Raja Ampat cruise on the Mv Ambai

- ✓ Great comfort, large cabins
- ✓ Optimal diving experience
- ✓ Friendly atmosphere
- ✓ Excellent food
- ✓ Free Nitrox

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DIVE CRUISES

Raja Ampat has often been qualified as the "last frontier" and this is really the feeling you will get in this area: one the rare untouched places on earth. Our Raja Ampat dive cruises run from November to April, when the weather and the sea conditions are the most favorable. The main highlight of the area is the gorgeous abundance of life, both the fixed fauna such as corals and gorgonians and the stunning abundance of fish. Trevallies, barracudas, bumphead parrot fish, spade fish, surgeon fish, fusiliers often form big schools on the reefs. Mantas rays are generally present on at least two dive sites, and encounters with bigger fishes as tunas, spanish mackerels, reef sharks and the "carpet shark" Wobegons-are frequent, The topographies of the dive sites are also very diverse and interesting: pinnacles, ridges, walls, caves, rock formations and lagoons...

You will also discover the incredible landscapes of this area; during our cruise we will propose you to visit at least one village, a short trek and many short trips with the dinghies to explore the beaches and other lagoons. Another optional trek is also proposed to look for Birds of Paradise.

Some of the species

- Barracudas, surgeonfishes, Bumphead parrot fish, Trevallies and giant trevallies, spafefishes. Napoleon wrasse, wobbegon, tunas, bonitos, waow, manta rays, mobulas
- Seahorse, frogfish, leaf fish, scorpionfish .
- Black corals forests, gorgonian fields, soft corals , gorgonian fields and so much more…

Diving

During your cruise you will perform **a minimum of 30 dives with:**

* 1 dive-guide/ 4 divers maximum (4 guides/16 divers)
* Free nitrox for certified divers (possibility of certification on board)
* 3 fibreglass tenders
* Our great crew is at your service to carry your tank and gear
* 1 personal towel for your return from diving

Visibility

Raja Ampat's waters are dense and visibility can rapidly change. Commonly you can see 20 meters away, but visibility can diminish in certain areas or punctually.

Temperature of the water

The temperature is all year long between 29° and 31°C.

Currents

Currents are consistant on a number of dives while some others are really quiet. Some dives on reefs or pinnacles have to be done on the current exposed side in order to enjoy the best fish life and can therefore be slightly "sporty". Our dive guides always check the current before the dive and will inform you of the conditions. A reef hook is recommended.

ITINERARY & NAVIGATION

Below is a map showing the cruise itinerary. The itinerary varies slightly between each cruise depending on weather conditions, currents, visibility and diving. Distances are relatively short: only two full nights of navigation, the others taking place between dives or in early morning. See the full program here .

WEATHER

The weather is rather variable; even if it is the "dry" season in this region can be expected to rainfall showers. Temperatures is around 30 °C. Generally calm sea with a few temporary storms; slight swell in the most northern part.

MISOOL AND DAMPIER:

