



Planning Guide

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Thank you for choosing Paradise Dancer for your LiveAboard dive vacation. Our crew looks forward to your visit.

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Dream, Dive, Discover

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Overview of Raja Ampat, Indonesia and the Paradise Dancer

Indonesia is the land of over 17,000 islands stretching over 5,000 kilometers— all surrounded by nutrient rich, cerulean blue waters. A convergence of oceans and currents constantly feed the marine life ensuring the most verdant habitat on earth for divers searching for diversity and wow! Straddling the equator just north of Australia and south of Malaysia and the Philippines, the entire country has a diverse natural beauty from lush, green and rainy at times to arid, volcanic and desolate all represented on islands and islets of varying sizes. Some densely populated and frequented by travelers – and many uninhabited and ripe for exploration.

Raja Ampat...the name sounds as exotic as the destination is. Translated to “the four kings” – these four islands, rich in history and surrounded by probably the most verdant marine environment in the world. Quoted by many as being diving’s “Final Frontier”, these karst limestone islands jut out of the deep blue sea as if placed there by a landscape designer. The biodiversity found among these islands is demonstrated by over 1200 species of fish, 600 species of hard corals (75% of those found in the world), 57 types of mantis shrimp, and 13 types of mammals have been identified in the area. The areas staggering abundance of marine life can be attributed to the remote location and lack of infrastructure for the growth of tourism.

Your home for 11 nights – Paradise Dancer is a triple-masted wooden sailing yacht crafted with stylish lines of schooners and cutters from the classic era of sailing. Christened in 2008, the hull was laid in Borneo, Indonesia and outfitted in its home port of Benoa Harbor. With a length of 47 metres (148 feet) and a beam of 12 metres (37 feet) she is a comfortable home away from home for this exciting journey. Her twin 7 metre tenders function as able means to reach the best diving the Raja Ampat region has to offer. The Captain and crews experience in the region will deliver the trip of a lifetime in LiveAboard luxury aboard the beautiful Paradise Dancer.

WHERE IS RAJA AMPAT IN INDONESIA?

Located off the northwest tip of Bird’s Head Peninsula on the island of New Guinea, in Indonesia’s West Papua province, Raja Ampat, or the Four Kings, is an archipelago comprising over 1,500 small islands, cays and shoals surrounding the four main islands of Misool, Salawati, Batanta and Waigei. It encompasses more than 40,000 square kilometers of land and sea. It is a part of the newly named West Papua province which was formerly Irian Jaya. The islands are the most northern pieces of land in the Australian continent.

WHAT KIND OF DIVING IS FOUND IN RAJA AMPAT?

Located in the heart of the Coral Triangle, Raja Ampat features pristine beauty both above and below the water. This area’s staggering abundance of marine life is a result

of its incredibly low human population density. According to the Conservation International Rapid Assessment Bulletin, the marine life diversity for scuba diving in Raja Ampat is considerably greater than all other areas sampled in the Coral Triangle of Indonesia.

The Raja Ampat area is considered home to more than 1,200 fish species, 101 of which were previously unknown in Raja Ampat and four that are new to all of Indonesia. The diving itself has an exciting “sense of discovery” feel on every site. The reefs of Raja Ampat are just as varied as the marine life. There are vertical walls, reef flats, slopes, sea mounts, mucky mangroves, lagoons and pinnacles. The reefs are in pristine condition with miles of perfect hard corals and many varied colorful species of soft corals. Most of the diving is drift diving with a moderate current that can range from none at all to significant. The currents tend to ebb and flow with tides, moon phases and underwater topography on a sometimes hourly and daily basis. The experienced Captain of the Paradise Dancer knows the waters well and will always present the best options for good diving in safe conditions.

IN WHAT TIME ZONE IS RAJA AMPAT LOCATED?

Raja Ampat is in the Eastern Indonesia Time Zone and is 9 hours ahead of GMT.

WHAT LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN ON BOARD?

There are about 583 languages and dialects spoken in the archipelago. Bahasa Indonesia is the national language. In all tourist destination areas English is the number one foreign language. Our crew will converse in English with the guests.

WHAT WEATHER CONDITIONS CAN I EXPECT IN RAJA AMPAT?

Raja Ampat is a year round diving destination and there is no real rainy season like that found in other areas of Indonesia. A light wetsuit is necessary, though some people choose more thermal protection (a 3mm suit) to ensure continued core warmth throughout their visit.

WHAT CURRENCY IS USED?

