

RAJA AMPAT

8 DAYS 7 NIGHTS ITINERARY



Raja Ampat is notorious for the Jurassic-like beauty of its cays and shoals embracing over 1,500 rambling islands set like rough jewels in a cerulean sea. Located off the northwest tip of the island of New Guinea, and part of the Indonesian West Papua Province, you can explore prehistoric caves, visit ancient tribes, kayak around virgin coastlines and discover dive sites famed for having the most species recorded on a single dive.

The romance of this far-flung region is embodied by the history of its fairy-tale name which literally translates as 'four kings'. Local mythology tells of a woman who finds seven mysterious eggs. Immediately after that, four of these hatch and become kings who reign over Raja Ampat's biggest islands - Waigeo, Salawati, Batanta and Misool. The other three are not so lucky and become a ghost, a woman, and a stone.

DAY 1

SORONG - MIOSKON

You will be picked up in style by our staff offering oshibori and refreshing mineral water, from the airport in Sorong and taken directly to the harbour to board Prana. Today we set sail towards Mioskon, which teases guests with a flavour of all the delights that await in Raja Ampat including blue skies, pristine pellucid oceans and some of the best diving on earth.

Relax with a massage on deck, cooled by the gentle sea breeze or recline on one of the many day beds with a good book. Lie back and embrace the freedom of the ocean. Enjoy being waited on by our discreet staff and sampling the delights of the fine dining menu.



DAY 2

CAPE KRI & YENBUBA

Sailing through the night, you wake up in Cape Kri. After a delicious breakfast, the day will be ruled by ocean activities: snorkelling, diving, wakeboarding, water skiing and paddle boarding. Cape Kri is exceptional as it holds the World Record for the largest number of species referenced in one single dive. Tick off the 'must see' list of nudibranches, sea dragons, blue-striped flagtail pipefish, pygmy seahorses, green sea turtles, giant Napoleon wrasse, and Indian lionfish. Likewise, there are abundant untouched corals gardens and sea fans that serve as homes for large schools of colourful small fish.

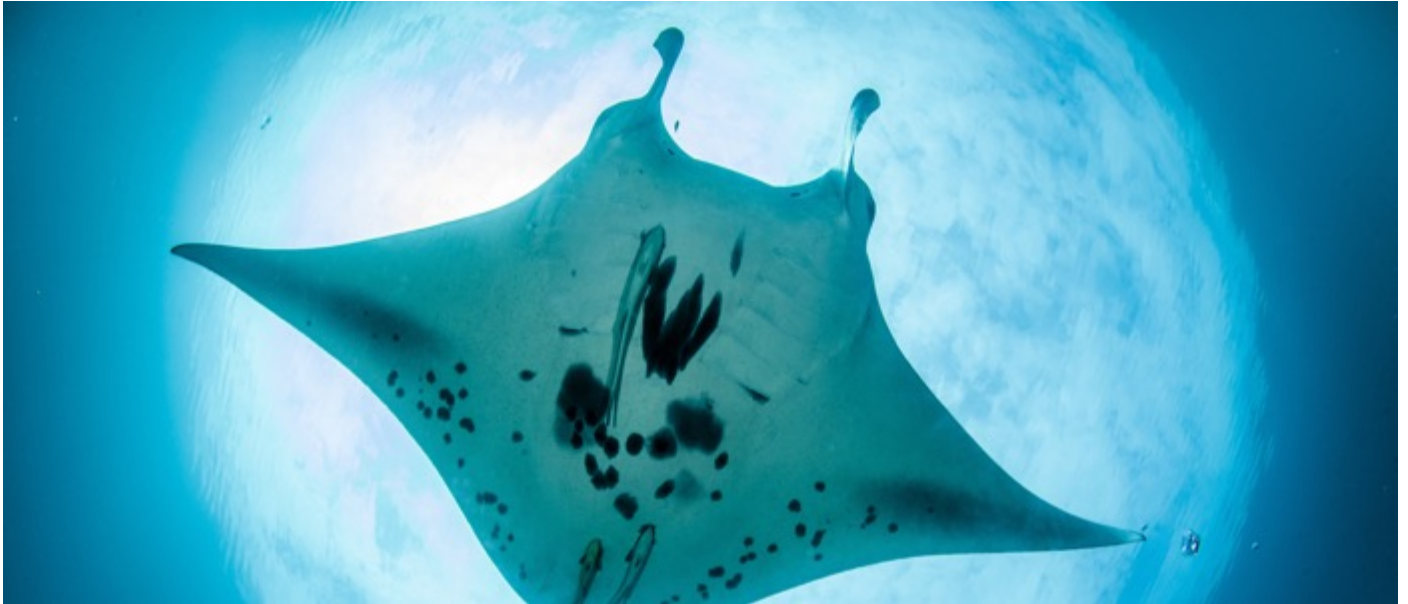
From here we move to Yenbuba which is located right next to Kri. Drop anchor and take to the shores to be met by friendly villagers and appreciate the unspoiled natural beauty of this extraordinary island and the ancient customs of its residents.



