's Garden is a spectacular shallow flat reef site bordered by three rocks that break the surface. Home to tassled wobbegong sharks, banded sea kraits, giant clams and a large amount of schooling pelagics, this is a great dive.</p>	Up to 4
DAY 7	<p>Wajag and Uraine</p> <p>This is a remote and uninhabited area dotted with hundreds of limestone islands. There are many possibilities to dive the area, however the best diving is found in the northwest. Hard coral gardens, sloping walls decorated with sea fans, soft corals and thick schools of anthias. Grey reef sharks frequent a spectacular underwater cave just off the northeast tip of Uriane. White tip reef sharks, wobbegong sharks and bumphead parrot fish are also frequent sights. We venture on land to climb one of the islands to a superb view of the lagoon below and the boat. Bring your cameras.</p>	2

DAY 8	Kawe Island <p>The rocks and seamounts in this group straddle the equator. Kawe is one of the few places in the world where it is possible to dive both hemispheres without moving the boat. When the current is running, Kawe's fish life is abundant, and feeding manta rays have been spotted on the southwest side of Eagle Rock. We will do a couple of dives in Kawe and then head on to Waigeo.</p>	2
DAY 9	Waigeo <p>This area is made up of large tree covered islands separated by calm inland waterways that stretch back for miles into the interior. This is a perfect opportunity to take a kayak out for a paddle during your surface intervals. It is also likely you will explore with the tender some of the waterways as they are home to some rare birds and fearsome salt water crocodiles. The area is tidal with expansive mangrove areas broken up only by towering limestone cliffs. Great muck dives and great critter hunting areas are everywhere. Wobbegong sharks can be found here but the prize sighting has to be the epaulette shark. Muscular pectoral fins enable this shark to "walk" along the seafloor. When disturbed, instead of swimming out of danger, it sometimes quickly "runs" away. Other sightings you are likely to make are hairy squat lobsters, tozeuma and coleman shrimps, a variety of pygmy seahorses, frog fish, cockatoo wasp fish and ghost pipe fish.</p>	---
DAY 10	Kri Island <p>Perhaps most known for the long established resort that is Kri Eco Resort built by Max Ammer located in Cape Kri since 1994. Max Ammer has been one of the pioneers of Raja Ampat diving. Dr. Gerald Allen (world-renowned ichthyologist and author of several fish identification books), broke his personal record on a single dive by identifying 283 different species of fish and concluded that Raja Ampat harbours the greatest biodiversity he has ever registered. The research team recorded 828 species of reef fishes in the assessment, raising the known total in that region to 970. In addition, 456 species of hard corals were recorded, which is more than half the world's total. Including previous studies, this brings the total number of hard coral species in Raja Ampat to 565, and no other area of comparable size has this many species. We spend the day here diving sites such as Cape Kri, Sardine and Mike's Point. Divers who spend most of their bottom time at the current's leading edge usually will be surrounded by a frenzy of wahoo, tuna, trevally and fusiliers preying on millions of baitfish. A truly stunning way to spend your last day diving. The number of dives you do is dependent on your onward flight arrangements. In the evening enjoy a BBQ on the boat and start planning your next adventure aboard the Siren Fleet.</p>	Up to 4
DAY 11	Disembark Sorong <p>After breakfast say your farewells, disembark the SY Indo Siren and transfer to Sorong Airport.</p>	0
TOTAL DIVES		Up to 32

BOAT SPECIFICATIONS

Technical specifications	Accommodation and Facilities	Navigation and Communications
<p>Length : 40m</p> <p>Nitrox</p> <p>Kayaks</p>	<p>Staterooms : 8</p> <p>large air-conditioned cabins each with their own personal computer, audio-visual entertainment system and ensuite bathrooms with hot water. All rooms are lavished with luxury extra's including bathrobes, hair dryers, towels, individually controlled mood lighting and individual controls for your air-conditioning unit.</p> <p>Max passengers : 16</p> <p>Laundry service</p> <p>Massage service</p>	<p>Mobile phone</p> <p>Sattelite phone</p> <p>VHF radio</p> <p>SSB radio</p> <p>GPS</p> <p>Depth sounder</p> <p>Radar</p>