Rupiah (IDR) is the official currency. **It is required for all guests to have some local currency as departure taxes and overweight baggage charges MUST be paid in local currency.** Also it is recommended to additionally exchange enough currency for island tipping and small pocket change. It is advisable to exchange currency at banks, which have the most favorable exchange rates, and most are open Monday to Friday. Major credit cards are accepted by most restaurants, hotels, car rental companies, and shops. Travelers checks are accepted everywhere.

WHAT DOES MY PARADISE DANCER PACKAGE INCLUDE?

All staterooms are air-conditioned and fitted with private toilets, showers and sinks. Breakfast (cooked to order),

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buffet lunch and an elegant meal at dinner with table side service are served daily in addition to fresh mid-morning and mid-afternoon snacks. Beverages (non-alcoholic and local beer) are complimentary while onboard. Bathrobes and some toiletries are available for your use onboard. The yacht is equipped with hair dryers in each stateroom. Linens are changed mid-week and fresh towels are placed in each stateroom daily as needed. Filled tanks, weights and weight belts are included. Ground transfers to and from the Sorong Airport are also included.

FOR WHAT ADDITIONAL EXPENSES WILL I BE RESPONSIBLE?

No air transportation (domestic or international) is included in the Dancer package. **An airport departure tax must be paid in local currency at the airport when leaving. Please note there are no money changers or ATM machines at the Sorong airport.** Please see the latest rate schedule for departure tax amount. Dive instruction, dive and photo equipment rentals and "Boatique" purchases must be settled onboard prior to departure. Acceptable methods of payment include: US Dollars, local currency, traveler's checks, or credit cards (Visa or MasterCard). Personal checks are not accepted. Crew gratuities are not included.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF INDONESIA

The name Indonesia has its roots in two Greek words: "Indos" meaning Indian and "Nesos" which means islands. It is an appropriate description of the archipelago as there are estimated to be a total of 17,508 islands, of which only about 6,000 are inhabited, stretching for 5,150 km between the Australian and Asian continental mainland and dividing the Pacific and Indian Oceans at the Equator.

The islands and people of Indonesia constitute the fourth most populated nation in the world. As a democratic republic, Indonesia is divided into 27 provinces and special territories and classified geographically into four groups. Bali is part of the Lesser Sundas, a chain of small islands stretching eastward.

A rich history of kingdoms, conquests, colonialism, trade and natural disasters has bequeathed it with an exhilarating kaleidoscope of cultures and traditions, people, languages and religions, aspirations and problems, and the dramatic scenery of changing landscapes. It is the combination of the friendly people, the natural attractions, the great variety of things to see and do, and the year-round pleasant climate that make this such a desirable vacation destination.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF RAJA AMPAT

Prior to the 16th century and the arrival of the Portuguese, very little was known in the west about this region, but trade with the Moluccan Islands, Timor and perhaps Java existed long before this. After a few years of unsuccessful attempts to discover this fabled island of gold, Ynigo Ortiz de Retes finally landed in 1545, naming New Guinea and claiming it for the King of Spain. Several failed gold

explorations followed, but it was only in 1714 that Spain was forced to relinquish control to Holland and England. The Dutch and English had long been interested in Irian Jaya's trade commodities of nutmeg, massio bark, trepang (dried sea cucumbers), tortoise shells, pearls, birds of paradise skins and slaves. The British finally proclaimed a Protectorate in the east in 1884 and the Dutch established two permanent posts in the west in 1899. The boundaries were settled in 1895 and 1910.

It was World War II that finally put New Guinea on the map in western history, when it became a fierce battleground between the Japanese and Allied forces. With the end of World War II the Dutch handed over the territories to Indonesia.

Paradise Dancer - Travel Information

HOW DO I GET TO THE RAJA AMPAT ISLANDS?

Getting to Raja Ampat, Indonesia is a two step process. Step 1: Arrange your international air transportation to one of three Indonesian Gateway cities—Bali, Manado, or Jakarta. Step 2: Purchase a domestic air ticket from your Indonesian Gateway city to Jefman Airport in Sorong (city code SOQ) on Papua Island. This is the starting point for your Paradise Dancer Raja Ampat voyage.

No matter which gateway city guests choose to utilize, we recommend at least two hotel nights be built into your travels. One upon arrival between the international and domestic legs of your trip, and one on your journey home between the domestic and international legs. **LiveAboard Vacations**, Dancer Fleet's in-house travel specialists, will be happy to assist with flight and hotel arrangements. Be sure to contact them at 800-932-6237 or 305-669-9391 for the most competitive rates.

