

**8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS**  
**LUXURY LIVEABOARD**  
**RAJA AMPAT**

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## Luxury Liveboard Raja Ampat

*Jakarta – Sorong – Raja Ampat – Sorong – Jakarta*



### *What to expect*

**Raja Ampat**, the islands-regency in West Papua Province. With all the spectacular wonders above and beyond its waters, as well as on land and amidst the thick jungles, this is truly the place where words such as beautiful, enchanting, magnificent, and fascinating gets its true physical meaning.

Situated off the northwest tip of Bird's Head Peninsula on Papua, the most eastern Island of the Indonesian Archipelago, Raja Ampat or literally meaning 'The Four Kings' is an archipelago comprising over 1,500 small islands, cays, and shoals surrounding the four main islands of Waigeo, Batanta, Salawati, and Misool. The name Raja Ampat itself is believed to derived from a legend where a woman found seven eggs, with four of them hatch and become the kings of the four main islands, while the other three became a woman, a ghost, and a stone.

For underwater enthusiasts, Raja Ampat definitely offers the some of the world's ultimate experience. The territory within the islands of the Four Kings is enormous, covering 9.8 million acres of land and sea, home to 540 types of corals, more than 1,000 types of coral fish and 700 types of mollusks. This makes it the most diverse living library for world's coral reef and underwater biota.

According to a report developed by The Nature Conservancy and Conservation International, around 75% of the world's species live here! Raja Ampat's sheer numbers and diversity of marine life and its huge pristine coral reef systems are a scuba dream come true – and a fantastic site for snorkelers too.

As you embark on your dive here, the phrase "Attention to detail" takes on new meaning as pigmy seahorses swim around your fingers. Manta Rays and wobbegongs will glide right by you. Schools of Tuna fish, giant trevallies, snappers, batfish, and even barracudas are there to complete your underwater "meeting list". Not to mention the friendly assistant of the dugong, and a busy colleague, the turtle. Down at the sea floors, giant sea clams measuring to over one meter in length truly offers one of kind close encounter sensation.



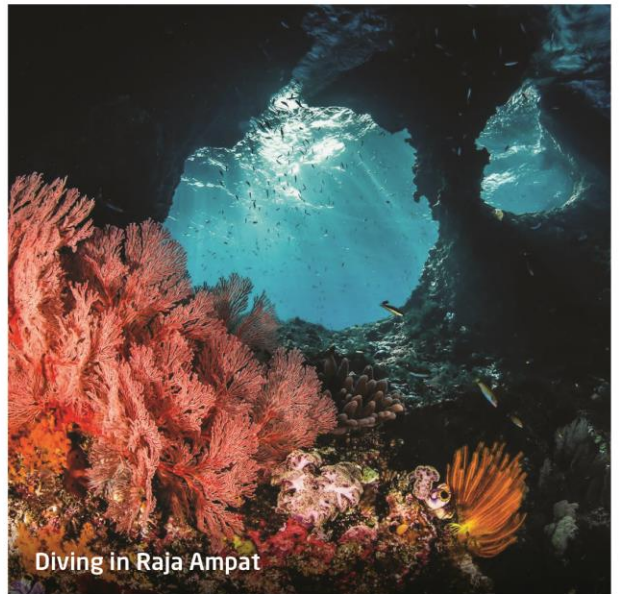
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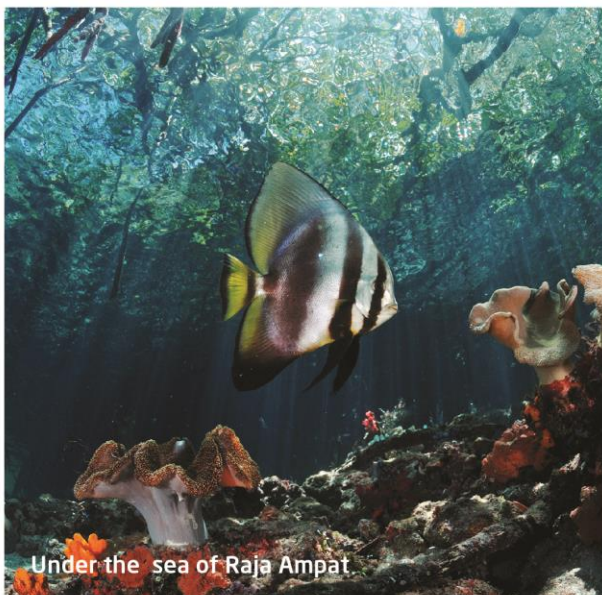
Phinisi Cruising



Manta Ray



Diving in Raja Ampat



Under the sea of Raja Ampat



Wayag Baby Shark

## What you will do

### **Day 01: Arrival Jakarta (No meal)**

Upon arrival at Soekarno Hatta International Airport, meet and greet with our assigned guide. Drive to Bandara International Hotel, which located around the airport area for your accommodation. Check-in procedure and the remainder of the day is free at your own leisure.

