



# Indonesia Raja Ampat Adventure Cruising

10 Days



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# ➤ Indonesia Raja Ampat Adventure Cruising

Experience the enchanting beauty of Indonesia's Raja Ampat Archipelago in comfort aboard the M/S Ombak Putih or M/S Katharina, traditional Indonesian phinisi boats. Over 1,500 islands form the renowned Coral Triangle, where you'll find crystal-clear turquoise waters filled with the richest marine biodiversity on Earth. Trek across Batanta, Mansuar and Gam Island into dense, wildlife-rich rainforests for a chance to spot elusive Birds of Paradise and meet local villagers. Swim, snorkel and sail through channels surrounded by limestone cliffs and untouched beaches. After 10-days exploring the remote paradise of Raja Ampat, you will never want to leave!

## Details

Arrive: Sorong, Indonesia

Depart: Sorong, Indonesia

Duration: 10 Days

Group Size: 2-12 Guests

Minimum Age: 12 Years Old

Activity Level:



## Testimonials

*"A prominent reason we have chosen MT Sobek as our favorite adventure travel company has been the excellent travel guides."*

Carol & Burt D.

*"We have traveled throughout the world, but never experienced a level of service and attention to detail as we did with MT Sobek."*

Dennis G.

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## Why Take This Trip With Us?

### REASON #01

This trip combines exploring the remote Raja Ampat archipelago with very comfortable accommodations on board the boats we use.

### REASON #02

The wide variety of activities on this trip is perfect—from snorkeling to swimming to bird watching to paddle boarding to hiking to kayaking — there is something for everyone!

### REASON #03

Our team of guides have been leading trips for years and are experts on the flora and fauna of Raja Ampat.

## What to Expect



### ACTIVITIES

Snorkeling, swimming, hiking, paddle boarding, kayaking and bird watching.



### CLIMATE

Daytime temperatures average 89°F year round and nighttime temperatures average 78°F. The ocean is warm year round with an average surface water temperature of 84°F.



### LODGING

Comfortable traditional wooden phinisi boat

## Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

Originally from Bandung, West Java, Dani has been a resident of Bali since 2016. He is a professional free diver and member of the Indonesian National Freediving safety team. With his calm manner, he will teach you a trick or two to enhance your confidence in the water. He loves photography and is very passionate about the environment. He is actively involved in a number of non-profit organizations such as Trash Hero.

Dani

Growing up, Nita lived nomadically, traveling from one Indonesian island to another and was able to learn four Indonesian local languages. She is trained in marine ecology and is a certified rescue diver with over 1,000 dives logged. Nita is passionate about marine life and conservation, spending her free time volunteering to help coral restoration. She was awarded the 2020 Inspiring Change Maker award through her non-profit work at Peek Under the Surface, which distributes swim goggles to children living on the coasts of Indonesia and educates them on ocean conservation.

Nita

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# Itinerary

## DAY 1

### BOARD YOUR PHINISI BOAT IN SORONG

Meet your guide at the hotel this morning and travel to the harbor to board the boat. Settle into your new home for the next ten days as we set course for the southernmost islands of Raja Ampat National Park. Enjoy an alfresco lunch and then stop for our first swim and snorkel of the voyage on a coral reef. Celebratory pre-dinner cocktails will be served on the back deck as the sun goes down and brings an end to our first day on the boat.

Meals: L, D

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## DAY 2

### THE PICTURESQUE MISOOL ARCHIPELAGO

Today we wake up at the eastern end of the Misool Archipelago, a picturesque chain of jungle-covered limestone islets with spectacular corals reefs, which offer some fantastic snorkeling. We will spend the day exploring the many inlets and bays and beaches with some hiking, swimming and snorkeling. We will also break out the kayaks and paddle boards for some seaborne adventuring. Spend a quiet night at anchor under the stars.

Activity: Kayaking and snorkeling

Meals: B, L, D

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## DAY 3

### STINGLESS JELLYFISH LAKE

After an early breakfast, start our day with a swim and a snorkel through a giant dome-roofed sea cave filled with massive stalagmites and stalactites. We will then travel to mysterious, stingless jellyfish lake, one of only 20 such lakes in the world where these amazing creatures exist, and swim amongst the many thousands of stingless sea creatures. Using our tenders, we will visit some mysterious skull cairns in sea-cave cemeteries, and prehistoric cave paintings, estimated to be between 3,000 and 5,000 years old.

