10 Nights

Indonesia – Raja Ampat Southern Explorer

Darwin/Ambon to Sorong and Return



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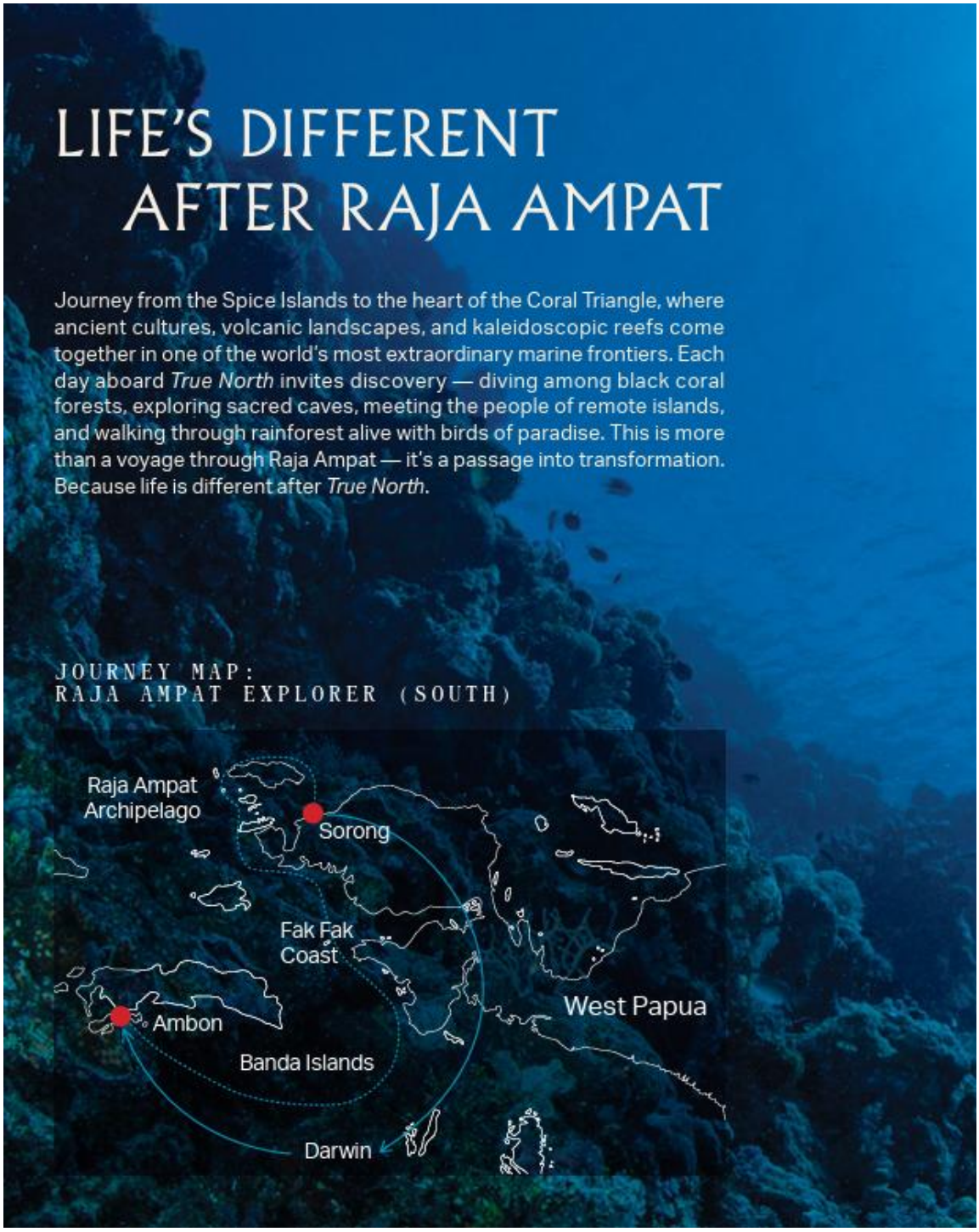

Begin among the history and volcanic landscapes of the Spice Islands, then follow the coast of West Papua into Raja Ampat.

Over ten nights, explore waterfalls that meet the sea, Misool's vivid reefs and limestone islands, the waterways around Fam and Gam, and the marine life of the Dampier Strait. The journey ends beneath Waigeo's rainforest canopy, with one last chance to see a bird of paradise before returning to Sorong. Every day offers a different way 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.



