

akoño isseki

DIVING THE BIRD'S HEAD SEASCAPE (RAJA AMPAT)
WAISAI - WAIGEO - MISOOL - WAIGEO - WAISAI
11 DAYS, 10 NIGHTS - 25+ 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 harbor in Waisai, our crew will shuttle you to Akomo Isseki 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...

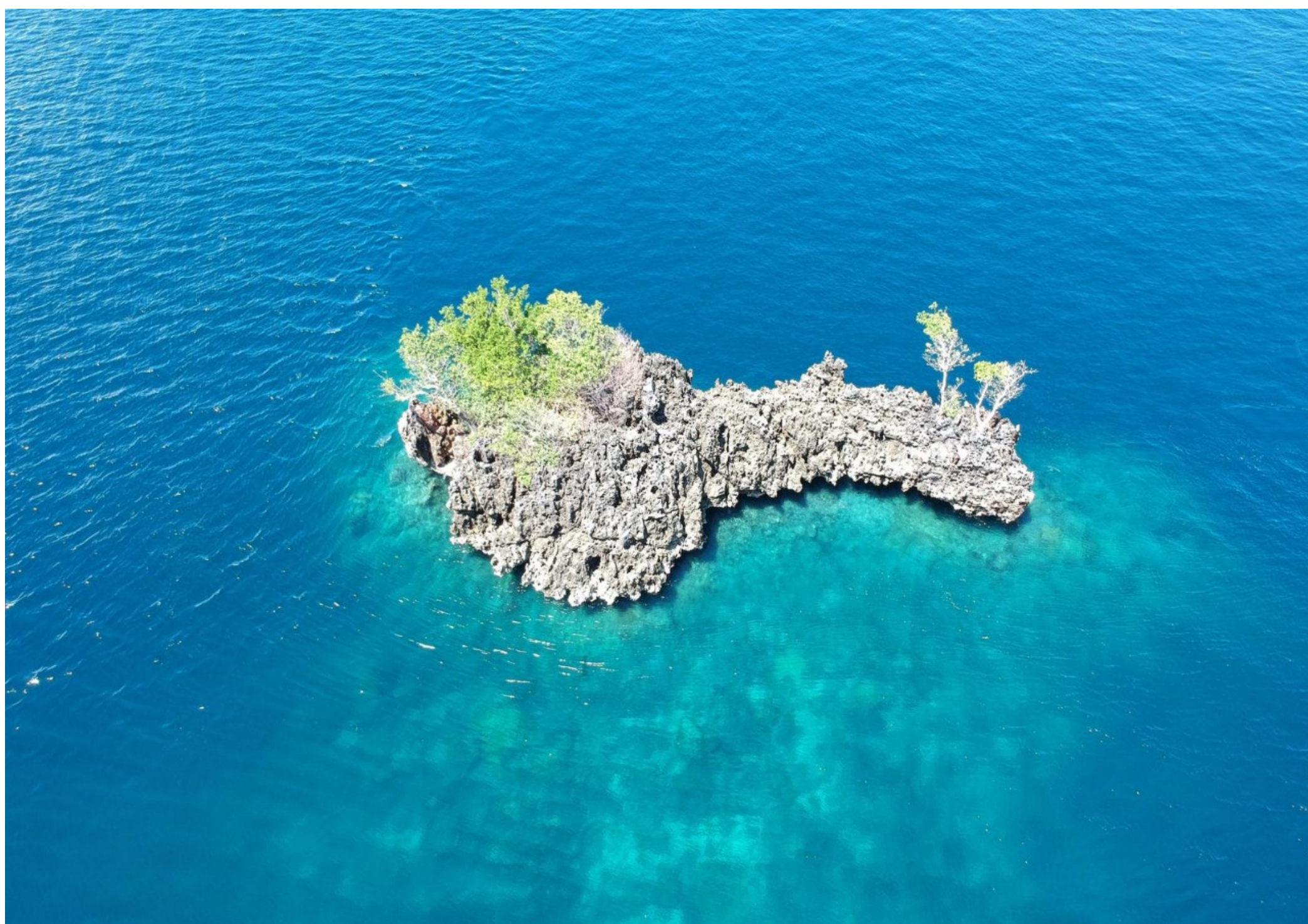
It is well known for great biodiversity, the reef is overgrown by beautifully coloured soft and hard corals... The third dive will be at Chicken Reef where the sun is often masked by a magnificent array of schooling Glassfish... Then after a substantial supper, the chance to chill under the star lit sky, listening to the gentle ocean sounds...