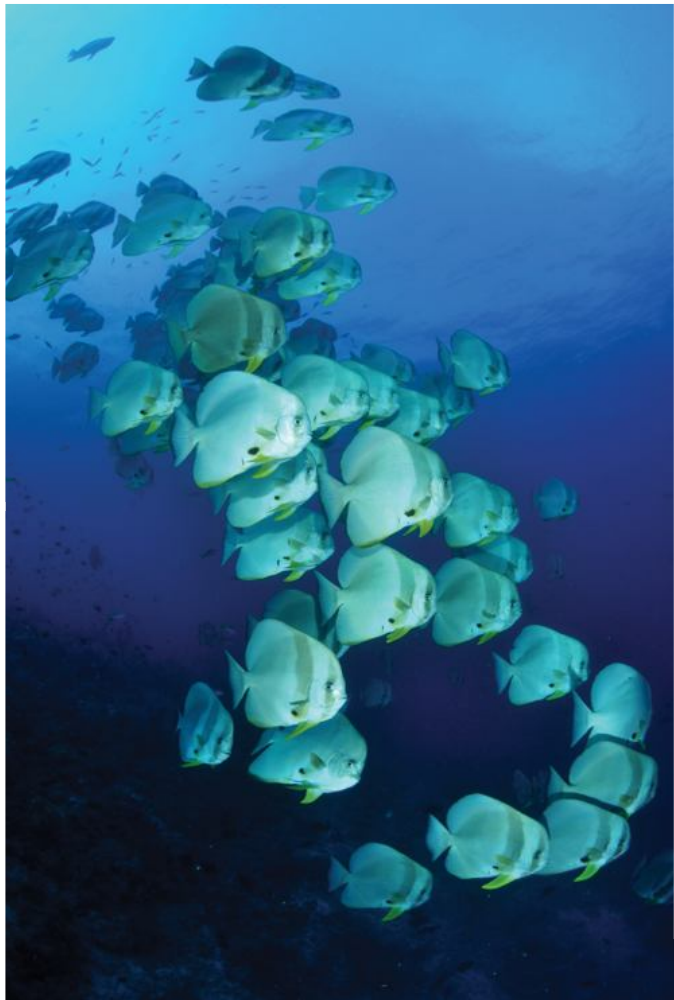
Excellent for the wide angle, undersea life, mantas, lots of fishes... Very colourful soft corals and gorgonas fields. Macro subjects nonetheless with many small seahorses.

For the macro: Batanta is perfectly suited, one usually comes there from the Dampier Detroit.

Inconvenience of the area, visibility is sometimes limited near Misool.

THE NORTH

The landscape of the small islands there is remarquable. Underwater life is less spectacular than in the South. Many fishes also.. Kawe is excellent. Great macro in Aljui bay.



Ambai: Boat Specification

8 air-conditioned double bed Cabins with ensuite bathroom and hot water

* 32 m x 7,5 m
* 16 divers
* 12 crew members - 4 dive guides - 1 cruise director-diving instructor

* 4 cabins with double bed and single bunk above, lower deck
* 2 cabins with single bunk, lower deck
* 2 cabins with double bed on the upper deck (extra cost)

