



14 days

Secret Raja Ampat

The Raja Ampat archipelago (which means "4 kings" in Indonesian) is located in the far east of Indonesia, more specifically in the "Coral Triangle", so named for its rich coral biodiversity. Some experts even claim that the seas surrounding these remote islands may be home to the greatest diversity of coral species in the world!

This is why UNSECO is considering including Raja Ampat on its World Heritage List. It's also the reason why we're inviting you to gently explore this remote fabulous archipelago, before it's too late.

Over the course of this 14-day tour, you'll wander from island to island meeting the local population, who will share with you all the hidden secrets of this fabulous archipelago. In short, your trip will become a real immersion in a region renowned for its seabed, but still little known for its natural and social environment.

Note: A 5-day extension to Southern Raja Ampat (Misool and surrounding area) is available. Please contact us for more information.

Difficulty: ●○○○○ 1/5

Comfort: ●●●●○ 4/5

I want to **privatise** this tour for me and my friends / family

Participant(s)	1	2	3	4	5 - 6	7 - 8
Price per person	5,595 €	3,195 €	2,425 €	1,995 €	1,855 €	1,675 €

Included

- ✓ English-speaking guide
- ✓ Land transfers in private & air-conditioned vehicle
- ✓ Sea transfers by ferry and speed-boat
- ✓ Full board accommodation in Raja Ampat
- ✓ Entrance fees, trekking permits and donations
- ✓ Mineral water

Not included

- ✗ International & domestic flights
- ✗ Travel insurance & assistance
- ✗ Visas & airport taxes
- ✗ Beverages, personal expenses & tips
- ✗ Anything that is not mentioned in "Included"

Itinerary



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Day 1 : Welcome to Raja Ampat



Welcome services at Sorong airport and transfer to Sorong harbour. You'll then board the ferry to Waisai, which leaves at around 9 am (approximately 2 hours' sailing). Transfer to your homestay upon arrival, where you can relax by the sea.

Day 2 : Blue River



Early in the morning, you will board a speedboat to explore the Mayalibit Strait and the surrounding area. One of its attractions is the famous "Kali Biru" (blue river), whose scarlet color and purity of water contrasts with the green of the surrounding forest. You will also meet the local people, grouped together in a few villages, and some free time will be devoted to snorkeling to discover the magnificent underwater world around you. Return to the homestay in the late afternoon.

Day 3 : The Passage



Depart for a long day of speed-boating, during which you will explore Kabui Bay and its strait known as "The Passage". You will be crossing what Alfred Russel Wallace described as "one of the most picturesque landscapes [...] I have ever seen...". To reach it, you'll head towards the island of Gam, passing a pearl factory. West Papua's most famous strait is a narrow passage of water that separates the islands of Gam and Waigo, with high limestone cliffs on either side. Resembling a river flowing between the two islands, the nutrient-rich waters that are swept along at high speed by the tides are home to a wealth of marine biodiversity. The view is very panoramic and you will have the opportunity to snorkel around this special area, which includes strong currents and mangroves. You will then stop at a small, secluded jetty around Kabui. Later, you'll take advantage of a hidden bay to snorkel above the coral reefs. This bay is another of Raja Ampat's jewels. You reach it via a long, narrow channel dotted with coral reefs and small sharks. This channel then divides into a labyrinth of rocky islands and side bays. Here you can enjoy a magnificent, peaceful lagoon and even a cave where many bats live. There may be a stop at Pef to see some rock paintings, before reaching Alyui Bay.

Day 4 : Wayag, the icon !



An early start, this morning, to explore the icon of Raja Ampat: Wayag. Wayag is made up of small islands, and its image now features on the new 100,000 Rupiah banknotes. It then means that the archipelago is now considered one of Indonesia's national treasures. Your first stop is Shark Point, where you can watch small sharks swim between your legs. You can also climb 2 summits (designed for trekkers in excellent physical condition) in order to enjoy a fantastic panorama. Afterwards, you'll enjoy a swim in a warm, tranquil lagoon. Later, you'll head for a secret beach in the middle of the most beautiful lagoon you've ever seen! Camping by the sea.

Day 5 : Eternal Piaynemo



Free morning at leisure to enjoy the paradise that surrounds you, one last time. Before lunch, you'll depart for Fam Island and its famous "wall", encircled by soft coral. En route, you'll stop at Piaynemo, where you can climb the stairs to the top of one of the region's karst peaks, from where you'll have a breathtaking view. Later, you'll head for the famous star-shaped lagoon. And, if the weather conditions are right, you can head to Lagoon Kecil, a small lagoon opposite Piaynemo with unique shapes. A staircase will take you to the top of the cliffs, where you can snorkel in the emerald-colored water. You can then snorkel around the Melissa Garden before reaching Fam.

