

## 12 Nights Raja Ampat Explorer

Darwin / Ambion to Biak and Return



# LIFE'S DIFFERENT AFTER RAJA AMPAT

After the breathtakingly beautiful archipelago, it will be hard to see a holiday the same again. Consisting of more than 1500 islands, cays and shoals, this spectacular destination is home to the bird of paradise, manta rays, beautiful jungle walks and snorkel spots all guaranteed to give you the adventure of a lifetime.

JOURNEY MAP: RAJA AMPAT EXPLORER



#### PLEASE NOTE

Return charter flights ex Darwin are included in the tariff. This itinerary is provided as example only. Prevailing conditions, local arrangements and indeed, what we discover on the day, may cause variation.

Please refer to the sailing schedule to determine if this itinerary is available on the True North or True North II.



### **WELCOME ABOARD**







BANDA ISLANDS



DAY 03

FAK FAK COAST

As we enter the Banda Islands, traditional war canoes will lead us into Banda harbour followed by a guided tour of Banda Neira Island. Then we'll head-off in the adventure boats for a scenic tour or for a snorkel and dive on sunken lava flow. Finish they day by watching the sunset with a cocktail in hand in Fort Belgica overlooking the active volcano Gunung Api. Today you'll explore the Fak Fak Coast, starting with either a fishing trip to the Bomberai Peninsula or a scenic tour through the hidden lagoons where you'll have the opportunity to snorkel or dive in the area's aquarium like waters Then, enjoy a refreshing swim under the beautiful Mommon Waterfall where chilling freshwater thunders down lush jungle slopes into the warm waters of the sea. In the afternoon we'll explore Sebakor Bay and its spectacular system of water-filled caves. Finishing the day with another snorkel or dive before a night of fine cheese and wine back on board.



THE "FOUR Kings"

Wake up in the heart of Raja Ampat, Four Kings is a global epicentre of ocean life. Here you'll snorkel and dive on breathtaking reef with rainbows of soft corals and huge shoals of fish protected by the SE Misool Marine Park. You'll be captivated by the huge number of sea fans in the Wayilbatan Channel, the massive schools of fish off Nudi Rock and the spectacular underwater scenery at Boo Windows. In the afternoon you'll have a chance to visit the Misool Eco Resort before heading over to Kalig Beach for a stand up paddleboard or kayak followed by a spectacular sunset cocktail.





MISOOL ISLAND





DAY 06

CAPE KIRI

The waters surrounding Misool Island teem with fish life, oversized sea fans and, feature the underwater caverns of Farondi Island. Get your heart racing on a hike up to Harfat Peak, 290 steps that lead to heavenly panoramic views over the rugged Karst islands and its shallow turquoise lagoons. Over lunch we'll steam to the Mesempta Karst Channels, one of the prettiest anchorages in Raja Ampat. Then we'll head off a float through the sacred Tomolol cave system before travelling through the picturesque Karst Islands.

This morning the shore parties will head into Sawingkrai Village and trek through the jungle to see the magnificent red bird of paradise. Then we'll adventure to Cape Kri, a long and narrow island that offers astounding diving and snorkeling. In the afternoon you'll glide in our adventure boats through the winding channel named after British natural scientist Alfred Russel Wallace. This narrow salt-waterway is a vibrant home for marine life and is lined by a magnificent jungle filled with birds and butterflies, tree ferns and orchids.

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DAY 07

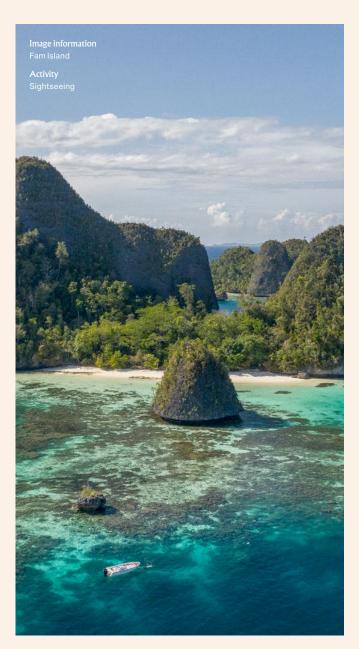
Wake to the stunning sights of Wofoh Island before enjoying a breathtaking dive on the black coral forest, snorkel over the lush coral gardens or simply laze on the gorgeous white sand beach. Later in the morning we'll set off to the rocky islets of Bougainville Strait and if we're lucky we'll take part in a manta ray convention. Plankton rich currents often attract large numbers of manta rays to Eagle Rock. Then in the afternoon we'll arrive at the Equator Islands for a unique opportunity to swim or snorkel across the equator. Our nearby anchorage will provide us with an afternoon of fishing, snorkeling and diving or take a sightseeing expedition to view spectacular rock formations, caves and blowholes.

Anchored at the spectacular Fam Group of Islands, today we'll visit the charming village of 'Fam' where we'll be welcomed by the local school children and you'll have the opportunity to buy some locally sourced coconut oil. The adventure boats will then offer scenic tours around beautiful Penemu Island which boasts even more opportunity for beachcombing, snorkeling and diving where moray eels, sea snakes and nudibranchs have all been spotted. Then if you're up for it, take on the 300 uphill steps to the highest peak of the island of Pianemo Island to enjoy spectacular panoramic views of the Karst Islands.









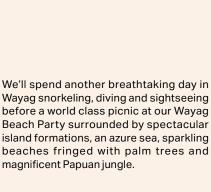
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FAM ISLAND



#### THE WAYAGS

You'll hardly believe your eyes as you rise this morning to see the spectacular "karst beehive" islands of the Wayag Archipelago. Here you'll begin your day with a snorkel on a breathtaking reef before we wander through the maze of lagoons in the adventure boats. In the afternoon we'll visit the Wayag Research Station where you will have the opportunity to swim with some black tip reef sharks. Only to end the day with our True North Equator Party.



TRUE NORTH

PARTY

Today we visit Mapia Atoll, a remote and exquisite coral atoll rarely visited by tourists. Located in a remote location north of the equator, this destination is a tropical ocean splendour. Vertical walls rise several thousand feet from the ocean floor and come alive with brilliant soft corals, gorgonians, sponges, myriads of tropical fish and prolific green and hawksbill turtles. Here you'll be able to fish for fish, snorkel or dive to your heart's content.

Next we visit Ayau, one of the largest atolls in eastern Indonesia. This remote and very beautiful atoll is surrounded by crystal clear water that's frequently visited by large pods of dolphins. With a sharp outer reef drop and clouds of beautiful fish carpet the reef walls, here you'll be able to snorkel and dive at multiple sites, including some deep-water trolling for wahoo, sailfish and tuna. Today you'll also have the opportunity to visit to the quaint village of Reni.

DAY 10





DAY 11



DAY 12

AYAU





MAPIA

ATOLL







#### RETURN TO DARWIN

Enjoy breakfast on-board before a private car transfer to Biak Airport and your chartered flight back to Darwin.