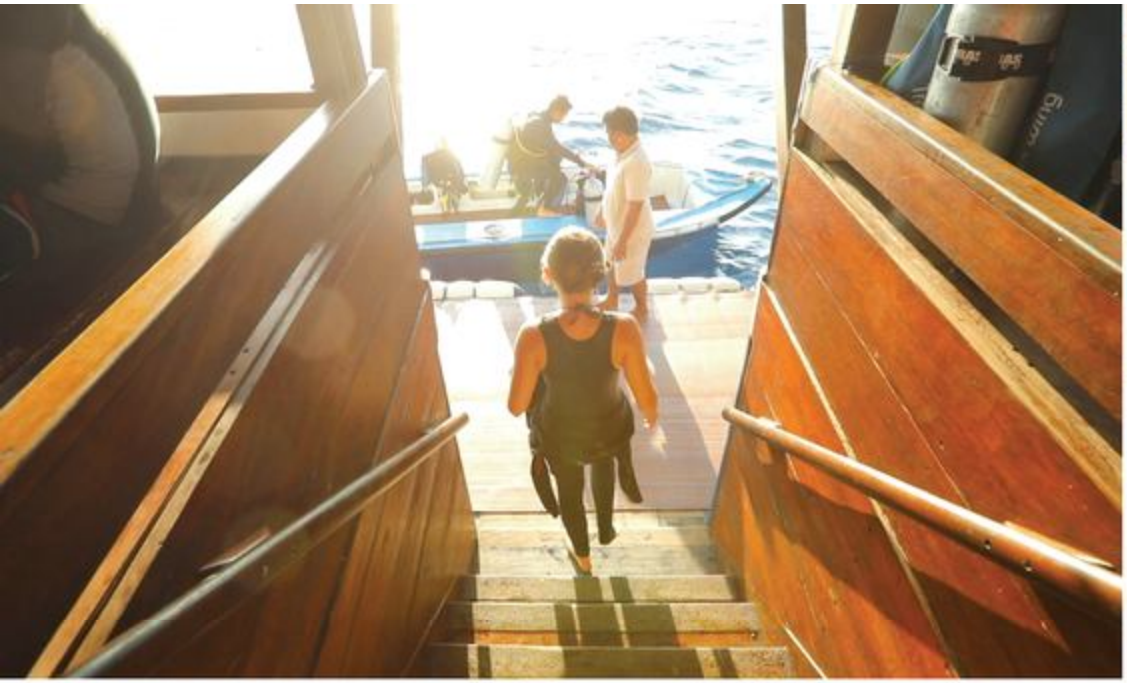
4 VERSATILE LOWER DECK CABINS

2 UPPER DECK OUBLE BED CABINS

2 TWIN BED LOWER DECK CABINS

2 Spacious Lounges & 1 Restaurant boast a friendly feeling which assures your comfort!

1 CAMERA ROOM, 3 DINGHIES, 4 KAYAKS



Service

Behind the MV Ambai there is also and mainly a discreet, professional, smiling and friendly crew. Our team will treat you with some special attentions, will assist you if necessary and will carry your tank.

THE CUISINE

Mixing eastern and western specialties, our chef cuisine is a « fusion" that will never let be you hungry.
Shall you have specific inquiries, or a particular diet (vegetarian or banana allergy), our chef will adapt the meals for your greatest pleasure.

Diving organisation on MV Ambai

Number of dives (minimum 30)

- No diving the day of arrival
- 3 dives / day every day of the cruise - one dive is usually sacrificed for land excursion to Wayag-, and another one eventually for the Bird of paradise excursion.
- 6 Night dives.
- 1 dive the day before disembarking, maybe 2 according to your flight schedule (24h/No FLY).

Schedule & standards

- 1st dive:.....07:00am
- 2nd dive: 10:30am
- 3rd dive: 02:30pm
- Night dive: 06:30pm
- Dive time: 60 minutes
- Maximum Depth : 35 meters
- Dives into the safety curves
- Bearing systematic security

Due to the large number of dives and the remoteness of the location, we urge divers to stay within the safety curve, to comply with a maximum depth of 35 meters, and to systematically perform a safety stop.

Depending on the guests dive experience, aspirations (photography, macro, etc), and eventual use of nitrox (free for certified divers), the cruise director will arrange the diving groups. These groups are made up of four divers and a dive guide. The dive guides are rotating on a daily basis. Each diver is given a dive tank (DIN & INT available, no need for adapters) and a single location for the duration of the cruise.

A briefing will be conducted by the director of cruises or one of the guides before each dive. It will provide guidance on the site topography, depths, currents and potential hazards, as well as on marine life and the species represented.

The staff carries your tank between the MV Ambai and the dinghies and back. to the dinghies, tanks are disposed in slots and the guide will help you to gear just before to roll back for the dive.
Identification books of flora and local fauna are available on board, and the dive guides or the skipper will always help you to identify the strange animal you just saw underwater!

* There are some dive equipment to rent on board: However, all sizes are not necessarily available, so please book for it before the cruise.

* Our cruises are open to divers Padi Advanced Level 2 or equivalent with at least 50 dives logged. Less experienced divers can also participate with a specific supervision that have to be arranged before the cruise.

* An insurance covering medical evacuation and diving accidents is highly recommended. We will request the participants to fill up on board a statement of fitness for the dive activities.

*We will ask you to carefully respect the fauna and flora: have adequate buoyancy to avoid touching the substrate or break any corals; do not touch the animals, do not collect anything; do not to harass wildlife to photography and moderate the number of flashes you impose on them. The use of gloves is not allowed.

*The divers should always carry a marker buoy.

*Thank you to read our rules of diving **here**. By booking a cruise with Wallacea you agree with these few basic rules.

