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*Journey to the
Majestic Equatorial Shores of*

RAJA AMPAT

14 Nights

Itinerary specially prepared by Silolona Sojourns for
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“ If we look at a globe or a map of the Eastern Hemisphere, we shall perceive between Asia and Australia a number of large and small islands, forming a connected group distinct from those great masses of land and having little connexion with either of them. Situated upon the Equator and bathed in the tepid water of the great tropical oceans, this region enjoys a climate more uniformly hot and moist than almost any other part of the globe and teems with natural productions which are elsewhere unknown. ”

Alfred Russell Wallace 1869

Raja Ampat Archipelago



DAY 1

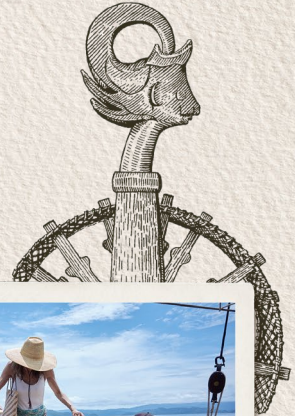
SORONG, WEST PAPUA

Upon arrival in Sorong, transfer to the nearby harbor where the MSV Silolona or Si Datu Bua and her crew will be waiting to welcome you onboard.

Set sail for the Raja Ampat Archipelago. For the next weeks you will be onboard MSV Silolona or Si Datu Bua and served by a professional crew of 17.

Depending upon the winds and the tides and wishes of our guests, you may choose to snorkel or dive with our experienced PADI dive instructor, kayak, water ski, fish from the tenders, visit a village or relax on a pristine white sand beach.

All meals will be served alfresco on Silolona's spacious teak deck and feature our own Asian, Fusion and Western cuisine prepared by the talented Chef with an emphasis on fresh tropical fruits, organically-grown vegetables, freshly caught seafood, and made-onboard pastries and fresh breads.



DAY 2 - 3

DAMPIER STRAIT



In the 1700's William Dampier reached the northwestern tip of Papua and traveled with the rising tide into the great channel that now bears his name. The Dampier Strait conveys massive quantities of seawater, forcing currents to flow parallel to the equator where most currents flow North and South. Dampier's tidal surges carry planktonic feasts that attract hundreds of manta rays at this time of year near Arborek Island.

After an alfresco breakfast on deck, dive down to the shallow sandy bottom and wait for the giant mantas to pass overhead circling back again and again, or swim with these gentle giants at the surface, as they glide by graceful and mysterious.

In the late afternoon, trek through the forest of Sawingrai village on Pulau Gam, guided by a local Papuan, to catch a glimpse of the mating rituals of the elusive and ethereal Red Bird of Paradise.

Silolona sails North-West towards the Wayag archipelago.



DAY 4 - 7

WAIGEO & WAYAG ARCHIPELAGO

Cruise by tender or kayak silently through the Wayag lagoon and its magical maze of limestone karst 'gumdrop' islands adorned with pitcher plants and wild orchids. No words can adequately describe the sense of exploration and discovery of a world as it must have appeared before the arrival of man. Climb the Wayag Peak for breathtaking dawn or sunset views or dive with masses of multicolored fishes and corals. Spectacular diving in the archipelago.



DAY 8 - 9

FAM, PENEMU AND YEBEN ISLAND CLUSTERS

Now acclimated and attuned to the rhythm of the tides and life onboard, snorkel or scuba the varied coral gardens of the richest reefs known to mankind. Paddle through the uninhabited islets and turquoise waters surrounding Pulau Fam, stroll on foot or kayak the perfect white sandy circle of tiny Pulau Yeben.

Overnight sail to the southern realms of the archipelago.



DAY 10 - 14

MISOOL & TOMOLOL CAVE, SOUTH RAJA AMPAT

Misool is the gem-studded bracelet of southern islands whose names, Boo, Fiabacet, Wagmab, and countless others have become a mecca for divers worldwide. This area reveals at least three species of the pygmy seahorse, no larger than a fingernail, and the most splendid soft coral jungles of Asia, with their vibrant shades of orange, red, purple and pink.

The remote islands of Misool boast a range of majestic limestone pinnacles, precipitous cliffs, craggy spires and secluded anchorages framed by nature. Dip your paddle into yet another “secret bay” rimmed with steep rain forest walls and listen to the echoing birdsong at dawn. Magic unfolds to those most ready to explore.

Tread lightly over turtle tracks on the powdery white beaches of Misool.

Journey though the ethereal "Gua Sacral" ancestral caves of Tomolol, former burial site of the indigenous Papuans. This is a not only a journey in time, but in spirit, and is a fitting farewell to the archipelago.

Sail North by East to Sorong.



DAY 15

SORONG

Bid farewell to the crew and Silolona in Sorong -
Fly to Denpasar (DPS) or Jakarta (CGK)



Selamat Jalan!