**Overnight at Bandara International Hotel in Cengkareng**

### **Day 02: Jakarta – Sorong – Waisai’s Marinda Airport – Raja Ampat (B/-/D)**

*Suggested Flight CGK – SOQ by GA 682/00.20 – 06.35 connect SOQ – RJM by IW 1187/13.45 – 14.15*

Breakfast is served at the hotel, then you will be picked-up to airport and fly to Sorong. Connecting the flight to Waisai’s Marinda Airport. Upon arrival at Waisai, our representative will greet you and escort you to luxury vessel. Once on board, our Cruise Director will give a general briefing to familiarize with the vessel and the safety aboard. After that, your journey to relaxation begins. The ship heads off into Dampier Strait, whilst you enjoy a refreshing welcome cocktail on the upper deck surrounded by a warm breeze. Our first destination will be Kri, a small island just east of Mansuar, your first experience with the Raja Ampat Archipelago. White sand beaches, clear waters and iridescent reefs against a backdrop of a dense rainforest. In the afternoon you can dive or snorkel in breathtaking underwater coral gardens, or swim in warm tropical waters. We will cruise until Gam Island, giving you plenty of time to tour the facilities on board of the luxury vessel and enjoy its exclusive services at your leisure, perhaps a relaxing massage or reading a book in the library. In the evening, savor the combination of an extraordinary dinner and the incredible views around you. We will spend the night at anchor, lulled by the ripples of the sea and the calming tranquility. Get ready for a journey to Hatta Island using a local boat (around 1 hour). Hatta Island is the most remote island in the Banda Islands, surrounded by remarkable reef gardens and marine life that provide some of the world’s finest underwater panoramas. Enjoy snorkelling in the crystal clear water with a multitude of colourful, unique and often quite rare marine life, or relax on the long white beaches and swaying palms. Transfer back and have dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight on board**

### **Day 03: Raja Ampat Island (B/L/D)**

You will wake up with delightful views of Gam Island. After a superb breakfast, you will be able to choose from exhilarating activities such as snorkeling or diving exploring the marvelous corals and marine life of the Raja Ampat region. Or if you prefer, you can stay on board and luxuriate with a pampering spa treatment. During the afternoon, we will explore the other side of Gam Island where you can admire more fascinating scenes. By the evening, we will set sail northwards, cruising through the night and crossing the Equator. This is the perfect moment to view the stunning scenery and indulge in another gourmet dinner. Breakfast served at the hotel. Prepare for island-hopping to Rhun, Nailaka and Ay Island by speed boat. Enjoy the scenery and the breeze while walking along a white sandy beach. This is a particularly good spot for snorkelling, with great visibility and a multitude of fish and other marine life teeming over pristine coral reefs in the warm tropical waters surrounding the islands. Lunch will be provided during the island-hopping. Return back to Hatta and enjoy dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight on board**

**Day 04: Raja Ampat Island****(B/L/D)**

Today you will wake up in the morning with the fantastic views of the lagoons, limestone cliffs and mushroom islands of Wayag. The crystal clear waters appear like unreal windows to various types of flora and fauna that live underwater. After a superb breakfast, you have the opportunity to swim or dive at Ridge Rock, a prowling ground for wobbegong sharks, marbled rays and mantas. If you prefer to explore the labyrinth of islands from above the water, you can enjoy a speedboat tour around the many rock islands. Or you can opt to go hiking and scale the highest peak of the island, Mount Pindito, for rewarding views of these extremely beautiful islands. In the evening, the crew will set up our beach barbecue. Stargaze, relax on plush white cushions and savor fresh grilled seafood, caught during the day's sail.

After dinner, the luxury vessel will cruise southwards and begins the overnight voyage to the south of the Raja Ampat archipelago. Breakfast is served at the hotel. Start with a city tour around Banda Neira Island by visiting Nassau Port, Belgica Fort, Mini Palace, Hatta's House, Culture House and several other stops en-route. Lunch will be provided during the journey. Continue to Banda Besar Island, where you can observe the island's famous nutmeg being farmed in a field and then visit Hollandia Fort and the "Old Sacred Well". Transfer back to your hotel, where dinner will be provided.

***Overnight on board*****Day 05: Raja Ampat Island****(B/L/D)**

Today begins in Sel Pele Bay, located on the western side of Waigeo Island, renowned for critter hunting. The underwater scenery here is as beautiful and full of life as the one above it.