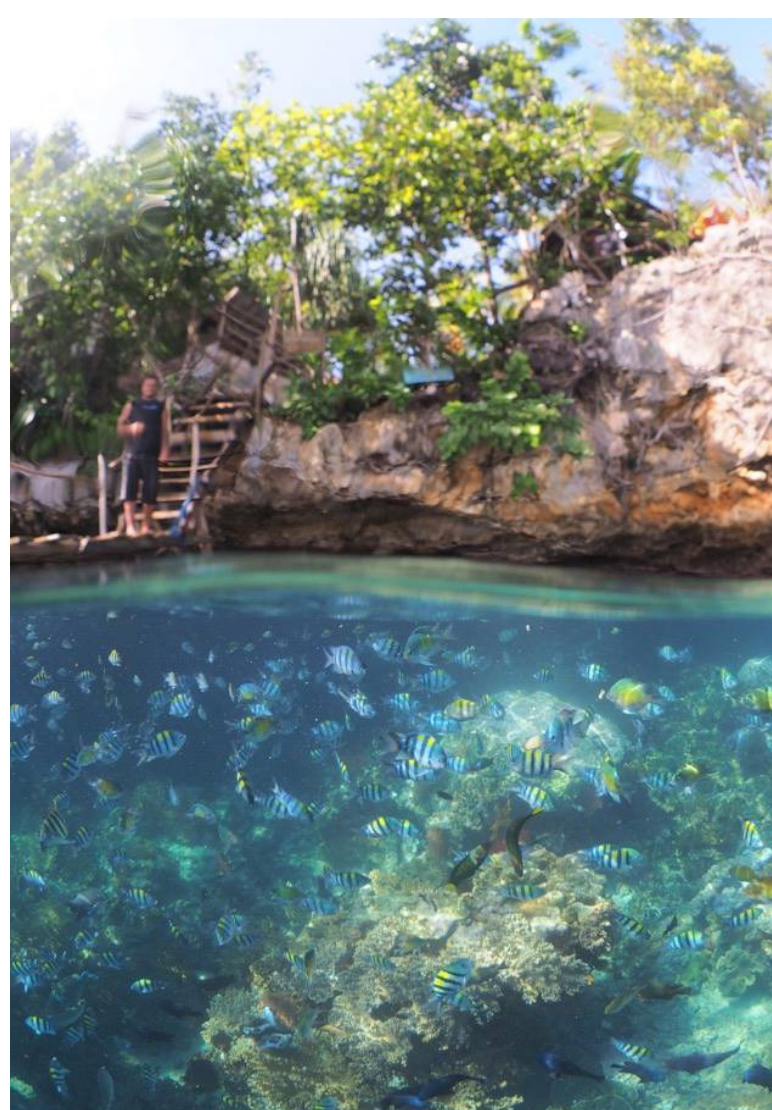
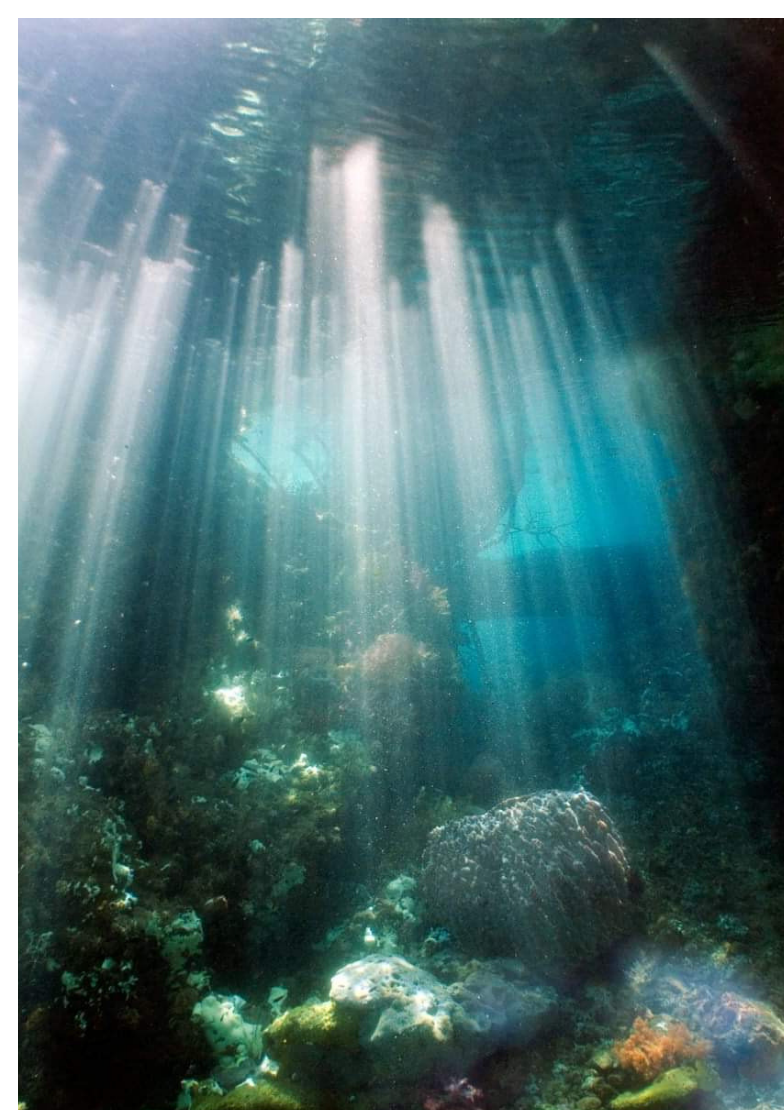


