



Snorkeling Adventure in Raja Ampat

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Dear Friends and Snorkeling Enthusiasts,

We are very pleased to announce our upcoming *Snorkeling Adventure in Raja Ampat*. This area of Indonesia's West Papua Province is known as a "center of marine biodiversity" and is acclaimed as one of the world's best snorkeling locations.

This archipelago, situated at the heart of the Coral Triangle, is home to more than 1300 species of fish, six of the world's seven species of sea turtles and more than 450 reef-building corals. At the intersection of the Indian Ocean and Pacific Ocean, its relative isolation has been one of its greatest defenses against overuse and exploitation.

Powerful deep-sea currents funnel nutrients into Raja Ampat's delicate fringing reefs, blue-water drop-offs, mangrove flats, seagrass beds and massive coral colonies and form the foundation of a food chain that feeds a spectacular diversity of marine life. The first comprehensive scientific survey of the area was only conducted in 2001 and found nearly 1000 tropical fish species, many of which had been previously unknown. Since that time many more have been identified. And that's only the fish!

I've known of these pristine reefs and have visited them off and on since I first traveled to the area in the late 1980's. There was very little infrastructure back then to comfortably support our snorkeling activities. Finally, that has changed. We've privately chartered the "relatively luxurious" motor-sailor, Sea Safari 8 and created a custom itinerary specifically designed to feature the best snorkeling opportunities this region has to offer. In contrast to some of the diving programs that now operate in Raja Ampat, we have enlisted the willing collaboration of the Sea Safari Team to offer you the best possible snorkeling Raja Ampat has to offer.

I invite you join us in October 2017 as we explore the rich biodiversity of Raja Ampat in the heart of the Coral Triangle.

Jill Simon

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- A scenic view of Raja Ampat islands with a snorkeler in the foreground. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, and the islands are covered in lush green vegetation. A large white circular graphic is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing a list of bullet points.
- ✓ from \$8890 per person (which includes internal air estimated at \$1000)
 - ✓ 12 days / October 8-19, 2017
 - ✓ the KLM Sea Safari 8 has been privately-chartered for the exclusive use of our snorkeling group
 - ✓ custom designed itinerary especially for snorkeling
 - ✓ comfortable and spacious liveaboard accommodations
 - ✓ snorkel in the heart of the Coral Triangle with its extraordinary marine biodiversity
 - ✓ mangrove drift snorkel, weather permitting
 - ✓ snorkeling instruction from novice to expert
 - ✓ marine biology lectures and interpretive sessions



Trip Overview

Snorkeling in the heart of the Coral Triangle!

Home to more than ten times the number of hard corals found in the Caribbean, the Raja Ampat or “Four Kings” archipelago lies off the northwestern tip of Indonesia’s West Papua Province. Its 9.8 million acres of land and sea includes more than 1500 islands and an unparalleled variety of marine life.

Cruising comfortably aboard the KLM Sea Safari 8, a traditional Indonesian schooner with spacious common areas and en suite cabins, we will have optimal flexibility to explore the miles of hard and soft corals and rich marine life of the archipelago. On our daily snorkeling excursions, we typically view vibrant coral gardens filled with abundant marine life. More than 1300 species of coral reef fish have now been discovered as well as 600 species of hard coral and 700 species of mollusk, including 7 giant clam and 57 mantis shrimp species. In the waters surrounding these islands, we also find five species of rare and endangered sea turtles, including the hawksbill, and 13 marine mammal species, including the dugong.

While Sea for Yourself programs feature snorkeling as the top priority, this particular occasion also provides certified SCUBA divers with excellent diving opportunities. The ship offers a complete complement of tanks, weights, rental gear, and divemaster services.

After our daily snorkeling activities, evenings will be spent enjoying leisurely dinners, marine biology lectures and interpretive sessions.

Species great and small!

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Islands we plan to visit include:

Penemu

With large schools of fish there are regular sightings of large species such as groupers and harmless sharks. Miles of hard and soft corals fill these waters. Here we plan to explore a shallow lake filled with cassiopea jellyfish and juvenile sharks.

Waigeo

When snorkeling here it is possible to see napolean wrasse, cardinalfish, angelfish and butterflyfish swimming among swaying sea anemones and colorful coral heads.

Wayag

In the the waters surrounding Wayag we hope to find Moorish idols, triggerfish and juvenile wrasses. It is also possible to see an occasional octopus and mantis shrimp.

