10 Nights

# Indonesia – Raja Ampat Southern Explorer

## Darwin/Ambon to Sorong and Return to Darwin



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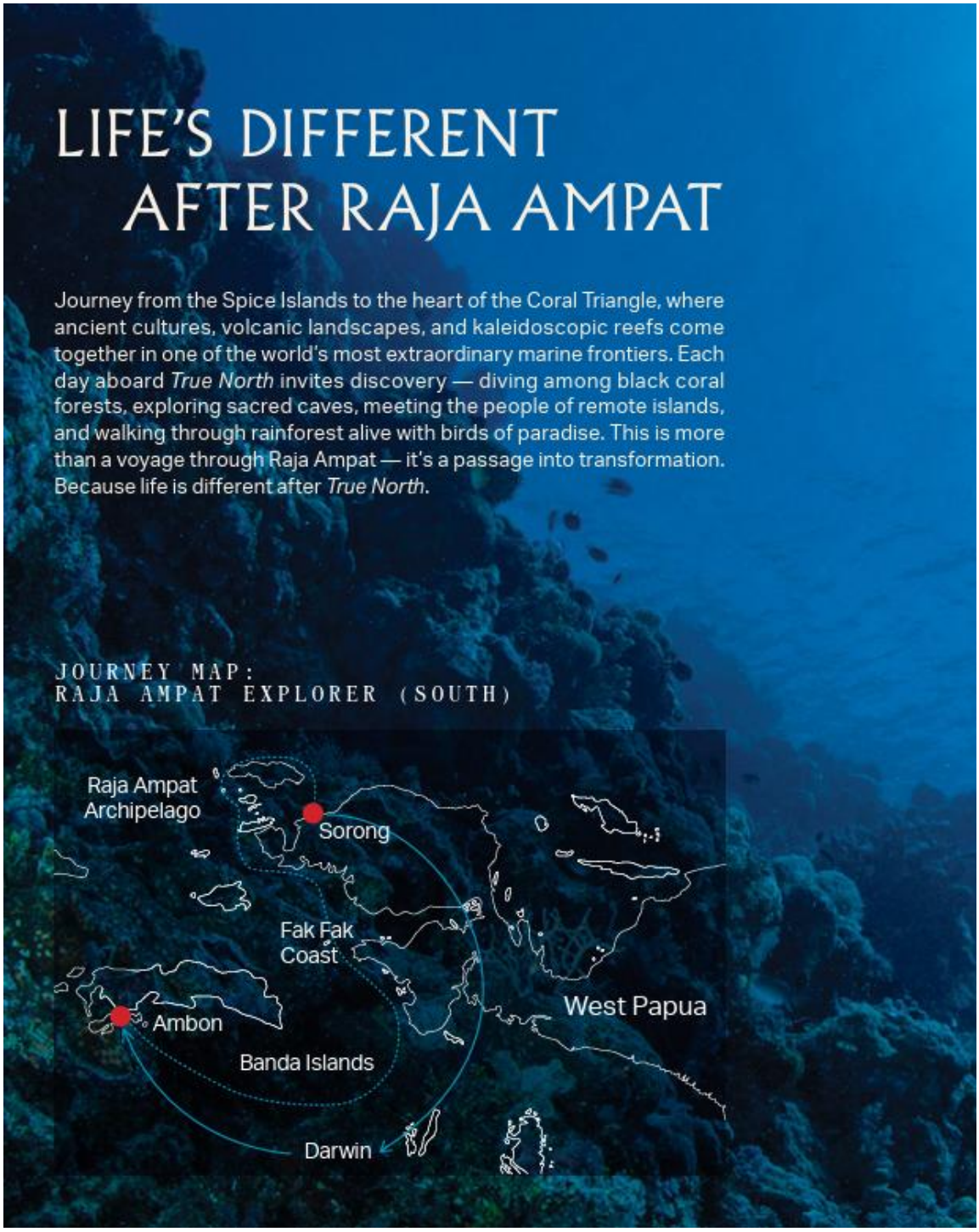



Begin among the history and volcanic landscapes of the Spice Islands, then follow the coast of West Papua into Raja Ampat.

