



ULTIMATE YACHTS

# RAJA AMPAT

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*7-night itinerary*





## EXPERIENCE-LED PRIVATE CRUISING SPECIALISTS



*The Ultimate Indonesian Yachts team is passionate about exploring Indonesia's most compelling coastlines. We believe that chartering a private yacht is the best way to uncover the secrets of our blue planet.*

Our handpicked collection of luxury and expedition charter yachts offers an unrivalled means of experiencing both land & sea from the comfort of boutique accommodation on the waves. Our yachts combine tradition, elegance and modern conveniences, and each one comes with a skilled crew including an expert captain, a cruise host and a private chef.

We know the islands like the back of our hand and we love planning bespoke adventures to suit you. We take pride in our relationships with clients, yacht owners and agents alike. We take the time to truly know everything about each yacht, from the cruise director's strengths to the cuisine and service onboard.

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*Raja Ampat is located off the northwest tip of Bird's Head Peninsula in West Papua and described as one of the most extraordinary environments on the planet. The main islands of Misool, Batanta, Waigeo and Salawati are surrounded by 1,500 islands with wild beaches and limestone cliffs plunging into aqua seas.*

In the 1700s William Dampier reached the north western tip of Papua and travelled with the rising tide into the great channel that now bears his name. The Dampier Strait conveys massive quantities of seawater, forcing currents to flow parallel to the equator.

Raja Ampat comprises a total territory of 9.8 million acres over land and sea, and beneath the surface, it is recognised as the world's most bio-diverse marine ecosystem with over 1,200 species of fish, 550 species of coral, and six of the world's seven species of turtle.

Above water, the islands' cultural heritage is diverse, with prehistoric cave paintings and relics from bygone eras, while recent history is visible in cave bunkers and seabed wreckage from World War II. Intrepid visitors can trek through the jungle to seek out endemic birdlife, visit remote villages, explore sea turtle rookeries and pearl farms or discover mangroves by sea kayak.







WAYAG

WAIGEO

THE PASSAGE

PENEMU

BATANTA

SORONG

SALAWATI

MISOOL



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### DAY 1: SORONG

You will be met at Sorong airport by the yacht's crew and transferred to the harbour, a 20-minute drive. Once you have settled in onboard, the yacht will depart Sorong and begin the cruise to the islands of Raja Ampat while you enjoy lunch on deck. If time allows, go snorkelling or try a check dive before you watch the sun go down. Dinner will be served under the stars.

### DAY 2: KRI PENINSULA

This morning, you'll awake to the sound of tropical birds calling from the jungle. Mioskon Bay is a spectacular spot where you can snorkel in the mangroves, or kayak mirror still waters along the verdant coastline. Famed for its fish-life and coral slopes, the Kri peninsula offers some of the most exquisite underwater vistas in Raja Ampat.



### DAY 3: THE PASSAGE

Rise at dawn for the best chance of spotting a rare Red Bird of Paradise. Your cruise director can accompany you on this jungle hike of around 45-minutes to reach the bird-watching platform, where you can keep your eyes and ears open for signs of this elusive bird. After breakfast, take in the statuesque mushroom islands of Kabui Bay, marking the entrance to a narrow channel of water through which strong currents run with each tide, forming a saltwater river with coral and fish-life.

### DAY 4: PENEMU

A cluster of rocky limestone domes makes up the Penemu Islands. Draped with tiers of green vegetation, the islets encircle a shallow green bay and a walking trail along the rocky hills leads to a look out with magnificent views of the lagoon, its outlying islands, and the ocean beyond. Nearby lie some of the most celebrated snorkelling and diving sites in the area, where turtles float over intricate coral gardens and Manta rays meet large schools of game fish.



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### DAY 5: WAYAG

The Wayag Islands are an interminable green maze that comprise the most visually stunning scene in Raja Ampat. Wayag offers a spectacular backdrop for water sports and beach time. Climb the island peak behind the anchorage for a panoramic view of turquoise waterways through the rock formations or play castaway among the deserted beaches as the sun melts into another Raja Ampat sunset and the chef cooks up a feast.

### DAY 6: WOFOH

Here, two islands are connected by a shallow reef, which makes for a wonderful spot for beach combing, paddle boarding and kayaking. The west coast of Wofoh is also home to one of the most beautiful coral walls in the area, plunging into clear blue water depths with a mixture of soft corals, hard corals and barrel sponges. Schooling surgeonfish and barracuda can be spotted here as well as the elusive unicorn fish.

### DAY 7: BATANTA

Dampier's tidal surges carry planktonic feasts that attract Manta rays near Arborek Island. Spend time diving or snorkelling over the sandy bottom and wait for the mantas to pass, swooping past with curious eyes in an elegant underwater ballet. After lunch onboard, head ashore to Arborek village. Communities in Raja Ampat primarily make their living from sustainable fishing and pearling, with around 18 villages in the region.

### DAY 8: SORONG

This morning, the yacht will return to Sorong port. After a final decadent breakfast on deck, your crew will assist you in disembarking the yacht and transfer you back to the airport to catch your flight home.







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★ TOGEAN ISLANDS

NORTH  
MALUKU

RAJA AMPAT

AMBON

SPICE  
ISLANDS

TRITON BAY

CENDERAWASIH  
BAY

FORGOTTEN ISLANDS

BALI

LOMBOK

KOMODO NATIONAL  
PARK

ALOR ARCHIPELAGO

TIMOR LESTE

TIMOR

ROTE

SUMBAWA

SUMBA

#### DESTINATION KEY

- ★ CRUISING MAY TO OCTOBER
- ★ CRUISING NOVEMBER TO APRIL
- ★ CRUISING IN THE SHOULDER SEASON





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