D A Y 0 1

WELCOME ABOARD

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



Image information
Welcomed by the Kora Kora

Activity
Adventure boats

DAY 02

BANDA ISLANDS

As we enter the Banda Islands, traditional war canoes will lead us into Banda harbour followed by a guided tour of Banda Neira Island.
Then we'll head off in the adventure boats for a scenic tour or for a snorkel and dive on sunken lava flow. Finish the day by watching the sunset with a cocktail in hand in Fort Belgica overlooking the active volcano Gunung Api.



Image information
Mommon Waterfall

Activity
Swimming

DAY 03

FAK FAK COAST

Today you'll explore the Fak Fak Coast, starting with either a fishing trip to the Bomberai Peninsula or a scenic tour through the hidden lagoons where you'll have the opportunity to snorkel or dive in the area's aquarium-like waters. Then, enjoy a refreshing swim under the beautiful Mommon Waterfall where chilling freshwater thunders down lush jungle slopes into the warm waters of the sea.
In the afternoon we'll explore Sebakor Bay and its spectacular system of water-filled caves. Finishing the day with another snorkel or dive before a night of fine cheese and wine back on board.



D A Y 0 4

MISSOOL & SE MARINE PARK

Wake up in the heart of Raja Ampat, ‘Four Kings’ is a global epicentre of ocean life. Here you’ll snorkel and dive on breathtaking reef with rainbows of soft corals and huge shoals of fish protected by the SE Misool Marine Park. You’ll be captivated by the huge number of sea fans in the Wayilbatan Channel, the massive schools of fish off Nudi Rock and the spectacular underwater scenery at Boo Windows. In the afternoon you’ll have a chance to visit the Misool Eco Resort before heading over to Kalig Beach for sunset drinks surrounded by limestone cliffs and the gentle hum of the tropics.



DAY 05

FARONDI AND TOMOLOL

Begin the day exploring Farondi Island's spectacular caverns – where light filters through underwater caves in shades of turquoise and gold. Dive among oversized sea fans and swirling fish before cruising through the dramatic limestone formations of Balbulol Island.

After lunch, join a guided snorkel through the sacred Tomolol caves – an unforgettable drift through vast limestone chambers where fresh and salt water merge in silence. As evening falls, enjoy drinks and nibbles aboard an adventure boat as we weave through the Karst Islands.



DAY 06

GAM ISLAND AND CAPE KRI

An early start takes you deep into the jungle of Gam Island for a once-in-a-lifetime encounter – the red bird of paradise in full display. Few sights in nature rival this moment. Later, dive or snorkel at Cape Kri, home to the world record for most fish species recorded in a single dive – 374 in total, documented by ichthyologist Dr Gerry Allen. The afternoon brings exploration of the Dampier Strait and its blue-water mangroves, alive with kingfishers and hornbills. Another perfect day ends with dinner on deck as the sounds of the jungle fade into night.



DAY 07

PENEMU AND YEBEN ISLANDS, WALLACE CHANNEL

Today the adventure boats explore Penemu and Yeben – islands of white beaches and clear lagoons. After lunch, cruise through Wallace Channel, a narrow waterway bursting with life. This lush corridor of rainforest, orchids, and butterflies inspired the naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace's revolutionary ideas on evolution. Glide quietly through this living ecosystem, where the connection between land and sea is beautifully complete.



DAY 08

WOFOH ISLAND, EAGLE ROCK AND ALJUI BAY

Wake to the black coral forests of Wofoh Island. Snorkel or dive among vibrant coral gardens before heading to Bougainville Strait, where manta rays often gather at Eagle Rock. Swim alongside these graceful creatures as they glide through the water in effortless harmony. In the afternoon, visit the pearl farm at Aljui Bay to learn the art and science behind these luminous treasures. Evening brings a night dive beneath the farm's jetty – a world of wobbegongs, ghost pipefish, and the rare walking shark found only in Raja Ampat.



DAY 09

THE WAYAGS

You'll hardly believe your eyes as you rise this morning to see the spectacular 'Karst beehive' islands of the Wayag Archipelago. Here you'll begin your day with a snorkel on a breathtaking reef before we wander through the maze of lagoons in the adventure boats.

Day 10

Cross the equator and celebrate at our famous Equator Party.

Spend the day at our Wayag Beach Party – a barefoot picnic on the sand, surrounded by spectacular island formations, an azure sea, sparkling beaches fringed with palm trees and magnificent Papuan jungle. Relax, swimming, paddleboarding, and laughter among friends.



Enjoy breakfast on board before a private car transfer to Sorong 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	**29 August – 8 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 to single occupancy cabins.

Inclusions:
- All activities in the adventure boats
  - Chartered flights Darwin/Ambon and Sorong/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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