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

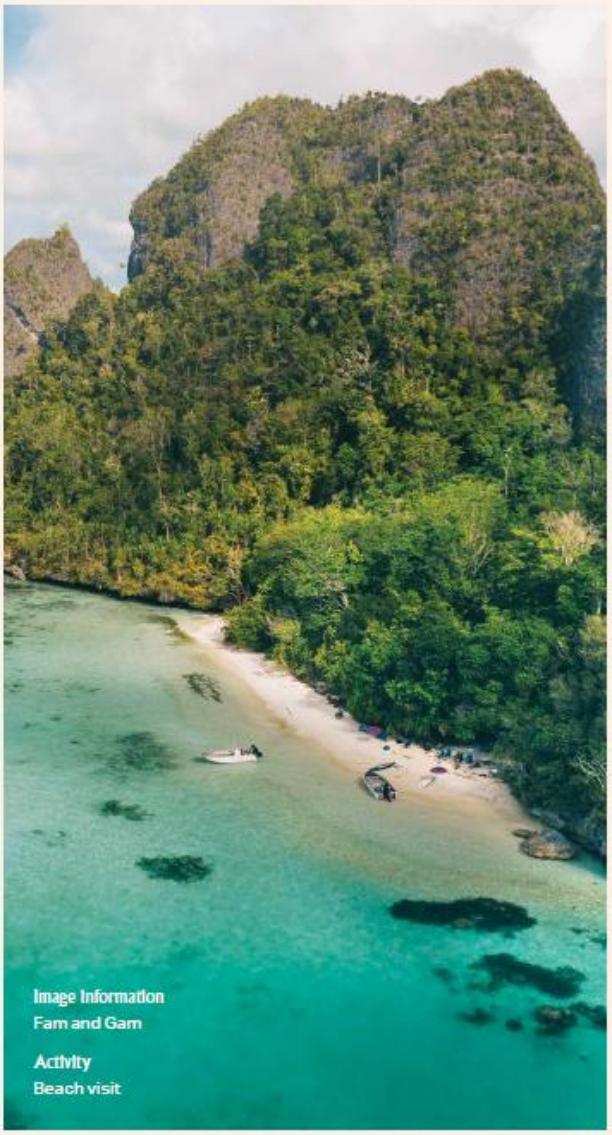
Wake up in the heart of Raja Ampat, ‘Four Kings’ is a global epicentre of ocean life. Here you’ll snorkel and dive on breathtaking reef with rainbows of soft corals and huge shoals of fish protected by the SE Misool Marine Park. You’ll be captivated by the huge number of sea fans in the Wayilbatan Channel, the massive schools of fish off Nudi Rock and the spectacular underwater scenery at Boo Windows. Between time in the water, take an adventure boat into the channels and coves that give this part of Raja Ampat its unmistakable shape.




DAY 05

## TOMOLOL CAVE

Step aboard and adventure boat for one of the journey's most memorable explorations: Tomolol Cave.  Cruise or join a guided snorkel through the sacred 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

## FAM AND GAM

The journey turns towards Fam and Gam, where rainforest islands rise above bright, shallow water.  Explore Fam's lagoons by adventure boat, take in the view from a lookout or spend time snorkelling among the reefs. As we continue towards Gam, the scenery shifts again from open water to densely forested shores, setting the scene for the days ahead.  Another perfect day ends with dinner on deck as the sounds of the jungle fade into night.




DAY 07

## BATANTA ISLANDS

We continue through the island landscapes on the route towards the Batanta Islands. Explore sheltered water and limestone scenery at close range, while snorkellers and divers can discover what lies beneath the surface.
Later, return to *True North* for a relaxed afternoon on deck as we travel deeper into the archipelago.




DAY 08

## BATANTA WATERFALL

Batanta brings a change of pace. Venture inland towards a waterfall, then return to the coast for more time on the water. There may be an opportunity to look for manta rays, conditions permitting, or to explore another reef with the snorkelling and dive guides.
Whether you choose the rainforest or the sea, today is a chance to see another side of Raja Ampat.




DAY 09

## KRI AND WALLACE PASSAGE

Begin at Kri, where reefs draw an extraordinary variety of marine life. Dive or snorkel before exploring Wallace Passage by adventure boat. Rainforest edges the narrow waterway, and there is plenty to watch for above and below the surface. Later, gather for a *True North* raft-up: a drink, something to eat and time to share the day's discoveries as we travel together through the passage.




DAY 10

## WAIGEO AND BLUE RIVER

An early start on Waigeo offers the chance to search for birds of paradise in the rainforest. Later, make your way to Blue River for a final swim in its strikingly clear water. It is a fitting last day: one more journey through the jungle, one more chance to get into the water and an evening aboard to take it all in.




DAY 11

SORONG

Enjoy breakfast on board before a private car transfer to Sorong Airport and your chartered flight back to Darwin. You leave this island world behind with wonderful memories of the Spice Islands, the West Papua coast and Raja Ampat.

## 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



## 2028 SCHEDULE & COSTS (per person in Australian $s) ex Darwin

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| **TRUE NORTH** | **4 – 14 September** | | |
| Ocean Class - | $34,995 | Ocean Premium - | $41,595 |
| River Class - | $44,995 | Explorer Class - | $49,995 |

**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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