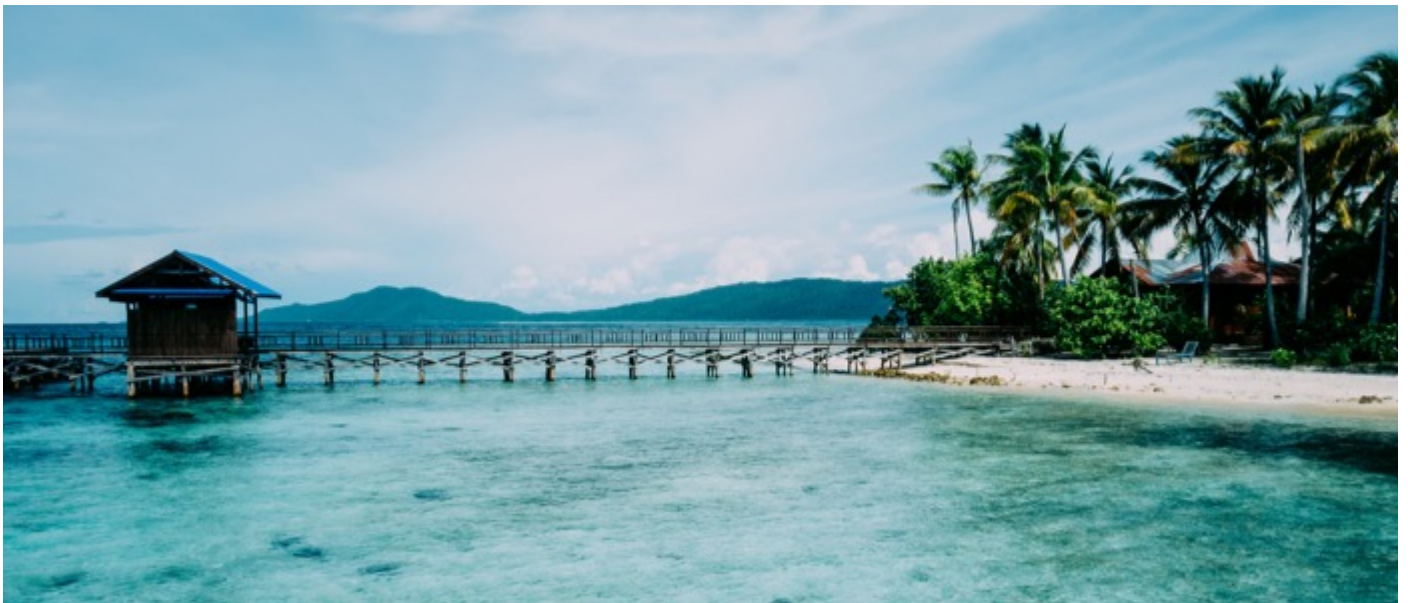
DAY 3

MANTA SANDY & ARBOREK

The day starts with a relaxed healthy breakfast followed by an underwater safari in search of the Giant Manta Ray. The Manta Sandy dive site is located close to Mansuar Island and is shallow, suitable for both diving and snorkelling.



After a lovely lunch, Prana cruises to the small yet beautiful island of Arborek. Divers can simply plunge into the water from the pier to be instantly engulfed in a glittering array of spectacular coral fans and walls of fish, just below the surface.



The local people in Arborek are very welcoming and industrious, creating unusual handicrafts from sea pandan leaves. They live as they have done for thousands of years and are just one of many indigenous tribes within the region. Return to the boat to be engulfed in luxury, take a massage in the spa before sunset drinks and a delectable fine dining feast bringing this magical day to a perfect close.

DAY 4

WAYAG

Wake to a sunrise yoga class and survey this ethereal landscape. After a hearty breakfast take one of the tenders to the island to climb the peaks of Wayag and survey the iconic limestone outcrops from above. This is the poster child of Raja Ampat filled surreal conical shaped karst islands scattered in an emerald sea.

