

KiraKíra

A high-quality underwater photograph showing a scuba diver from behind, swimming through a narrow, rocky crevice in a coral reef. Sunlight filters down from the surface in bright rays, illuminating the diver's back and the surrounding marine life. The water is clear, and the reef walls are covered in various corals and small fish.

DIVING THE BIRD'S HEAD SEASCAPE (RAJA AMPAT)
WAISAI - GAM - WAYAG - WAISAI
9 DAYS, 8 NIGHTS - 19 + DIVES



The following itinerary has been designed to access the most engaging locations Raja Ampat has to offer, with intent to dive three times per day... Please note that any trip plan is subject to change based on the currents, waves and weather in the region... Strong currents, for example, may mean that the exact location and/or timing of the planned dives may have to be altered on safety grounds and to suit the local conditions... It is always possible to discuss and agree an alternative itinerary following consultation with the Captain, Cruise Team and fellow Guests...



Day 1 - We will be waiting for you at the harbour in Waisai, our crew will shuttle you to Kira Kira and welcome you aboard... Following lunch and a short tour and explanation about the vessel, your safety on board and intended plans for the voyage, we set off in the direction of the famous Dampier straight, the first of many areas we will visit during the trip... While we move to the Dampier area you can relax and take in the sights, before an afternoon check dive around the small island of Friwin...

Day 2 - The morning starts with a light breakfast followed by the first dive at Mioskon... After this we will dive around Blue Majic, one of the most popular sites in Raja Ampat... It is well known for great biodiversity, the reef is overgrown by beautifully coloured soft and hard corals... The third dive will be at Chicken Reef where the sun is often masked by a magnificent array of schooling Glassfish... Then after a substantial supper, the chance to chill under the star lit sky, listening to the gentle ocean sounds...



Day 3 - In the morning we start diving at the village of Yanbuba... You may observe hunter groups of Trevally, feeding on the millions of small fish under the jetty... You may find giant Manta Rays, as they circle their cleaning stations or a vast array of macro species hidden in the lush coral slopes... A second dive can be organized at the famous Arborek Jetty... Between dives you can visit the village that owns the jetty, meet with the locals and see some of the Manta Ray conservation projects based here... Our next location, for the third dive of the day is the long reef of Lalosi... There are some beautiful resident Anglerfish and colourful corals which offer a secure home to Wobbegong sharks and the wonderful walking shark... A revisit to the Jetty as a night dive, allows one to contrast the species found at different times of day...