Day 3 – We start diving at the village of Yanbuba, observe hunter groups of Trevally, feeding on millions of small fish under the jetty... You may find giant Manta Rays, as they circle their cleaning stations or a vast array of macro species hidden in the lush coral slopes... A second dive can be organized at the famed Arborek Jetty... Between dives you can visit the village that owns the jetty, meet the locals and see some of the conservation projects based here... For the third dive of the day the long reef of Lalosi... There are some beautiful coloured corals which offer a secure home to Wobbegong sharks and the wonderful walking shark... Sailing overnight to Misool...

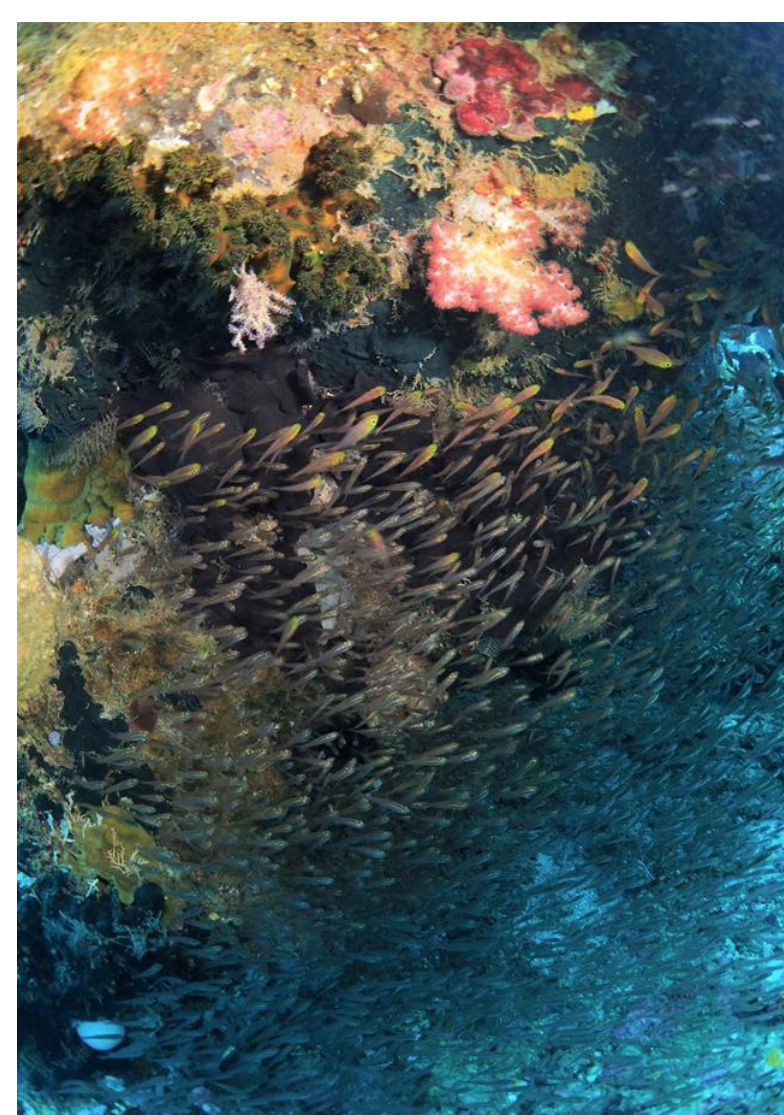


Day 4 - In East Misool you will discover three fantastic dive sites, No Contest, Love potion and Three Rocks... You will enjoy the sight of sheer vertical walls and fantastic coverage of soft corals, lots of fish with schools of Platax, aggregations of Snapper and Bump Head Parrotfish... We spend the night in the hidden lagoon, a very special anchorage inside an almost closed bay surrounded by high rocks... In the late afternoon we take the speedboat into another lagoon located further into the rocks where we can swim, listening and searching for the native Cacatoes...