Since the majority of the Indonesian domestic air carriers do not participate in global ticket distribution, The Dancer Fleet has made arrangements with our local partners in Indonesia to provide a purchasing service for the domestic tickets on our guests' behalf. In order to purchase

Raja Ampat Flight Options



tickets, guests will need to provide Dancer Fleet with the guests name as it appears on their passport, nationality on passport, and the international flight details for the guests arrival and return home.

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Each Gateway City has advantages and disadvantages which are explained below.

Bali Gateway – Preferred Routing: This routing is ideal for guests who want to experience the magical hospitality of Bali before embarking to the remote area of Raja Ampat. Using this routing, guests would fly to Denpasar Airport in Bali (DPS) using their favorite international carrier. The onward journey to Raja Ampat requires two legs. First is a 75 minute flight on from Bali (DPS) to Ujung Pandang (UPG), a city on the island of South Sulawesi. An overnight hotel stay will be required in Ujung Pandang. The two hour and ten minute flight to Sorong (SOQ) is operated daily with early morning departures. On the return guests can route through either Ujung Pandang or Ambon (AMQ) to return to Bali. The return to Bali can be accomplished in a single day. This routing offers the most reliable flight schedule available to Sorong.

Manado Gateway: Using this routing, guests would fly into Singapore (SIN) (typically on Singapore Airlines) then connect with Singapore Airlines Regional partner—Silk Air, for a flight into Manado (MDC) on North Sulawesi in Indonesia. An overnight stay may then be required in Manado at this point, depending on flight schedules. From there, connections can be made using either Lion Air or Merpati Airlines for the flight into Sorong (SOQ). Flight times range from one hour fifteen minutes to two hours ten minutes depending on the carrier. Between the two carriers, there are flights every day, except Sunday. The return flights work just the opposite. Again, an overnight stay may be required in either Manado or Singapore to sync up the international segments.

Jakarta Gateway: A third alternative for guests is to use Soekarno Hatta International Airport in Jakarta (JKT), Indonesia as their gateway. The journey to Sorong (SOQ) can then be completed in a single day with flights on either Xpress Air or Merpati Airlines that connect in Ujung Pandang (UPG) on South Sulawesi Island. The return trip from Sorong to Jakarta can also be completed in a single day.

At the end of this Planning Guide you will find examples of the flight schedules and pricing.

WHAT LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS DO I NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT?

Guests are encouraged to pack carefully and lightly as possible. For international flights, please check with your carrier about weight restrictions and any other restrictions on the content of your luggage. No matter which gateway you are using, you will also be flying on a domestic Indonesian air carrier to reach Sorong. Domestic airlines have different baggage weight restrictions than international carriers. A rule of thumb is that passengers are allowed 44lbs (20kg). Above that—expect excess baggage charges.

Excess luggage is charged for at a per kilogram per seg-

ment rate determined by the particular airline being used. (A connecting flight would have two segments.) However, please be advised there is no guarantee that any excess luggage (especially that above 45kg) will actually travel on the same flight as the guest. This in turn could result in luggage not making it to the guest in time for the charters departure or an international flight home. **Excess baggage charges must be paid in local currency.**

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Dive instruction, dive and photo equipment rentals and “Boatique” purchases must be settled onboard prior to departure. Acceptable methods of payment include: US Dollars, local currency, traveler’s checks, or credit cards (Visa or MasterCard). Personal checks are not accepted. Crew gratuities are not included.

WHAT TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WILL I NEED?

You are required to possess a passport valid for at least six months from the date of arrival and have proof of return or onward ticketing. Your passport should have at least two blank pages in it in order to passing through immigration.

You may also require a Visa. You may qualify for a free Visa or a Visa on arrival depending on your citizenship. Please contact your local Embassy or Consulate for your destination or review the requirements on one of the many travel visa information websites.

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION?

At the airport, customs formalities are usually quick and trouble free. Tourists are allowed articles for use during their stay. These include items of personal adornment, wearing apparel, toiletries and any portable articles which someone can reasonably be expected to use during their stay.

WHAT ARE THE EMBARKATION AND DISEMBARKATION TIMES?

You may board the Paradise Dancer at 4:00 pm on the embarkation day. Once all guests are onboard, the Paradise Dancer will depart. On the day of disembarkation, you will be transferred to the airport between 6:00 am and 1:00 pm.