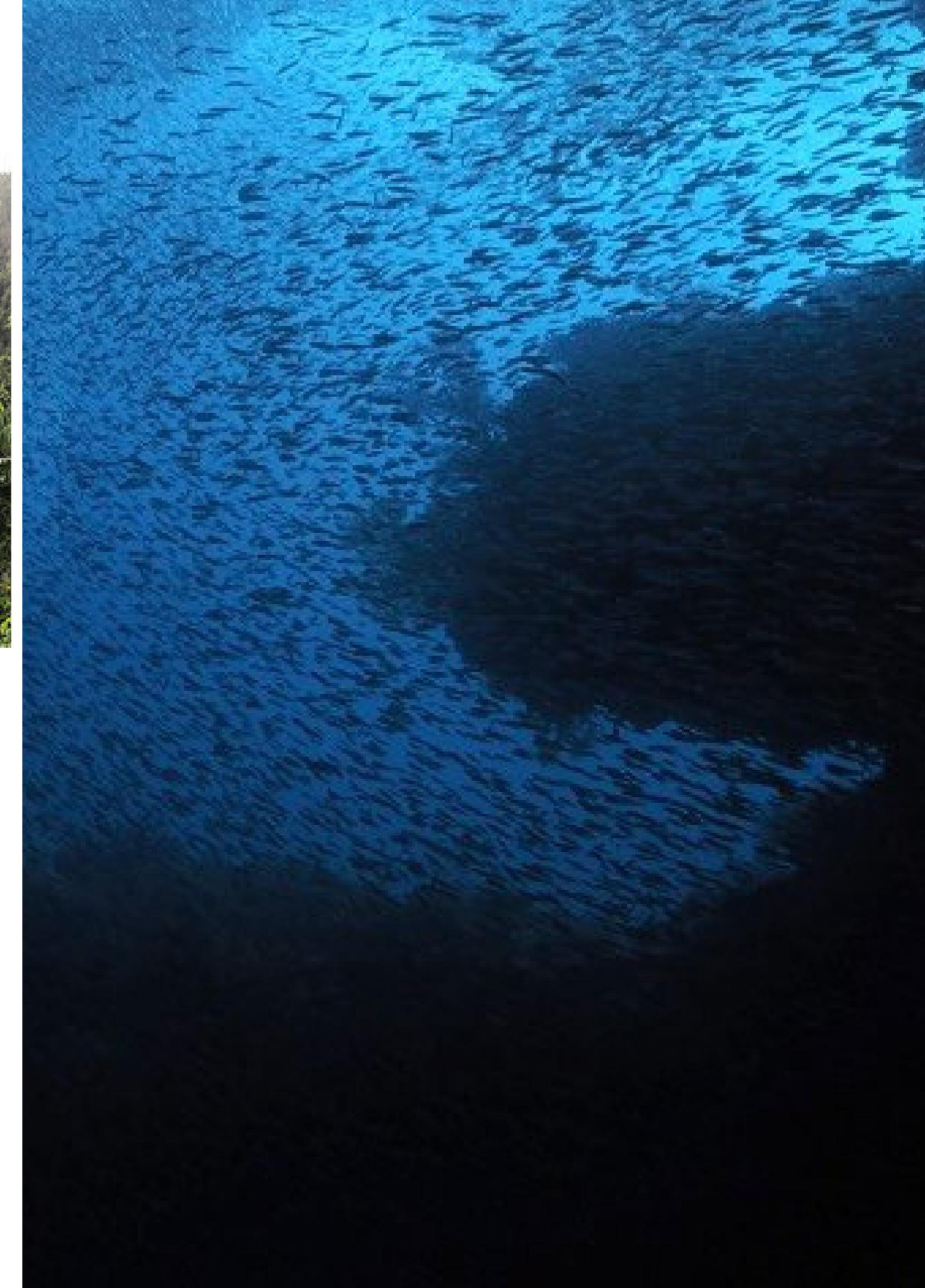
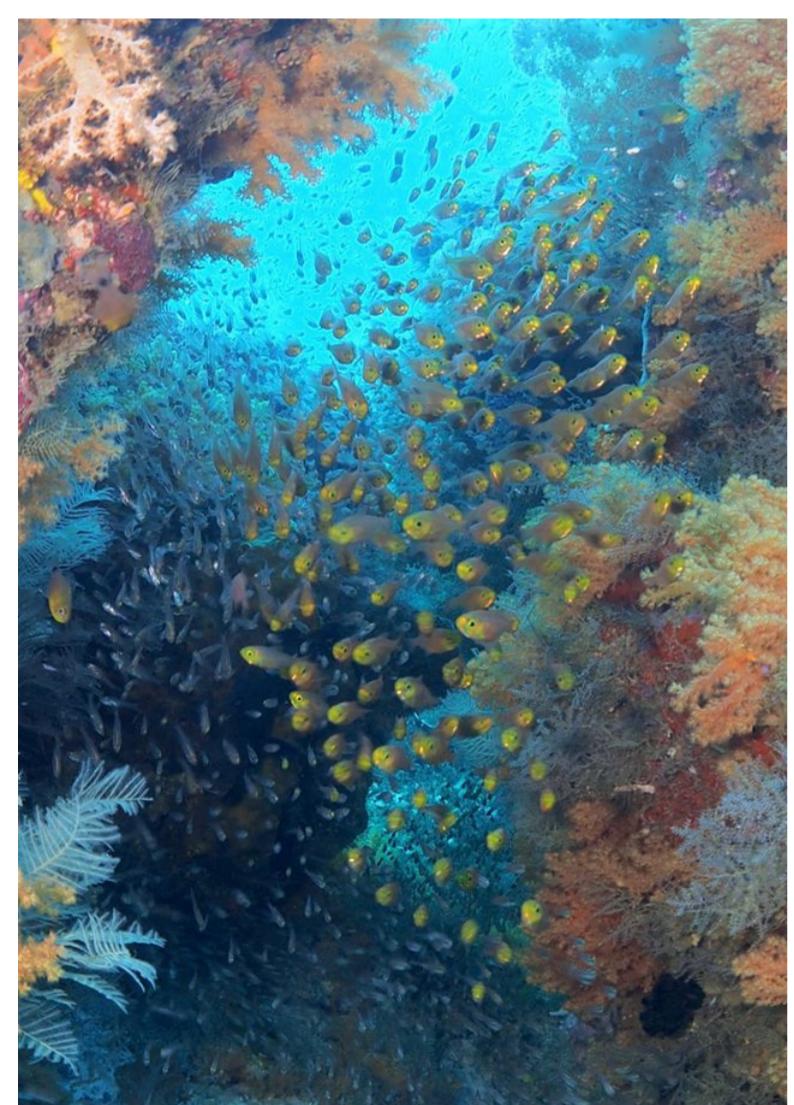