Activity: Snorkeling

Meals: B, L, D

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## DAY 4

### BIRD WATCHING AND SNORKELING

Today we will set out to catch sight of the Lesser Birds of Paradise in the wild, an unforgettable experience. We will rise early and walk through the forest to hopefully see the birds as they dance around in their 'lekking' trees. In the afternoon, we will explore underwater as we snorkel around one of the best coral reefs in the world with school of fish hanging out in the deep and colorful sea fans sticking poking out of the walls. Watch the sunset as we sail towards Batanta Island.

Activity: Snorkeling

Meals: B, L, D

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## DAY 5

### EXPLORE BATANTA ISLAND

The island of Batanta offers us a change of scenery and a chance to stretch our legs today with an adventurous jungle trek filled with birds, butterflies and insects. Starting at a local village, our guides will lead us through the forest on a short walk to the first of two waterfalls, where we can swim and cool off. Those who desire can keep heading upriver where a second, larger cascade awaits. After lunch on the boat, it's an afternoon of snorkeling, paddle boarding and kayaking before sailing overnight to a beautiful group of uninhabited islands north of the equator.

Activity: Snorkeling

Meals: B, L, D

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## DAY 6

### DISCOVER A PEARL FARM

In the morning, we will visit a pearl farm tucked away in a protected, deep water cove and tour the facilities to learn how this precious commodity is produced and harvested. Pearling is an important industry in the local area and provides employment for many. We will spend the afternoon snorkelling and kayaking amongst three small islands linked together by pristine coral reefs. Relaxing on the beach is always an option.

Meals: B, L, D

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## DAY 7

### LIMESTONE ISLANDS AND UNDERWATER LIFE

This morning will explore a small group of limestone islands filled with coves and beautiful reefs. After breakfast we will go ashore for a short climb to a vantage point where we can survey the surrounding area, before heading out to snorkel on the spectacular reefs. During lunch we will sail to a small island located inbetween Gam and Mansuar, where the currents bring rich nutrients to the coral reefs. The three famous jetties offer much underwater life: schools of fish; shy, black tip reef sharks; elegant spadefish and giant clams.

Activity: Snorkeling

Meals: B, L, D

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## DAY 8

### MANSUAR ISLAND

Central Raja Ampat and Mansuar Island stores many magical underwater gems. Today, we explore some of them, starting with a visit to a local village which promotes sustainability through their education center, solar-powered street lights and sustainable fishing practices through local community effort. Its house reef offer an abundance of marine life. We will spend the rest of our morning snorkeling here and, if we're lucky, maybe catch sight of a wobbegong shark. In the afternoon there will be schools of humphead wrasse and a school of giant trevalley swimming next to each other and we may be greeted by the resident hawksbill turtle. Today is capped off with a beach BBQ and party with the crew under the stars.

Activity: Snorkeling

Meals: B, L, D

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## DAY 9

### RED BIRDS OF PARADISE, A LOCAL VILLAGE AND GAM ISLAND SNORKEL

Today we get a super early start as we head off into the forest in search of the stunning Red Bird of Paradise. The walk takes about 40 minutes and, if we are lucky, we will see the incredible mating displays of these birds in the canopy of the rainforest. We will then walk through a colourful local village and meet the people who call this corner of paradise home and see how they live. Back on the boat we will head off for some more snorkeling at the famous wall on the east side of Gam Island before sailing overnight to an island near Sorong.

Activity: Snorkeling

Meals: B, L, D

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## DAY 10

### VISIT DOOM ISLAND AND DISEMBARK IN SORONG

We will wake up anchored in Sorong and have one last hearty breakfast on board of the boat before venturing on our very last adventure to Doom Island by a traditional bicycle rickshaw called a becak. During the First World War, the island served as an administrative center for the Dutch Empire in West Papua, and during the Second World War, Japanese forces occupied and fortified the island, building a network of tunnels and bunkers. The island was attacked by American and Australian aircraft throughout the war. After our last adventure, we bid farewell to the ship and her crew, before transferring ashore to your hotel or the airport.

Meals: B

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## Dates

Dec 17 - 26, 2023

Dec 17 - 26, 2024

Dec 18 - 27, 2023

Dec 17 - 26, 2024

Dec 29, 2023 - Jan 7, 2024

Dec 29, 2024 - Jan 7, 2025

Dec 30, 2023 - Jan 8, 2024

Dec 29, 2024 - Jan 7, 2025

Oct 5 - 14, 2024

Oct 18 - 27, 2024

Oct 18 - 27, 2024

Oct 30 - Nov 8, 2024

Nov 11 - 20, 2024

Dec 5 - 14, 2024

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## Inclusions & Exclusions

### PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

### PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses

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