HOW DO I GET FROM THE AIRPORT TO PARADISE DANCER?

The Paradise Dancer package includes a transfer from the Sorong Airport to the yacht. So once you have claimed

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your luggage, please look for an agent from our transfer company holding a Paradise Dancer sign or a sign with your name on it. It is approximately a 20 minute drive from the airport to the harbor where the yacht is.

HOW DO I GET FROM THE HOTEL TO PARADISE DANCER IF I ARRIVE EARLY?

If you arrive early into Sorong you will be responsible for making your way to the Paradise Dancer docks or you may join up with other guests arriving at the airport for transport to the yacht.

WHAT DO WE DO ON THE DAY WE DISEMBARK?

The Paradise Dancer returns to port on the evening prior to disembarkation. Final disembarkation will occur between 6:00 am –1:00 pm at the end of the charter. Transfers are provided to the airport for guests departing this day. For those guests with an afternoon flight to Manado, Bali, or Jakarta our crew can attempt to make arrangements for a morning island tour in Sorong to give you time to off gas and enjoy the land sites that Indonesia has to offer, prior to boarding a domestic flight.

HOW DO I ARRANGE FOR PRE AND POST CHARTER HOTELS AND TRANSFERS?

In addition to being able to book your airline tickets to and from Raja Ampat, **LiveAboard Vacations**, Dancer Fleet's in-house travel agency, has created several extension packages based around different experiences in the area. Or they would be happy to design something specifically with your interests in mind.

DO I NEED TRIP INSURANCE?

We strongly recommend each guest purchase comprehensive accident, medical, baggage and trip cancellation and interruption insurance when space is reserved. Trip insurance will protect you from financial disappointment if you are prevented from making your scheduled trip due to illness or family illness, or in the event that unforeseen circumstances prevent the airline or yacht from making its scheduled trip. In an event where it is necessary to cancel or interrupt a charter due to weather or any matter beyond the control of Dancer Fleet, Inc., there will be no refund or credit issued. We also recommend diving accident insurance. Please inquire with our reservation office for assistance.

Paradise Dancer ~ The Onboard Experience

IF I AM TRAVELING AS A SINGLE, WILL I HAVE A ROOMMATE?

All rates are quoted on a share basis; therefore, unless you require a guaranteed single room and pay an additional supplement, you will very likely be sharing your stateroom with one other guest of the same gender.

WHAT TYPE OF CUISINE IS PREPARED?

Meals prepared by our onboard chef consist of an international mix with a local flair. If you have any special dietary requirements, please advise our US office as soon as possible so we can adequately prepare to meet your needs. Certain special dietary and beverage requests may not be available on a consistent basis due to the remote nature of this location.

WHAT KINDS OF BEVERAGES ARE AVAILABLE?

The Paradise Dancer's selection of beverages includes fruit juices, soft drinks, iced water, tea and coffee and a limited selection of local beer. One glass of wine is served with dinner. Fresh milk may not be available, although UHT long life milk is provided onboard. We recommend that you purchase any special brands of alcoholic beverages that you may want to consume onboard at the Duty Free Shop at any airport. We encourage you to consume lots of non-alcoholic liquids during the week to avoid dehydration. **REMEMBER: ALCOHOL AND DIVING DO NOT MIX.** Once you consume alcohol, you become a snorkeler until the next day.

A WORD ABOUT ALCOHOL

The importation of alcoholic beverages in Indonesia is strictly controlled by the government through quota restrictions. Locally produced beer has no restrictions. In accordance with local cultural customs and regulations only local beer is provided and one glass of wine is served with dinner as part of your Paradise Dancer package. At all other times, additional alcoholic beverages (based on availability) including bottles of imported wines and drinks containing spirits may be purchased through the ship's bar.

There are no corkage or bottle charges imposed for guests who choose to bring their own alcohol on board for personal consumption. Customs regulations allow foreign tourists arriving into Indonesia to bring with them 1 liter of alcohol per adult. If you have a favorite alcoholic wine or spirit you would like to consume on your upcoming cruise, we encourage you to bring it with you.

While customs in Indonesia is laid back and friendly to tourists, the importation limits are enforced. All checked and carry-on bags are x-rayed when clearing customs, so bottles and containers are easily identified by Customs officers. Any tourist who attempts to circumvent the import limits opens themselves up to a very inconvenient situation with government officials.