Enjoy a delicious fusion lunch and then choose between snorkelling, diving, kayaking or paddle boarding. This is a marine sanctuary so we cannot indulge in some of the water sports as we must respect the ocean here. Limestone cliffs, rugged outcrops, pinnacles, unspoilt rainforest and virgin white sandy coves await your pleasure. Spot dolphins and manta rays in the thriving ecosystems of this incredible destination.



To bring this outstanding day to close we create a cocktail party on the beach around a roaring bonfire. Tell tales of the wildlife you've seen while watching billions of stars light up the night sky.

DAY 5

ALJUI BAY

We set sail early in the morning to Kawe so we can cross the equator underwater while you snorkel or dive surrounded by magnificent Giant Manta Rays. This is truly a once in a lifetime experience.

After a lunch served either on the deck or in the air-conditioned salon, we sail to Aljui Bay. Here we visit the Atlas Pearl Farm, a far-flung yet gorgeous location where some of the world's best South Sea pearls are to be found. Tour the farm and learn more about these natural wonders. Loose pearls and jewels are available as prized mementoes.



For the intrepid on board, Aljui Bay is notably home to some of the most fabulous night-diving in Raja Ampat. Sink below the ocean and revel in the spectacular array of colours revealed by the dark. This really is like visiting another planet.



DAY 6

WOF0H

Enjoy a laid-back breakfast on the deck after a sunrise yoga class. Launch kayaks or take a tender to explore the beautiful bay. This spot is just outside of the National Park so all the watersports are once again at your disposal. The diving here is also unbelievable with endless coral gardens and a high species count.



Return to the boat for an informal lunch served on deck by our lovely staff. Snorkelling, diving and watersports fill the rest of your afternoon, before cocktails and a BBQ on a deserted tropical beach. Take a massage in the salon before falling into bed after another amazing day. Overnight we sail to the islands of Pef and Yengefo.



DAY 7

PEF & YENGEFO

Wake up in the idyllic destination of Pulau Pef and take breakfast alfresco on the main deck after an early morning yoga class. Pulau Pef's small inlets, bays and crystal-clear lagoons make it perfect for kayaking and paddle boarding. The water's edge is surrounded by ancient mangrove trees, these are unusual as the water here is not murky at all revealing a vast underwater system of gnarled roots and aquatic life.



Marvel at pre-historic hand paintings on the limestone cliffs. Snorkel or dive caverns and overhangs, spot hard and soft corals, keep an eye out for pygmy seahorses and the rare endemic walking shark.

After lunch, sail to Yangefo to dive or snorkel with turtles, stingrays and schools of snapper and fusilier fish. Enjoy dinner followed by a trip to the one and only cinema under the stars before retiring to your comfortable cabin. We set sail to Sorong overnight.



DAY 8

BALBULOL LAGOON

Balbulol Lagoon offers some of the most breathtaking views on this voyage. Let the stresses and strains of the real world fall away and bask in total escapism. The best feature of this lagoon is the majestic karsts and it is so sheltered it's a great place for watersports. Spend the afternoon exploring, kayaking and paddle boarding. Or get busy with the water skis and see if you can perfect some tricks on the wakeboard.



For dinner, the crew will set up a BBQ on the beach to end the day in style. Lie back and gaze at the heavens as they light up in all their glory.



DAY 9 - 10

BOO & WARAKARAKET

Start the day with an early morning dive at the splendid site of Magic Mountain. This location lives up to its name and the underwater world reveals an endless treasure trove of wonders. The next day is spent on the beautiful Boo Islands. These are at the Western frontier of Raja Ampat and are one of the most remote places on the trip.



Enjoy dinner on board followed by a trip to the cinema under the stars or the spa as Prana sets sail to your next destination.



DAY 11 - 12

FEMIN & DUNIA KECIL

This beautiful location is of the last paradises on earth with deserted white sand beaches and turquoise oceans. These petite islands are superb sites to spot pygmy seahorses and "ladybugs" more commonly seen in Komodo National Park. Hawksbill turtles, crocodile fish, barramundi cod and juvenile cuttlefish are amongst the other marine creatures you can find here.

These final two days give you the opportunity to indulge in the water sports we have onboard, explore the diverse landscape, have treatments in the spa and relax in perfect comfort. Overnight Prana sets sail back to Sorong.



DAY 13

SORONG

After a final breakfast on board, bid farewell to the ship and her crew as the tenders deliver you back to port for a transfer to the airport.