We have the opportunity to go trekking along promising paths where native wildlife and birdlife is in abundance, or perhaps you opt to join a fascinating visit to the Atlas South Sea Pearl Farm in the island's Aljuy Bay, to learn about the cultivation and harvesting of pearls.

After this bustling day, you can enjoy some time to relax, perhaps a massage or reading a book at your balcony, before savoring another exquisite meal. Wake up early in the morning and prepare hiking (for around three hours) to Gunung Api (volcano) for awesome sunrise views. The volcano is a massive stratovolcano, rising 282 metres above the water and 5 km from the sea floor. The waters around Gunung Api are home to lurid purple-and-orange sea squirts, remarkably fast-growing table corals, leatherback turtles and concentrations of sea snakes. Lunch will be provided enroute. Enjoy snorkelling at the lava flow of Gunung Api; the most popular spot of the island. Transfer back to your hotel, where dinner will be provided.

***Overnight on board*****Day 06: Raja Ampat Island****(B/L/D)**

After a delicious breakfast, we head ashore of Jef Fam Island, a marvelous place, perfect for whatever sport you may feel like doing today whether it is sea kayaking, diving, snorkeling or hiking. After a delicious lunch on board, will the crew whisk you off in the speedboat for an exciting cruise around the island, a thrilling way to observe small natural pools uniquely created by rocks and discover rare orchids.

The open air dining on board of the luxury vessel, is the perfect viewpoint for another beautiful sunset, while you cherish a gourmet dinner carefully prepared by the executive chef, a perfect end to an amazing day. ***Overnight on board***

**Day 07: Raja Ampat Island – Waisai’s Marinda Airport – Sorong (B/-/-)**

*Suggested Flight: RJM – SOQ by IW 1186/14.40 – 15.10 next day SOQ – CGK by GA 683/07.35 – 09.15*

After enjoying a leisurely breakfast, it will be time to say goodbye to all crews, who will escort you until Waisai’s Marinda airport, and assist you with a hassle free check in. Fly to Sorong and upon arrival in Sorong our hotel representative will pick you up and transfer to Hotel.

**Overnight at Swiss Bel Hotel.**

**Day 08: Sorong - Jakarta (B/-/-)**

Early breakfast at hotel. Drive to Sorong airport to catch your flight to Jakarta. Upon arrival in Soekarno Hatta International Airport connect to your international flight.

**- END OF PROGRAMME -**

**Our ‘Fascinating Raja Ampat’ package includes:**

- 7 nights accommodation at Hotel mentioned and on board of luxury vessel, based on twin-sharing (2 persons per room)
- Meals mentioned in the itinerary as specified (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Private transportation in a chauffeur-driven, air-conditioned vehicle
- Bottled drinking water during transfers
- Tours and activities as indicated in the itinerary
- Professional and licensed English-speaking guide (additional charges applies for other language speaking guide)
- All entrance fees, donations and parking fees as per itinerary
- Public Liability Insurance
- 11% local government tax and 10% service charge

**Our ‘Fascinating Raja Ampat’ package does NOT include:**

- Visa fee / arrangements if applicable
- Any domestic or international flights
- Any alcoholic beverages
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone call, room service, mini bar, etc
- Personal health and travel insurance
- Gratuities/tipping for driver and/or guide and portorage
- Any High Season and Peak/Festive season surcharge
- Any additional Excursion/Optional tours/Activites that are not mentioned in the itinerary

**Good to know**

- Suitable for FITs with minimum of 2 persons
- Private basis only (no seat in coach available)

## ***Terms & Conditions***

- Minimum 2 persons per booking
- Additional charges apply during high season and peak season period
- Price and booking confirmation are subject to room availability

## ***Other Useful Information***

### ***Visa Information***

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of the correct documentation for your holiday and onward travel. Panorama Destination cannot accept responsibility for anyone who is refused entry to the country because they lack the correct documentation. We encourage you to check the latest information with the nearest Indonesian embassy in your country.

The government has recently relaxed the VISA regulations for 168 countries meaning they are eligible to enter Indonesia without a visa for 30 days. The visa free facility does not allow the change into other permits or visa extension. Passport holders from all visa exempt countries can enter Indonesia through one of the 124 designated border crossings.

### ***Local Currency***

The local currency in Indonesia is the Indonesia Rupiah (IDR). USD 1 is around IDR 13,000 – 13,500. Major credit cards are widely accepted and Traveler's Cheques and foreign currency are accepted at most of the large hotels and authorized moneychangers. There are local banks as well as ATM machines in all main towns.

### ***What to bring***

Comfortable, casual lightweight clothing in natural fabrics such is suitable for travelling in Indonesia. Bring warmer clothes if travelling to higher altitudes. Dress modestly and don't wear shorts or tank tops when visiting religious buildings. Shoes should be removed before entering a private home. Wear a sarong and waist sashes when visiting temples (both are provided at additional costs).