Day 6 : Immersion



The day is devoted to meeting the local people, who invite you to take part in their daily activities. This is also an opportunity to visit a palm-oil plantation and enjoy some superb snorkeling spots.

Day 7 : Hidden lagoon



Today you'll explore the Piaynemo region further, heading in particular for the island of Rufas, home to a superb lagoon. Of course, you can also take advantage of the opportunity to discover the underwater world. Return to Fam in the afternoon.

Day 8 : Deserted islands



Depart mid-morning for the very pretty island of Arborek, surrounded by superb deserted islets, where snorkeling is a delight. You can also meet the charming local population.

Day 9 : Dancing with the Manta rays



The day is devoted to snorkeling sessions around Arborek. In particular, you will head for the famous "Manta Ridge", where you will have the chance to "dance" with the Manta rays! In the afternoon, you'll continue your immersion into the local culture.

Day 10 : Symbolic turtles



Depart in the morning for the island of Kri, via some superb snorkeling spots, including Sawandarek, where you can get close to reef sharks and, above all, rub shoulders with some of Indonesia's protected sea turtles. Symbols of longevity and stability, sea turtles are important because they regulate the Raja Ampat ecosystem. At Kri, you'll be able to climb the hill overlooking the island in order to watch a magnificent sunset.

Day 11 : White sand strip



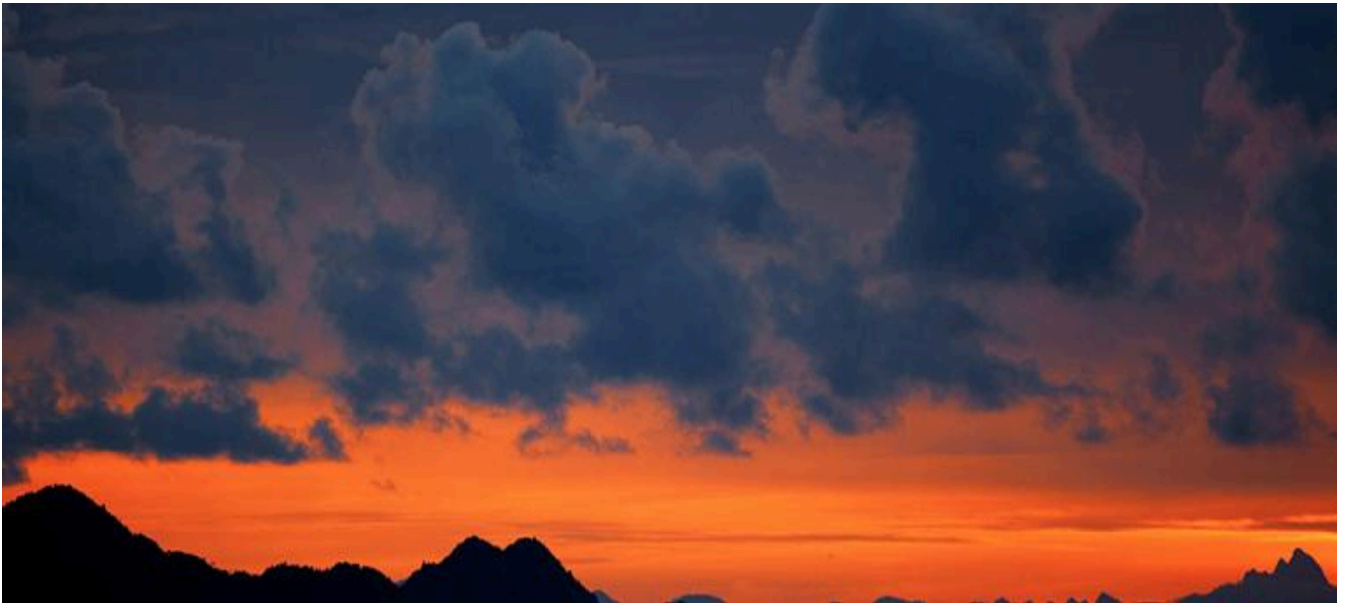
The day is devoted to snorkeling around the island. You'll discover the Pasir Timbul spot, a long strip of white sand surrounded by emerald waters.

Day 12-13 : Rest in paradise



Days free at leisure on the beautiful white sandy beaches of the island of Friwen. Meet the local population. You'll be able to snorkel/dive around the "Friwen Wall".

Day 14 : See you soon in Raja Ampat



Morning transfer to Wasai harbor, where you'll board the ferry to Sorong. Transfer to the airport by your tour-guide upon arrival in Sorong (at around 11 am). End of services.

