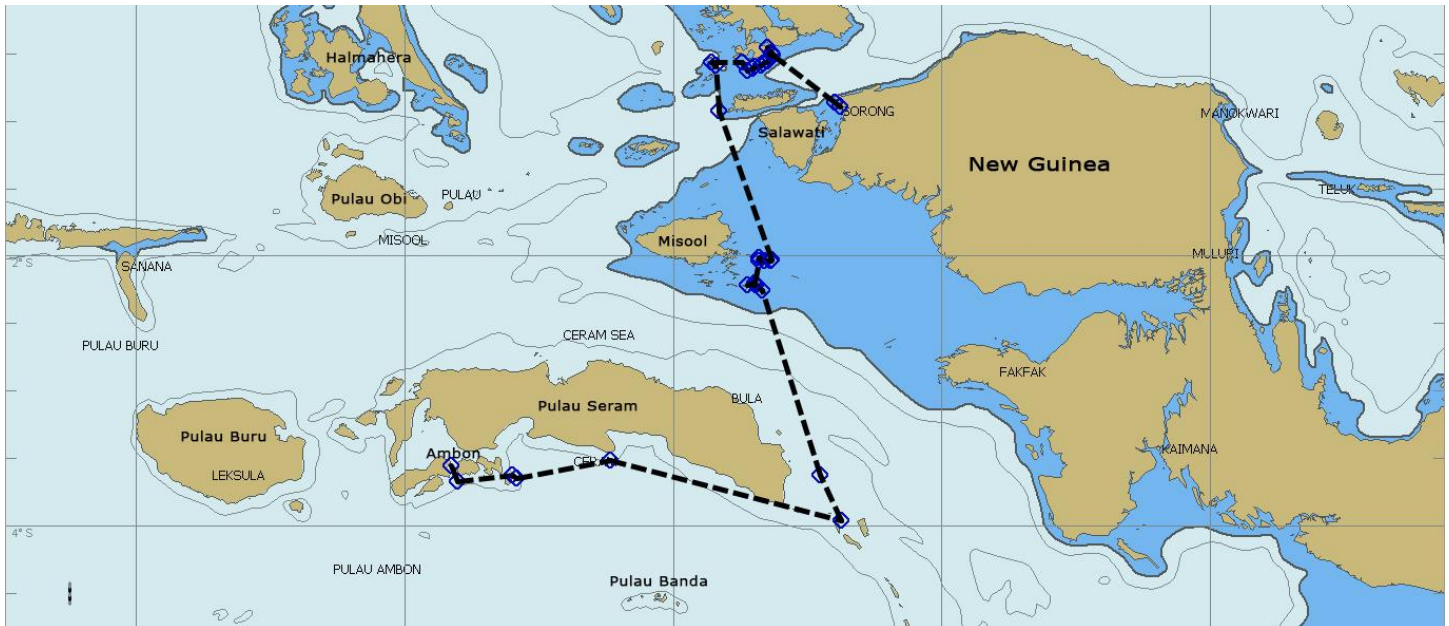


Raja Ampat - Maluku

11 nights/12 days



Cruise Summary

Our 12-day Dive & Adventure Travel guides us through the central part of Raja Ampat and the Banda Sea to our final destination Ambon harbour.

Raja Ampat is the place where coral species reach 75% of all known species and fish nearly 1,300 species and has arguably the greatest marine biodiversity in the world.

Raja Ampat is also a paradise for bird watchers.

Ambon Island is the capital of Maluku Province and its main town, Kota Ambon is the largest and most developed in the region. In the 17th century when the spice trade was at its peak and the Dutch monopoly on cloves its strongest, they made Kota Ambon their base in the Moluccas because of its superb natural harbor offered, and the town was known as the "Queen of the East".

While it is still possible to find the odd legacy of those days, most of the Dutch colonial era buildings were destroyed during the WWII battle for Ambon between the Allied forces and the Japanese.



Day-1

Your flight will arrive in Sorong. **Sorong** is a coastal city in the eastern Indonesian province of West Papua.

Day 2-12

If possible we offer 3-4 dives daily. When crossing only 1-2 dives a day can be scheduled. We reserve the right to change the itinerary or specific agreed services, if force majeure, unforeseen or unavoidable circumstances require us to do so.

Some of the destinations on our journey:

Mansuar & Kri Island

are located in the northern part of Raja Ampat, in the Dampier Strait.

The Dampier Strait is where scuba diving in Raja Ampat was first started back in the 1990's, with pioneers like Max Ammer operating from basic scuba camps on Kri island at the western end of the Strait.

Physically the Strait is the large passage of water between the islands of Gam & Waigeo in the north and Batanta in the south, which takes its name from the English explorer-adventurer William Dampier who first charted the area in the 17th century.



Fam Islands

are a group of islands in Raja Ampat of West Papua. The main islands are Fam, Penemu (*Fam Besar*), Inus, Yar. They lie northwest of Bantanta island, in the straits between Waigeo and Batanta and New Guinea.



Balbulol, Tomolol

In Tomolol, you'll be amazed by the caves in the area, where you can see paintings of huge human palms and animals which were painted by ancient cave dwellers.



Misool,

formerly spelled Mysol (Dutch: Misoöl), is one of the four major islands in the Raja Ampat Islands in West Papua. The inhabitants speak the Biga language and Matbat language, as well as Indonesian.



Koon Island

Small Island, located in the district of South East Seram



Nusa Laut & Saparua

Nusa Laut is the most easterly of the Lease group and about 80 km from Ambon, so in reality it's probably only possible to dive the sites there from a live aboard.

The diving around Nusa Laut was pioneered by Eddie Frommenweiler and the late Larry Smith, who between them opened up much of the diving in Eastern Indonesia.

With a bit luck In the shallow bay of Paperu it is possible to spot a dugong in the sea grass. On Nusa Laut there are a few old forts and colonial buildings.



Day 11:

Final day of diving - our trip ends at the port of Ambon.

Day-12

Check-out after breakfast or lunch time – depends on your flight time. We say good-bye to our guests and wish them farewell. Our crew will organize the transfer to the airport and assist at check-in for onward flights.