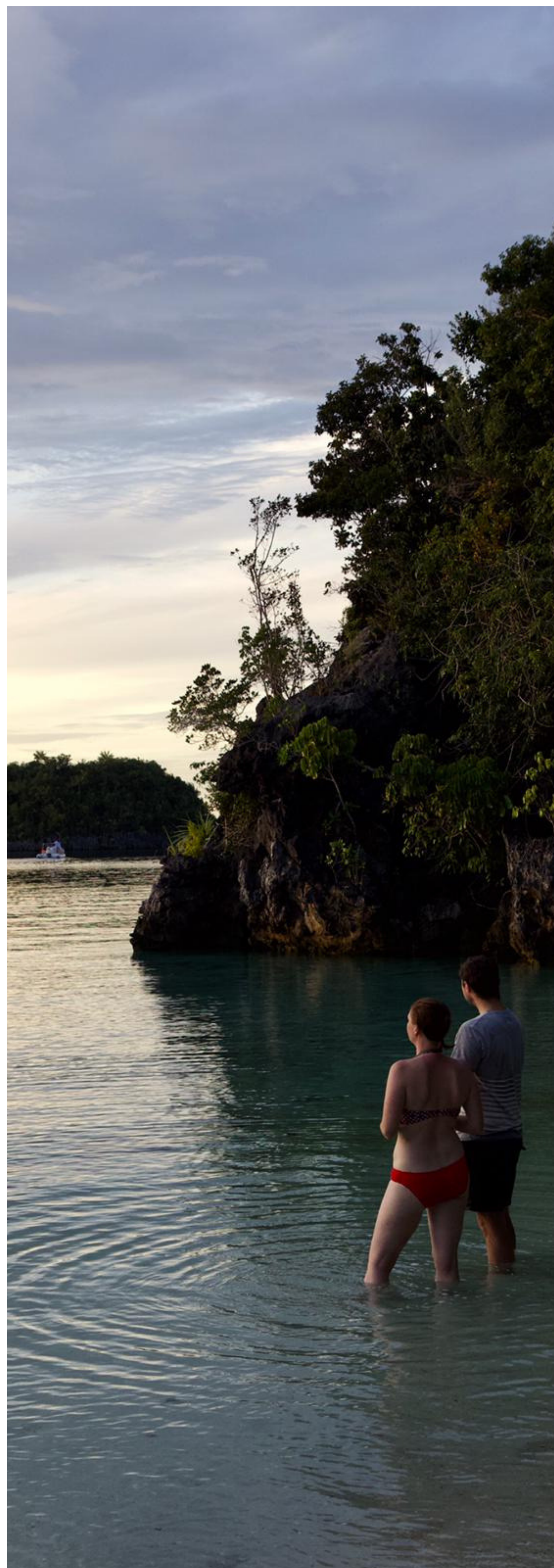




Day 5 - After a short morning navigation, we reach South East Misool and start another great day of diving in the vicinity of Misool Eco Resort, Boo Rocks with 2 large opening windows in the lava stone that completely pierce the island from the surface to 5 meters deep, Fiabacet and Fantasea, other excellent dive sites, again, expect an explosion of colors and fish density... Kira Kira will then sail further south and to the West and overnight in the Wayilbatan area... An optional night dive may be available...



Day 6 - In the Wayilbatan area we enjoy a complete diving day at 3 fantastic dive sites, Barracuda Rock, Wedding Cake and Neptune's Sea Fan... These dive sites offer impressive range of marine diversity and topography, huge Gorgonian Sea Fans, overhangs and caves, forests of Black Coral, Trevally, Turtles, Eagle Rays, Pygmy Seahorses and much, much more... In the afternoon, we take time for some kayaking amongst some of the most spectacular hidden lagoons in the area...





Day 7 - We will navigate to Pele at the very South East of the Misool area... Along the way, we will dive the famous dive site named Four Kings, four incredible pinnacles, each covered in more soft coral and colourful tunicates than the last... The range of colours on this site is simply amazing... We will then continue on to Pele where we will dive 2 of Pele's more famous sites, Kaleidoscope and Pulau Kecil... Late that afternoon we will set sail for an overnight navigation to Penemu and the Fam islands...