Uranie and Kawe

Schools of barracuda tag along with blue tail surgeonfish in the current, along with silvery trevally and iridescent parrotfish. Here we also find giant clams.

Arborek

In the Dampier Strait off Arborek, reef and oceanic manta rays, cleaning wrasse, tuna, trevallies, turtles, nudibranchs and a wide variety of colorful reef fish can be seen.

Gam

Manta rays congregate at a nearby cleaning station, with escorts of gold-banded fusiliers. Oriental sweetlips, coral trout, glassfish and orange and purple anthias and mandarinfish inhabit the reefs and mangroves as well as the Java cownose ray.

Mansaur and Kri

In these waters it is possible to spot green or hawksbill sea turtles or pod of dolphins.



Itinerary

Day 1

Our program begins in the late afternoon when we join our fellow participants in Jakarta for a program orientation at the Sheraton Bandara Hotel in Jakarta followed by a welcome dinner. We recommend that you consider arriving in Jakarta a day early to ensure your participation in the first evening's activities. After our program orientation we will transfer to the airport late that same evening for our early morning flight to Sorong. At your request we would be happy to assist with making arrangements for early arrival at our hotel. D

Day 2

Early this morning we fly to Sorong, the gateway to the Raja Ampat Archipelago. Raja Ampat, the Four Kings Archipelago lies off the northwest tip of the Bird's Head Peninsula and is comprised of four major islands surrounded by 1500 small islands and cays. In Sorong, we board the Sea Safari 8, our home for the next 9 nights, and head northwest en route to the limestone islands of Penemu. B,L,D

Day 3

Reefs throughout Raja Ampat are among the world's most pristine. Currents distribute coral larvae across the Pacific Ocean to constantly replenish reef ecosystems. Some areas harbor large schools of fish. Others offer regular sightings of large species such as groupers and harmless sharks. We will snorkel the calm waters between Penemu's mushroom-shaped rock islands which harbor miles of hard and soft corals. We plan to explore a shallow lake filled with cassiopea jellyfish and juvenile sharks. As throughout the program, the evening will be spent enjoying a leisurely dinner and a lecture or interpretive session led by your Sea for Yourself staff. B,L,D

Day 4

Explore the reefs around Waigeo Island, one of the largest in Raja Ampat. When snorkeling, look for napolean wrasse, cardinalfish, angelfish and butterflyfish swimming among swaying sea anemones and colorful coral heads. B,L,D

Days 5-6

The remote and thinly-populated island of Wayag, just north of the Equator, presents ideal conditions for reefs to flourish undisturbed. In the aquamarine-colored waters surrounding this and nearby rock islands, look for Moorish idols, triggerfish and juvenile wrasses. It is also possible to see an occasional octopus and mantis shrimp here or elsewhere during the tour. B,L,D

Day 7

During snorkeling outings in the waters surrounding the vegetation-covered, limestone islands of Uranie and Kawe, keep an eye out for schools of barracuda tagging along with blue tail surgeonfish in the current, silvery trevally glistening from the sun and iridescent parrotfish. Here and throughout the voyage we will also see giant clams anchored on the sea floor. B,L,D

Day 8

In the Dampier Strait near Arborek, we plan to snorkel at Manta Point where reef and oceanic manta rays, some with wingspans over 5m, can sometimes be seen waiting above large coral heads to be cleaned by small wrasses. Here you can also see tuna, trevallies, turtles, nudibranchs and a wide variety of colorful reef fish. B,L,D



Day 9

When snorkeling Gam Island's clear waters, keep an eye out for oriental sweetlips, coral trout, glassfish and orange and purple anthias that inhabit its reefs and mangroves. Peering into nooks around sunset may reveal the brilliantly-colored mandarin fish. In this area we will take an exciting drift snorkel, floating with the currents through the Kabui Strait between Waigeo and Gam. The Java cownose ray feeds in this passage. In the evening we cruise to Mansuar Island. B,L,D

Day 10

Enjoy snorkeling at Mansuar and Kri Islands. The waters off Kri's cape are frequented by a huge variety of fish. Look for Queensland grouper as you snorkel along undersea walls. Manta rays congregate at a nearby cleaning station, with escorts of gold-banded fusiliers. You may even spot green or hawksbill sea turtles or a pod of dolphins. In the late evening, we set sail for Sorong.

Day 11

Disembark in Sorong and transfer to the airport for our return flight to Jakarta. After an afternoon on your own, gather in the evening for our farewell dinner. B,L,D

Day 12

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flights home. B

The itinerary on this expedition-style adventure is flexible and may be subject to change.



