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## MANDARIN SIREN

### RAJA AMPAT SORTH – 7 DAYS/6 DAYS

DAYS	ITINERARY	DIVES
<b>DAY 1</b>	<p><b>Arrive Sorong</b></p> <p>Meet a member of the Worldwide Dive and Sail crew at the Sorong Airport, transfer to the port and board the SY Mandarin 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 <b>South Waigo</b></p>	
<b>DAY 2</b>	<p><b>Dampier Strait in South Waigeo</b></p> <p>Wake up to the beauty that is the <b>Dampier Strait</b> in <b>South Waigeo</b>. The strait that flows between Waigeo and Batanta offers some of the most spectacular diving in <b>Raja Ampat</b>. Among the most popular sites is <b>Cape Kri</b>. This area was made famous by the <b>Kri Eco</b> resort built by Max Ammer. Max was also responsible for discovering many of the great dive sites in this area. <b>Kri</b> is a great start for the cruise with the most fish and coral species counted ever on a single dive. Divers who spend most of their bottom time at the current leading edge usually will be surrounded by large numbers of wahoo, tuna and trevally predated on masses of fusiliers. After a check out dive you do two more day dives and a night dive.</p>	---
<b>DAY 3</b>	<p><b>Mansuar Island</b></p> <p>Do up to 4 dives between <b>Mansuar Island</b> and <b>Airborei Island</b>, 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 cleaning station that attracts 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>	<b>Up to 4</b>

	<p><b>Depart Mansuar</b> and move onto <b>Yangello / Gam Channel</b>, a submerged ridge which has white sand with lots of bommies and good coral growth on the shallower parts with some good mangrove areas also. Eagle rays, black tip reef sharks, barracudas and some incredible reef fish can be found here.</p>	
<b>DAY 4</b>	<p><b>Fam</b></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 <b>Barracuda Point (aka Burt's Reef)</b>, which is open to some strong currents which attract large schools of barracuda and schooling reef fish. Wobbegong sharks can be found here. <b>Melissa's Garden</b> 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>	---
<b>DAY 5</b>	<p><b>Wajag and Uraine</b></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 Uraiane. White tip reef sharks, wobbgong 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>	---
<b>DAY 6</b>	<p><b>Waigeo</b></p> <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. 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>	---
<b>DAY 7</b>	<p><b>Disembark Sorong</b></p> <p>After breakfast say your farewells, disembark the SY Mandarin Siren and transfer to Sorong Airport.</p>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL DIVES</b>		<b>Up to 20</b>

## BOAT SPECIFICATIONS

Technical specifications	Accommodation and Facilities	Navigation and Communications
<p><b>Length</b> : 24m <b>First sail</b> : June 2010</p>	<p><b>Staterooms</b> : 4 4 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><b>Message service</b></p> <p><b>Max passengers</b> : 8</p>	<p>Mobile phone Sattelite phone VHF radio SSB radio Radar Depth sounder GPS</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.

## **Smoking**

Smoking onboard is permitted in designated (outdoor) areas.

## **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.

## **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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