### ***Electricity***

220 V / 50hz is used in Indonesia. We recommend you bring along a travel adapter.

### ***Weather***

Indonesia enjoys a warm, tropical climate year-round with the most pleasant weather from April until October when the trade winds blow. The rainy season starts in November and usually lasts until March.

### ***Language***

The national language, Bahasa Indonesia, is taught in all schools. At home and in the markets, the local people speak their local dialect, e.g. Javanese in Central and East Java, Balinese in Bali. English is increasingly spoken in the main tourist centers and Dutch is still understood by the older generation.

### ***Tipping and Gratuities***

It is generally accepted to tip local restaurant staff, luggage porters, drivers and guides. It is however not mandatory. Recommended tipping for guides is between IDR 50,000 to 100,000 (USD 4 to USD 8) per day and for driver it is IDR 50,000 (USD 4) per day.

### ***Notes***

Our itineraries have been carefully designed by our managers and represent experiences we can certainly recommend. However, we understand that each travel experience should be unique as the traveler themselves. Our travel designers will be happy to assist you with a tailor-made itinerary. Please contact us at [info@senangtours.com](mailto:info@senangtours.com)

### **Recommendation readings:**

#### **The Banda Islands Anthology by various writers**

The Banda Islands have long fascinated explorers, anthropologists, writers, photographers, filmmakers, and artists. These 'islands of spicerie', tiny, almost indiscernible specks on the map of Southeast Asia, have witnessed key moments in world history; from the beginnings of global capitalism and colonisation to Indonesia's journey towards becoming a nation. The Banda Islands anthology features extracts, articles and insights from numerous contributors, including Amitav Ghosh, Giles Milton, Elizabeth Pisani, Goenawan Mohamad, Des Alwi, Tim Severin, Made Wianta, Hanafi, Lawrence Blair, Michael Vatikiotis, Oscar Motuloh, John Seabrook, M. Fadli, Janet De Neefe, Jean Couteau, Jay Subyakto, Hanna Rambé, and many more.

#### ***Nathaniel's Nutmeg by Giles Milton***

Nathaniel's Nutmeg tells the extraordinary true story of the Banda Islands and their role in the spice trade of the 17th century. The author, Giles Milton, says that "in those days, Run was the most talked about island in the world, a place of such fabulous wealth that Eldorado's gilded riches seemed tawdry by comparison." At the beginning of the seventeenth century, the tiny island of Run was the only place in the world where nutmeg was grown, which made it the most lucrative of the Spice Islands and sparked a ferocious battle between the Dutch East India Company and a small band of British adventurers led by the intrepid Nathaniel Courthope. The outcome of the fighting was one of the most spectacular deals in history: Britain ceded Run to Holland, but in return was given another small island, Manhattan. A brilliant adventure story of unthinkable hardship and savagery, the navigation of uncharted waters, and the exploitation of new worlds, Nathaniel's Nutmeg is a remarkable chapter in the history of Indonesia .

#### ***A Brief History of Indonesia by Tim Hannigan***

Tim Hannigan possesses unrivalled skill for historical fiction and brings the past to life in rich, tangible detail. Through a combination of painstaking research and descriptive flair, he cherry picks moments from Indonesia's story and instils them with a personal touch. This fascinating book tells the story of Indonesia as a narrative of kings, traders, missionaries, soldiers and revolutionaries, featuring rough sea crossings, fiery volcanoes, and even the occasional tiger. It recounts the colourful visits of foreign travellers who have passed through these shores for many centuries—from Chinese Buddhist pilgrims and Dutch adventurers to English sea captains and American movie stars. For readers who want an entertaining introduction to Asia's most fascinating country, this is delightful reading.

#### ***Indonesia Etc.: Exploring the Improbable Nation by Elizabeth Pisani***

Pisani has lived and worked in Indonesia for decades, first as a foreign correspondent for Reuters in the late 1980s and early 1990s, then as an epidemiologist, helping the Ministry of Health to better understand Indonesia's HIV epidemic. In 2011, she took a sabbatical from the day job and set off to rediscover Indonesia; a country she had wandered, loved and been baffled by for decades. Over a year later, having covered more than 20,000 kilometres by land and sea, she collected her stories together to form this book, interspersed with readings in history, anecdotes and reflections from her earlier incarnations in Indonesia. Fast-paced and humorous, Indonesia Etc is one of the most ambitious attempts by any travel



writer to stitch together a cohesive picture of the vast and varied Indonesian archipelago; it is certainly the most even-handed, affectionate and compelling account of the country you can find.