Accommodations

KLM Sea Safari 8, with a length of 34m and a beam of 10m, is a spacious liveaboard, ideal for cruising in Indonesian waters. Built in the traditional Phinisi-rigged Bugis style with a modern navigation system, the vessel comfortably accommodates up to 20 snorkelers and offers a perfect combination of snorkeling and cruising the Raga Ampat Archipelago. Between our daily snorkeling activities, wander onto the bridge and have a look at the route maps with the captain. Or just quietly retire to your cabin or walk on deck and enjoy the view.

There are plenty of areas where you can choose to relax and appreciate the ambience of this motorized sailing vessel. There are 2 air-conditioned salons for socializing. The main deck salon adjoins the dining area and is a relaxing spot to be enjoyed at meal times or while chatting over a coffee. The upper deck salon contains a spacious lounge with wooden finishings, comfortable sofas, full entertainment facilities as well as a library of fish and wildlife books, novels, travel guides, films and documentaries. Above this is the sun deck where you can observe the spectacular passing scenery.

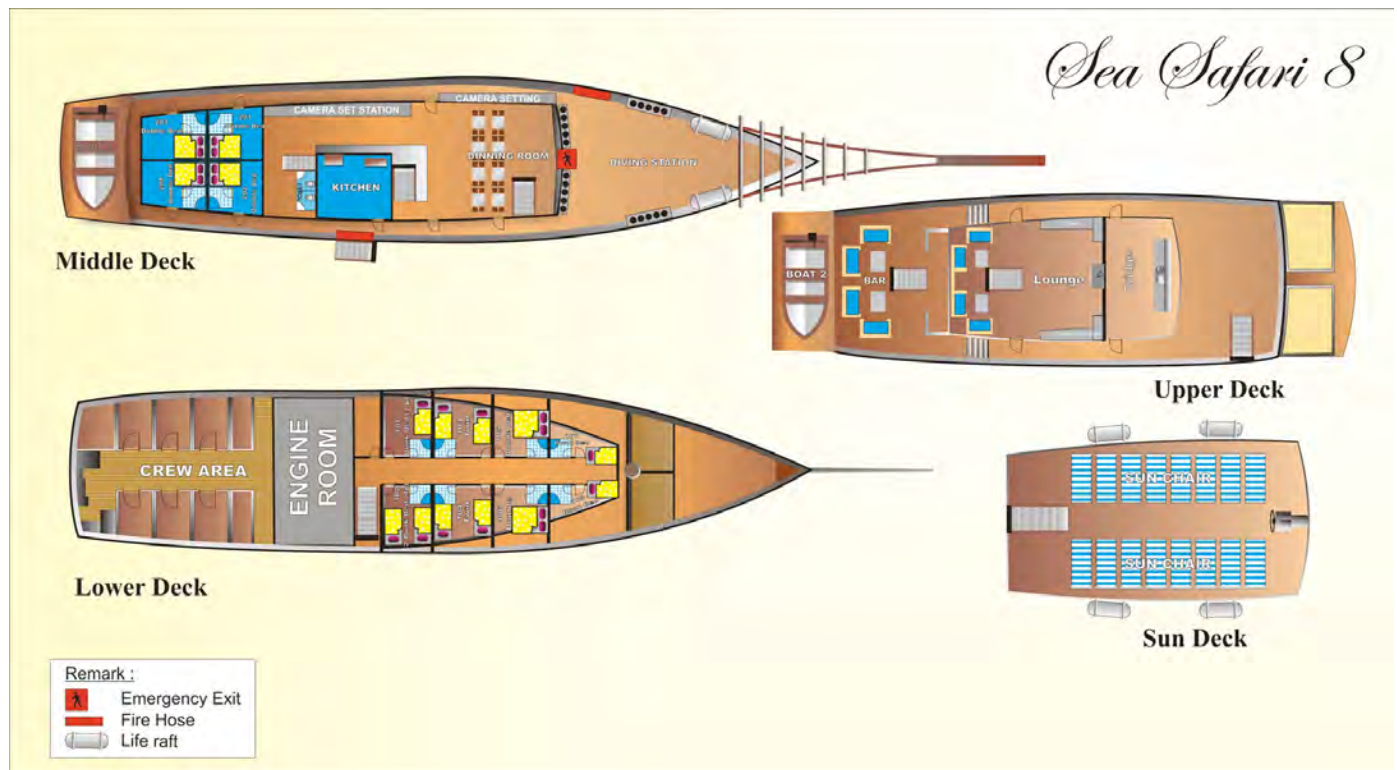


Cabin 103



Cabin 201

All air-conditioned cabins are en-suite (private bathroom) with either twin beds or double beds. Deluxe cabins are on the main deck with Standard cabins on the lower deck. Photographers will appreciate the camera table and on-board computer for image editing. From the snorkeling deck to the sun deck, cabins and salons, everything on board the KLM Sea Safari 8 is comfortable and well-appointed.