FAQ

Visa and Passports

Passport holders of most western countries are required to obtain a visa on arrival which allows stays up to 30 days. Visa and Passport regulations for different countries are constantly in a state of flux. We always advise our guests that they check regularly for updates and changes. Please make sure that your passport has validity of at least 6 months upon arrival into Indonesia. You may be required to show a confirmed ticket to leave Indonesia within the maximum number of days you are allowed to stay in the country.

Time Zone

The time varies depending on your location in Indonesia; GMT + 7 (West) in Sumatra, Java and Western Borneo; GMT + 8 (Central) in Sulawesi, Lesser Sunda Islands, Bali and Eastern Borneo; GMT + 9 (East) in Papua and Maluku.

Health

Health services in Indonesia are by no means up to western standards, although there are hospitals in all major towns. We do advise all guests to ensure that vaccinations are up to date. We recommend that travelers follow normal precautions with food in order to prevent stomach upsets, and be sure to drink bottled water only. Please consult your doctor or nearest health authorities for up-to-date medical travel information well before departure.

Language and Religion

The spoken language in Indonesia is Bahasa, however, nearly all Indonesians who work in the tourism industry speak English. 88% of all Indonesians are Muslims, and about 8% Christians. There are size-able minorities of Hindus and Buddhists who freely pursue their respective faiths.

Climate and Weather

Indonesia is a tropical country, and the climate is fairly even all year round being roughly divided into two distinct seasons, 'wet' and 'dry'. The east monsoon, from June to September brings dry weather while the west monsoon, from December to March, brings rain. The transitional period between these two seasons alternates between gorgeous sun-filled days and occasional thunderstorms. Even in the midst of the wet season temperatures range from 21°C (70°F) to 33°C (90°F), except at higher altitudes which can be much cooler. The heaviest rainfalls are usually recorded in December and January. Average humidity is generally between 75% and 100%.

Clothing and Footwear

Dress on board our yacht is very casual and most guests feel comfortable in little more than swim wear, shorts and t-shirts, particularly in the warm weather of Indonesia. A sweater is advised for cooler nights, particularly after multiple dives. Guests prefer bare feet on board the yacht; however island visits will require sturdy sandals or cross-trainers.

Electricity

On board the yacht we have both 220V and 110V with 2 round pin sockets. (European style) Please make sure you bring universal adapter with you if necessary. On land 220/250 volts AC, 50Hz but 110 volts is still used in some areas. Plugs used are European-style with two circular metal pins.

Money Matters

The local currency is the Indonesian Rupiah (IDR). The majority of established hotels, shops and restaurants accept major credit cards. However, smaller, family-run places probably will not. Worldwide Dive and Sail advises guests to exchange money prior to the departure of the trip and have small denominations of Indonesian Rupiah on hand.

Smoking

Smoking onboard is permitted in designated (outdoor) areas.

Payments Onboard

Any extra costs you may have onboard must be paid in cash. We do not accept credit card payments onboard, so it is advisable that guests bring extra cash of between 100-200 € on top of marine park and port fees, per person. Worldwide Dive and Sail accepts GBP, EUR, USD and the local currency of the dive destination. Trips often finish in remote locations, it is best to bring extra cash in case there is no ATM or other method of withdrawing or exchanging cash.

Marine and Port Fees

The marine park and port fees for this trip are 65 € per person and must be paid onboard in cash.

Tipping

Tipping is a matter of personal choice. You may wish to leave a tip if you feel the crew has made your holiday extra special. Tips are divided equally amongst all the crew including dive guides.

Airport Terminal Fee

Passengers travelling within Indonesia are required to pay airport terminal fees. This varies from airport to airport; please ensure you have small denominations of local currency on hand to pay these fees.

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