THE CRUISE RATE

INCLUDES

- Accommodation in a shared twin or double cabin.
- All meals and snacks. Drinking water, soft drinks and hot drinks.
- All guided dives (1 guide /4 divers maximum)
- Nitrox
- Aluminium tanks (12 lts), weights and belts
- Airport-boat transfers from/to the closest airport (departure and arrival).
- Fuel surcharge***

DOESN'T INCLUDE

- Raja Ampat park and Port fees: 200 € / pax (to be settled cash on board)
- International and domestic flights
- Alcoholic beverages, espresso
- Diving equipment rental (see pricing below)
- 100 cf (15 litre) tanks : 65 € / cruise
- Upper deck cabin supplement: 20 € / night / person.
- Laundry (1 € / 2 pieces)

GOOD TO KNOW

- All extras are payable in cash on board. We can NOT receive payment by credit card.
- Currencies accepted on board: €, USD, CHF, IDR.
- Tipping: they reflect your level of satisfaction with the service on board. As an indication, in the area , this is 5%-10% of the cruise rate.
- Are provided on board, towels and toiletries, soap, shampoo and toothpaste.
- Electrical outlets round European type.
- Room for storage and loading photos / videos and accessory devices with many outlets. Taken in the cabins and bathrooms also. Hair dryer available on request.
- Available on board: rods and hooks in stainless, € 10
- 4 complimentary Kayaks

YOUR PASSPORT VALIDITY MUST BE AT LEAST 6 MONTHS AFTER THE SCHEDULED RETURN DATE

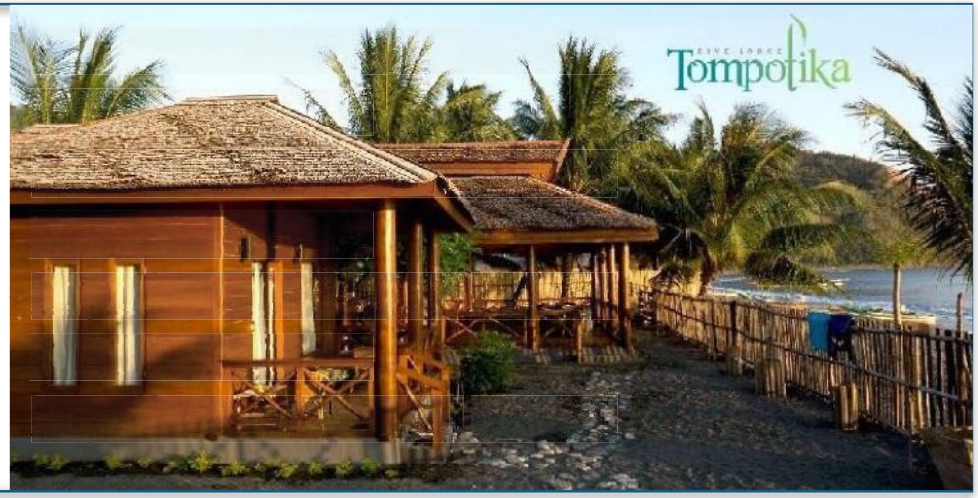
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PLAN TO EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY AFTER THE CRUISE?

Our last project **TOMPOTIKA DIVE LODGE,** intimate resort in East Sulawesi is made for you!

3 bungalows by the sea and amazing dives!

-20% ON OUR RATES IF YOUR STAY IS JUST BEFORE/AFTER YOUR



VISA

Since May 2016, nationals from 169 countries are dispensed of visa and can enter the Indonesian territory for a maximum of 30 days (not renewable).You can check the list of these countries by following this link

http://www.topbali.com/indonesia-visa/

INSURANCE

An insurance covering medical evacuation and diving accidents is compulsory. It will be requested upon arrival on board.

CHECK IN - CHECK OUT

- Check in the day of the cruise start and check out at the end of it, before 1pm.

DIVING EQUIPMENT RENTAL RATE

• Complete regulator with octopus and pressure gauge	7€/ day
• BCD	7€/ day
• Wetsuit	5€/ day
• Torch	5€/ day
• Dive Computer	5€/ day
• Fin	2€/ day
• Diving mask	2€/ day