WHAT ELECTRICAL CURRENT IS AVAILABLE?

The electrical current on Paradise Dancer is 220 volts. Guests may wish to bring a converter for the use of small appliances in their stateroom. There is a charging station in the Main Salon which offers access to both 110V and 220V power. The standard current in all of Indonesia is 220 volts.

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HOW MUCH SHALL I PACK?

Please plan to travel light, as on all LiveAboard dive yachts, space is limited. We recommend that you pack your gear in soft luggage such as a duffel bag for easy stowage and to add to your comfort in your cabin, leave those large, rigid suitcases at home. Clothing should be lightweight, comfortable sportswear and swim suits are a must. A light sweater or jacket is ideal for the evenings. Dress aboard is always casual. Light clothing that reflects the sun is best and a hat is a recommended. Evening dress is informal. Additional items you may want to bring are sunscreen, sunglasses, walking shoes and a hat or visor for your time on shore. Hair dryers are provided in each cabin. We recommend you pack your regulator, dive computer, mask, swim suit, change of clothes and essential items in your carry-on bag. This will make it easier in the event your luggage is delayed. Please check with your airline as to what weight restrictions will apply to your carry-on and checked luggage.

WILL THERE BE ANY OPPORTUNITIES TO GO ASHORE DURING THE CRUISE?

There is often an opportunity to visit a local village during the cruise and possibly visit a pearl farm or take a speed-boat ride through the karst limestone islands.

WHAT IF I AM PRONE TO SEASICKNESS?

Currents and winds may cause moderate movement of the yacht at times. If you have a tendency toward seasickness we strongly urge you to bring some over-the-counter motion sickness medication or consult your doctor about prescription brands, such as the trans-dermal patch or Scopace tablets. Chewable ginger tablets or capsules of powdered ginger have also proved to be effective.

WHAT IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY ONBOARD?

All Dancer crews are trained in first aid and diving accident management. Each yacht is equipped with a complete first aid kit and a high capacity oxygen system. Each yacht also has direct contact with the closest hyperbaric chamber. Since emergency transportation and treatment cost is the responsibility of each guest, we strongly recommend that you dive conservatively and obtain special insurance for divers from Divers Alert Network, Dive Assure or similarly ranked company.

HOW CAN MY FAMILY CONTACT ME IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY AT HOME?

In case of emergency your family may contact you by calling our Miami office at 1-800-932-6237 or 305-669-9391 during business hours (8 am – 6 pm EST weekdays). If outside of our operating hours, call our emergency cell phone number, 305-778-8004. Please reserve calling this number for emergencies only.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS, MAIL, AND E-MAIL?

Check with your local cell phone provider for service while visiting each Dancer yacht destination. The Paradise Dancer is equipped with Satellite based phone for emergency communications. At this time e-mail is not available.

IS SMOKING PERMITTED?

A designated area on the back of the outdoor lido deck is available for smoking. Smoking is not permitted in any other area for any reason.

IS THERE ENTERTAINMENT ONBOARD?

The Paradise Dancer has a multi-system TV/VCR unit for videotape and video camera playback, a compact disc player, a DVD player and stereo in the main salon. If you have a favorite movie, slide show or a video to share, we encourage you to bring it along! You may also bring your own favorite music CD's or DVD's. A small library of "books for exchange" is maintained onboard, as well as marine life identification books for reference.

HOW CAN I CELEBRATE A SPECIAL OCCASION?

Our crew is delighted to help you celebrate any special occasion onboard including birthdays, anniversaries, honeymoons or weddings. Kindly advise our US office at least 30 days prior to departure so that we can adequately prepare.

IS IT CUSTOMARY TO OFFER A GRATUITY TO THE CREW?

Aboard Dancer Fleet yachts, gratuities are not included. We prefer that our guests reward our crew based on performance. If the crew performs to your expectations, we suggest that a gratuity of approximately 10% of the published package price be considered normal aboard a live aboard dive yacht. Payment of gratuities is entirely at the discretion of the guest. Payment of gratuities can be by cash, traveler's checks, or credit card (Visa or MasterCard). The crew greatly appreciate cash as local banking fees and government taxes for traveler's checks and credit card processing reduce the amount of gratuity left on a credit card up to 35% in some destinations.

HOW CAN I PAY FOR MY EXPENSES AND PURCHASES ONBOARD?

