10 Nights

Indonesia – Raja Ampat Northern Explorer

Darwin/Sorong to Biak and Return



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Begin among the history and volcanic landscapes of the Spice Islands, then follow the coast of West Papua into Raja Ampat.

Over ten nights, explore waterfalls that meet the sea, Misool's vivid reefs and limestone islands, the waterways around Fam and the marine life of the Dampier Strait. Beneath Waigeo's rainforest canopy, you may spot the colourful bird of paradise. Few places on earth compare to the Wayag Archipelago, its' limestone islands rising dramatically from a turquoise sea. Snorkelling and diving unknown atolls teeming with colourful fish, exploring by tender boat remote and enchanting atolls. Every day offers a different insight into this remarkable part of the world.

Return charter flights ex Darwin are included in the tariff.

PLEASE NOTE

This is a sample itinerary only. Prevailing conditions, local arrangements and indeed, what we discover on the day, may cause variation.



DAY01

WELCOME ABOARD

Your adventure begins in Darwin where we'll collect you from your hotel and onto a chartered aircraft to Sorong. Here we'll welcome you aboard the magnificent True North with an arrival cocktail as we begin our journey to Misool Island. Settle into the luxurious surroundings, enjoy the exceptional onboard amenities, including gourmet dining and spacious lounges.



DAY 02

MISOOL ISLAND AND TOMOLOL CAVES

Wake to the brilliance of Misool, a remote island within the Coral Triangle – one of the most biodiverse marine regions on Earth.
Dive or snorkel through soft coral gardens and schools of reef fish in the protected waters of the SE Misool Marine Park. Later, explore the sacred Tomolol caves – a natural cathedral of light, water, and limestone.
The afternoon brings a relaxed cruise through the Mesempta Karst Channels, where jade-green islets rise from turquoise lagoons. Finish the day with drinks on deck as the sun fades across the Karst Islands.





DAY 03

FAM ISLANDS AND WALLACE CHANNEL

The adventure continues north to the spectacular Fam Island group. Cruise through the aquamarine shallows of Penemu and Yeben, or trek to the summit of Pianemo Island for sweeping views of the lagoon below. Those with energy to spare can stroll through a local village and meet the islanders who call this paradise home. In the afternoon, drift through the narrow passage of Wallace Channel – named for naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace, whose observations here helped inspire the theory of evolution. The water teems with life, framed by rainforest and orchids, as birds and butterflies glide overhead. It's a living laboratory of beauty and balance.



DAY 04

GAM ISLAND AND CAPE KRI

Gam Island is a day of contrasts – jungle, coral and the rarest of creatures.
Begin with an early morning trek to witness the red bird of paradise in full display, one of the world's most remarkable wildlife encounters. Later, dive or snorkel at Cape Kri, a site renowned for its abundance of marine life. It was here that True North's resident ichthyologist, Dr Gerry Allen, recorded 374 species of fish in a single dive – a world record that stands as testament to this region's incredible biodiversity.



DAY 05

WOFOH ISLAND AND EAGLE ROCK

Today's adventures begin at Wofoh Island, where a black coral forest and pristine white sands invite both divers and beach lovers alike. Later, we'll visit Bougainville Strait and Eagle Rock – a manta ray haven where these graceful creatures gather to feed and glide. Spend the afternoon swimming alongside them before we cross the equator in style at our legendary Equator Party.



DAY 06
DAY 07

THE WAYAG ARCHIPELAGO

Few places on Earth compare to the Wayag Archipelago. These limestone islands, rising dramatically from a turquoise sea, have become an icon of Raja Ampat's wild beauty. Spend two full days exploring this aquatic maze by adventure boat, swimming, diving, and snorkelling through coral gardens bursting with life. Climb a jagged peak for a panoramic view that defies description, then relax with a drink in hand as True North hosts the Wayag Beach Party – a day of music, laughter, and barefoot luxury. Two days in the Wayags are never enough, but they will never be forgotten.



DAY 08
DAY 09

AYAU ATOLL

Next, we visit Ayau – one of Indonesia's most remote and enchanting atolls. Settled more than a century ago by Papuan fishermen, Ayau is a world of white sands, vibrant reefs, and traditional life. Snorkel or dive among clouds of fish along steep reef walls, or head into the deep blue for pelagic fishing. Onshore, join a local celebration on Miosbekwan Island – drums, dance, and laughter echoing across the lagoon.



DAY 10

MAPIA ATOLL

Far north of the equator lies Mapia Atoll – an untouched coral ring surrounded by deep ocean. Dive among vertical walls alive with gorgonians, sponges, turtles, and schooling fish. This is a place where the sea feels infinite, and nature thrives untouched. Those who prefer can try light game fishing in one of the most pristine marine environments on the planet.



DAY 11

BIAK

Enjoy breakfast on board before a private car transfer to Biak Airport and your chartered flight back to Darwin. As you leave this island world behind, you'll know that what you have experienced is more than a voyage.

YOUR VESSEL - TRUE NORTH

The original True North vessel was built in 2005 and is refitted annually. She is 50m long with a cruising speed of 14 knots. She carries 36 passengers in 17 cabins. A relaxed Australian crew of 22 sets the tone – knowledgeable, approachable, and keen to get guests involved. Whether it's reeling in a barramundi, learning about ancient rock art or just sharing laughs on the deck, it's this personal connection that sets a True North adventure apart. A helicopter sits atop and seats six passengers facing forward. Food is fresh and local – a dining experience that reflects the adventure – memorable, genuine and rich with flavour.
Each cabin has ensuite facilities, air-conditioning, in-cabin entertainment and satellite telephone.
Cabin power – 240V and 110V



UPPER DECK
EXPLORER CLASS CABIN (4 only) – 18 sqm, King size bed can be converted to singles



MAIN DECK
RIVER CLASS CABIN - King size bed can be converted to singles, 3.5m X 3.5m



LOWER DECK
OCEAN PREMIUM CABIN – 14 sqm King size bed can be converted to singles



MAIN & LOWER DECK
OCEAN CLASS CABIN – 12 sqm twin bed configuration



2027 SCHEDULE & COSTS (per person in Australian $s) ex Darwin

TRUE NORTH	**18 – 28 September**		
Ocean Class -	$32,995	Ocean Premium -	$38,595
River Class -	$41,595	Explorer Class -	$46,595

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
Cabin pricing is based on twin share. Sole use is available at 2 fares less 20%.
Sole use for willing to share rate If you're happy to share, a single berth fare is available in our Ocean Class twin cabins. You may be paired with a same-sex roommate.

*****EARLYBIRD DEPOSIT INCENTIVE******
Book and pay a reduced deposit of 10% of the cruise fare more than 12 months in advance with the balance of deposit (a further 15% of the cruise fare) due 12 months before departure.

RETURNEE CLIENTS' DISCOUNT
Enjoy 10% discount for repeat bookings with True North cruises. Not applicable for single cabin occupancy.

Inclusions:
- All activities in the adventure boats
  - Chartered flights Darwin/Sorong and Biak/Darwin
- All fishing and snorkelling (where applicable) gear required
- Local transfers to/from *True North* and port charges
- Onboard naturalist presentations
- Onboard conveniences such as Starlink WIFI and laundry services
- Destination inspired dining
- House wine and beer at lunch and dinner service
- Alcoholic beverages at select group events
- Non-alcoholic beverages including cafe-style coffees

Additional Charges:
- Dive gear hire (where applicable)
- Alcohol purchased outside of dining services and all premium beverages (inc cocktails)
- Adventure wear and other purchases made onboard

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