Day 4 - Early in the morning we arrive at Penemu's famous reefs, home to one of the largest population of fish in the area, very impressive, especially in a brisk current... After breakfast, we dive at Melissa's Garden, an extraordinary dive site famous for its extensive hard coral fields, followed by an expedition to My Reef... In the afternoon, we have time for a Kayak and short trek to admire more of Raja's wonderful lagoons and landscape... We aim to spend the evening under the stars enjoying a BBQ on a deserted tropical beach...



Day 5 - In the early morning we sail to the north of the Gam area... After an extensive breakfast, we visit the locations around Takat Yanggefo and the surrounding pristine Mangrove forests... This days dive sites are great for schools of Barracuda, Bumphead Parrot Fish, Wobbegong Sharks and a myriad of other marine life...

The first dive will be at Mayhem... Then after a short break, we will explore Citrus... In the afternoon it will be time for the third dive at Way Pretty Shallow... You can explore huge orange and purple soft corals covered with thousands of glass fish and a white sandy bottom full of surprises...



Day 6 - We focus on the top diving spots today, heading to and around Kawe... After diving Wofo at the stunning Black Forest, we will sail towards the equator to the lone Eagle Rock, a incredible underwater formation, home to giant schools of every species you can imagine, fighting for position on the surge nourished reef... The diving day perhaps concludes with a underwater tour across the center of the Earth, from southern to northern hemisphere on just one tank of air, If we are lucky enough we can observe the walking sharks as they are very common in this area... Late afternoon, Kira Kira aims to move to the north and anchor in the magnificent lagoons of Wayag...

Day 7 - After an early morning dive in paradise you will enjoy a leisurely breakfast while you savor the breathtaking landscape of Wayag...

From this extraordinarily beautiful location, you can take a kayak and explore the untouched nature surrounding us here... Crystal clear blue water and small islands overgrown with palms and other tropical vegetation... In the afternoon we will ascend a ridge and you will be able to take amazing pictures or just relax and enjoy the view... Diving is also possible this day... Traveling overnight in the direction of Gam...



Day 8 - We follow the day's program with two dives at Mike's Point and Cape Kri... Both of them are excellent dive sites with reefs full of schooling fish, Fusiliers, Surgeonfish, Giant Trevally, Rainbow Runner, Sweetlips and huge schools of Bannerfish... The reefs there are also very beautiful, decorated with Sea Fans, Soft Corals and Orange Elephant Ear Sponges... Late afternoon we aim to visit land, to enjoy a drink and final sunset together...

Day 9 - While we sail back to Waisai enjoy breakfast, and the last exchange of photos and memories, the crew and Kira Kira will say their fond farewells before organising your stay in Raja Ampat or return to Sorong...

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