Day 8 - 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... In the afternoon, we have time for a short trek to admire more of Raja's wonderful lagoons and landscape... We spend the evening under the stars enjoying a BBQ on a deserted tropical beach...



Day 9 - Short navigation to the Yanggefo area, where we find some of the most stunning dive sites in West Waigeo, Citrus Ridge, Mayhem and Way Pretty Shallow... In the right conditions, expect some of the most high voltage diving in Raja Ampat, massive schools of fish, Barracuda, at least three species of Fusilier, Trevally, Bump Head Parrotfish, Wobbegong Sharks and more... In the afternoon, we dive at Mike's Point, during World War II, the US Air Force mistook this rock for a camouflaged Japanese ship and bombed it repeatedly... The top side of the island is blown away, but underwater the reef has come back to life in an amazing way...



Day 10 - We save the very best for last... During our final diving day we discover two fabulous dive sites, Blue Magic and Cape Kri... Both of these sites offer some of the largest concentrations of big fish in Raja Ampat... Large schools of hunting Trevally, Chevron Barracuda, Bannerfish, Giant Sweetlips, Yellow Fin Tuna and big Red Snapper congregate on these sites... Large Grey Reef Sharks can also be seen at Cape Kri... In the afternoon, we have time to relax on one of Kri's secluded beaches...



Day 11 – While we sail back to Waisai enjoy breakfast, and the last exchange of photos and memories, the crew and Akomo Isseki will say their fond farewells before organizing your stay in Raja Ampat or return to Sorong...

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