Bar



Sun Deck



Trip Details & Prices

Trip limit

This trip is limited to 20 participants, with minimum of 12. Due to the limited space available for this tour, reservations will be accepted in the order deposits are received. You will be notified when your space is confirmed.

Program Costs

The cost will be \$8890 per person, based on double occupancy (Lower Deck) and \$9290 per person based on double occupancy (Middle Deck). Price includes internal air (estimated at \$1000). For those requesting a single room an additional supplement of \$850 will be added to the tour cost. Please be advised that single space is limited and subject to availability. If you wish to share a room, we will do our best to find a roommate for you. If, by the time of your final payment, a share cannot be found and space is available, you will be charged a single supplement.

Deposits & payments

A deposit of \$1000, plus a signed, completed reservation form confirms your registration for the trip. You will be notified when your space on the program is confirmed. Final payment, plus single supplement, if applicable, is due 150 days prior to departure.

Airfare

Sea for Yourself does not issue airline tickets. Trip participants are responsible for making their own air travel arrangements. Please do not purchase airline tickets until your reservation for the program has been confirmed and you have reviewed your travel schedule with our office.

The tour fee includes

Group airport transfers within Indonesia, meals as indicated in the itinerary, accommodations beginning on October 8, 2017, internal flights, airport taxes on internal flights, marine park entrance fees, all snorkeling activities, guided cultural excursions, local taxes, group gratuities to KLM Sea Safari 8 staff, services of the trip leader including any needed snorkeling lessons, marine biology lectures and interpretive sessions, and explanations of Raja Ampat's natural history.



The tour fee does not include

International airfare to and from Indonesia, increases in international airfare rates, international departure taxes, SCUBA activities, rental gear, medical immunizations or prescriptions, passport fees, accident/baggage/cancellation insurance, individual transfers, excess baggage charges, medical expenses, meals not specified in the itinerary, dishes and beverages not part of included meals, laundry, telephone, internet or fax charges, room service, and other items of a purely personal nature.

Trip Preparation

Skill level

This program will be best enjoyed by experienced snorkelers or individuals who are comfortable being in the water. Our tour leader will gladly provide any needed snorkeling instruction, from floating to free diving. Whenever possible, we will seek out protected water for our snorkeling excursions, but at times there might be moderately swift currents or the surface may be a bit choppy due to wind. Any "hiking" will be easy to moderate.

Climate and weather

Raja Ampat's climate is tropical. The temperature ranges from 75- 90°F with high humidity. Water temperatures are usually in the low 80's. Currents and tides may necessitate deviations from the daily itinerary. And as with any tropical destination, there will always be a chance of rain, mosquitoes when on land, and sand flies.

The snorkeling destinations in this itinerary were selected based on professional assessments of the reefs in January 2016. Please be aware that climatic events, such as coral bleaching, may occur at any time and could adversely affect the reefs. We will work with the crew of the KLM Sea Safari 8 to monitor conditions and provide timely updates to participants when relevant.

Please remember that some kind of covering (such as a Lycra suit or even pajamas!) when in the water is highly recommended as protection from sun, occasional stinging zooplankton, and to prevent coral abrasions. We strongly recommend that you consider wearing a wet suit.

Departure information

After you have reserved space on a trip and the program is confirmed, you will receive information to help you prepare for departure, including airline information to arrange for your international and/or domestic flights, optional supplemental travel insurance information, a complete packing and reading list and other useful information about our destination.

Insurance

Sea for Yourself provides participants who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with limited medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group travel insurance policy. We highly recommend the purchase of optional baggage and trip cancellation insurance; information will be sent to registrants. Exclusions for pre-existing conditions may be waived with the prompt purchase of travel insurance.

