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# ISLANDS OF RAJA AMPAT

7 NIGHT ITINERARY - NOVEMBER TO MARCH

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LOCATED OFF THE NORTHWEST TIP OF BIRD'S HEAD PENINSULA ON THE ISLAND OF NEW GUINEA IN INDONESIA'S WEST PAPUA PROVINCE.

Raja Ampat is an archipelago comprising more than 1,500 small islands, cays and shoals surrounding the four main islands of Misool, Salawati, Batanta and Waigeo. These islands are incredibly remote and almost undisturbed by humans. They are best known for their amazing diversity of marine life with perhaps the richest coral reef ecosystems in the world. They are renowned for excellent diving, snorkelling, kayaking, bird watching and stunning views.

DAY ONE

## **SORONG TO PENEMU**

Tiger Blue will be moored 30-60 minutes from near the airport, making your transfer by car and tender a relatively short journey. Settle in and enjoy your first meal on board. Overnight sail to Penemu.

DAY TWO

## **SECRET BAY TO WAYAG**

DAY SIX

## **PULAU PEF**

Pulau Pef's small inlets, bays and crystal-clear lagoons make the ideal setting for kayaking. Surrounded by giant ancient trees, paddle right up to the mangrove roots reaching into the water. Marvel at pre-historic hand paintings on the limestone cliffs. Snorkel or dive any range of habitats from caverns and overhangs to hard and soft corals, keeping an eye out for pygmy seahorses and the endemic walking shark. After lunch, sail to Yang Efo to dive or snorkel with turtles, stingrays and schools of snapper and fusilier fish before sailing to Yen Beser overnight.

DAY SEVEN

## **YEN BESER**

Before dawn breaks, set off on a trek in search of the rare red birds of paradise, which perform an elaborate courtship display as the sun rises. Puffing up their feathers, vibrating and buzzing, the birds also tip upside down to show off their long tail feathers, which form a heart around them. Then move on to explore the jungle, observing endemic trees and rich fauna. Dive at Meoscon, pause for lunch then relax on a short sail before snorkelling again with manta rays. Overnight sail to Sorong.

DAY EIGHT

## **SORONG**

After breakfast, pack and prepare to disembark, returning to the airport by tender and car.

Following a gourmet breakfast, head off snorkelling or diving before a leisurely lunch. In the afternoon, take your pick between wakeboarding, waterskiing, kayaking or relaxing on board. Then take the tender to visit a secret bay and embark on a short trek on foot which ends in a blaze of colour at sunset. Overnight sail to Wayag.

DAY THREE

## **WAYAG & BONFIRE ON THE BEACH**

Climb the peaks of Wayag to survey the limestone outcrops from above - an iconic vista full of lush greens and turquoises. After lunch, choose between snorkelling, diving or any other watersports before a cocktail party relaxing on the beach beside a roaring bonfire, watching hundreds of stars appear in the night sky.

DAY FOUR

## **KAWE TO ALJUI BAY**

Set sail early in the morning to Kawe. Cross the equator underwater while you snorkel or dive surrounded by huge manta rays. After lunch, sail to Aljui Bay, home to the best night-diving in Raja Ampat. Enjoy a relaxed dinner on board.

DAY FIVE

## **PEARL FARM & WOFOH**

Learn how cultured pearls are made at the Atlas pearl farm in the morning. After lunch, explore the bay with a boat tour taking in limestone cliffs, rocks, pinnacles, dolphins and exotic birds. Snorkelling, diving and watersports may fill the rest of your afternoon, before cocktails and a BBQ on a peaceful beach. Overnight sail to Pulau Pef.

This is a sample itinerary - every sailing is bespoke & can be tailored to your group