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Reservation Form Snorkeling Adventure in Raja Ampat

I/We wish to hold _____ spaces on the Snorkeling Adventure in Raja Ampat, October 8-19, 2017. Enclosed please find my/our deposit check of US\$ _____ (\$1000 per person, made payable to Sea for Yourself)

Name 1 _____ Birth Date _____
(as it appears on passport)

Name 2 _____ Birth Date _____
(as it appears on passport)

Address _____

(If using a P.O. Box, please also include a street address)

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Fax _____ Email _____

Accommodations:

- Double/Twin sharing with (List name of accompanying person if not shown above.) _____
 - Upgrade to Middle Deck cabin (\$400 per person/double bed only)
Upgrades are limited and subject to availability.
- Single (**not guaranteed and very limited**) with single supplement of \$850
- Share (to be assigned; not guaranteed; if share is unavailable, single supplement will apply)

Waiver of Liability: I have read the schedule of activities and other information in the Sea for Yourself: Snorkeling Adventure in Raja Ampat tour materials and recognize and accept all risks thereof. I understand and agree on behalf of myself, my dependents, heirs, administrators, and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth under "Liability/Responsibility" and to release and hold harmless Sea for Yourself and any of its officers, employees, agents, licensees, or representatives from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death, or for the loss of or damage to property, however occurring, in relation to this Sea for Yourself program scheduled for October 8-19, 2017. By signing this, I also certify that I do not have any mental or physical condition that would create a hazard for myself or other passengers.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

NOTE: Each participant must sign this waiver.

Please send your completed reservation form and deposit to Sea For Yourself, 729 College Ave, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Fax: (650) 323-1201 Phone: (650) 322-1494 Email: info@seaforyourself.com

Terms & Conditions

A deposit, plus a signed, completed reservation form will confirm your registration for one of our programs or extensions. You will be notified when your space on the program is confirmed. Final payment will be due 150 days before departure.

Cancellations & refunds

If it becomes necessary for you to cancel your trip, notice of cancellation must be received in writing at Sea For Yourself, by email, fax or postal mail. At the time Sea For Yourself receives your written cancellation, the following per-person penalties will apply: Full refund less a per person handling fee of \$500 if cancellation is made 150 days or more prior to trip departure. No refunds will be granted for cancellation less than 150 days prior to trip departure unless the trip departs full and your space is resold. Once the trip has departed, there will be no refunds for any unused portions of the trip. Cancellation could cost you as much as 100% of the tour cost. In the event the tour is undersubscribed or sold out, you will be notified and receive a full refund of any payments you have made. No refunds will be given for unused portions of the trip.

Single supplements & shares

Please be advised that single space is limited and subject to availability. If you wish to share a room, we will do our best to find a roommate for you. If, by the time of your final payment, a share cannot be found, you will be charged a single supplement.

Possible land & fuel cost increases

Our prices are based upon the prevailing rates made far in advance of the trip's departure. While we will do everything possible to maintain our prices, if land or fuel costs increase significantly prior to departure, it may be necessary to increase these costs. While we reserve the right to institute such an increase, since 1995 it has not been necessary to do so on any of our programs.

Liability and responsibility

While Sea for Yourself, Inc. endeavors to choose the best suppliers available, we do not have the right to control their operations and they are subject to the laws of the state or country where the service is provided. As such we make the travel arrangements described via Sea for Yourself Services upon the express condition that Sea for Yourself, Inc., and its own agents and employees, shall not be liable for any damage, delay, loss, accident, bodily injury or death, or other irregularity that may be caused by the defect of any vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out or performing any of the services involved in Sea for Yourself tours. Nor does Sea For Yourself, Inc. accept responsibility for losses or expenses due to sickness, weather, strikes, wars, or other such causes. Any such losses or expenses must be borne by the participant.

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Dates, schedules, program details, and costs, given in good faith, based on information available and in force at the time of publication. Sea for Yourself, Inc. reserves the right to make photographs and video of any of its trips, and may use any such materials for promotional and commercial purposes.

Trip participant responsibility

As a condition to acceptance of enrollment, participants must read, agree to, and sign, the Waiver of Liability statement provided as part of the trip reservation. Participants have the responsibility to sign up for a trip appropriate to their abilities and interests. Our program materials provide information on skill level, local conditions and other information that will help you make an informed choice. We would be happy to discuss any of our trips with you to assist you in making a decision. Participants should be in good health and able to participate in the activities described in the program itinerary and are responsible for being familiar with the pre-trip information provided by Sea for Yourself, including information about equipment and clothing appropriate for the trip.

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