Each Dancer yacht has a small, onboard "Boatique" which sells a selection of logo clothing, custom jewelry, sundries, diving accessories, batteries, logbooks, etc. A crew member will gladly assist you with your purchases at any time during the week. The US Dollar, local currency, traveler's checks or credit cards (Visa or MasterCard) are accepted onboard. Personal checks are not accepted.

Paradise Dancer – Diving Operations

HOW MANY DIVES WILL WE DO EACH DAY?

We will offer up to four dives per day, including a night dive. On the first and last dive days there will be 2-3 dives (weather and sea conditions permitting).

WHAT PAPERWORK WILL I NEED FOR DIVING?

Remember to bring your c-card or proof of certification. The divemaster requires proof of certification before the

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first dive. You will be required to complete our Cruise Application and Waiver agreement prior to departure for Indonesia. Our GIS (Guest Information System) allows guests to complete all required paperwork on-line including the cruise application, waiver agreement, special requests and travel information. If you haven't received a link to access the GIS, please contact a Dancer Fleet agent. Passengers who fail to complete the GIS registration process will be denied boarding. Please remember, many Dancer destinations require complete passenger information prior to departure for itinerary approval by government agencies.

HOW WILL WE DIVE FROM THE PARADISE DANCER?

Tender diving is the rule rather than the exception. All dives will be made from two dive tenders. Guests board the tender and then don their gear at the dive site. For divers who require special assistance we will be happy to provide it. Backward roll entry from the tender is the most convenient way to enter the water. Our crew will hand down cameras and other equipment. To re-board the tenders, guests may remove their gear in the water and hand it up to our staff and simply climb aboard by way of a ladder secured to the gunwale of the tender.

For your safety, it is recommended that each diver carry an emergency SMB (safety sausage), DiveAlert or other suitable audible surface signaling device and mini-strobe light on all dives. If you do not bring any one of these devices with you they are available for rent on board, however, quantities may be limited.

ARE THERE ANY LIMITATIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE DIVING?

All diving on board the Paradise Dancer should be planned no-decompression dives and conducted within the limits and standards your certification agency. Solo diving and rebreather diving is not permitted.

CAN I EARN ADVANCED DIVING CERTIFICATIONS OR SPECIALTIES ON BOARD?

Several diving specialty courses are offered on each Dancer yacht. To ensure that an instructor is available and that all required paperwork is complete, 30 days advanced notice is required prior to sailing. **IMPORTANT:** If you intend to receive diving instruction onboard, you must complete a medical statement in advance and return it to Dancer Fleet Inc. prior to the departure date. A doctor's note will be required if you answer yes to any of the questions on the medical statement. A list of available courses and prices is located on our website at www.dancerfleet.com.

ARE NITROX FILLS AVAILABLE?

Paradise Dancer is equipped with Nitrox facilities. Nitrox fills of up to 32% are normally available to all certified Nitrox divers for an additional charge. Nitrox dive profiles must be planned and executed with a Nitrox compatible computer. It is recommended that the planned PO2 level

be set within the limits of your certifying agency. All Nitrox fills must be analyzed by the divers using the mix and logged prior to each and every dive. Nitrox certifications are usually available onboard to all certified open water divers for an additional charge.

WHAT DIVING EQUIPMENT WILL I NEED TO BRING?

Equipment provided aboard the Paradise Dancer includes tanks (80 cu. ft. aluminum with yoke style "K" valves), weights and weight belts. Divers will also need the following equipment:

Basic Required Diving Equipment for Each Diver

- Regulator with alternate air source
- Depth and pressure gauge
- Dive computer
- Buoyancy Compensation Device (BCD)
- Mask / fins / snorkel
- Night Dives: we require at least two light sources on a night dive.

Recommended (Additional) Dive Equipment

- Battery operated tank marker light.
- Dive light w/ extra batteries/charging source

WHAT SAFETY EQUIPMENT DO I NEED TO HAVE?

We suggest that you bring your own to ensure compatibility with your personal equipment. The Paradise Dancer has a limited supply available for rental by our guests.

Recommended Surface Safety Equipment For Each Diver

- Audible Surface Signaling Device such as a Dive Alert (Air Horn) or an Emergency Whistle of superior quality.
- Visual Surface Signaling Device (Daytime) such as an Inflatable Safety Sausage or similar device.
- Visual Surface Device (Night or Dusk) such as a Personal Mini-Strobe or similar device.

Additional Recommended Surface Safety Equipment

- Signaling mirror
- Whistle

ARE DIVE GEAR AND PHOTO/VIDEO GEAR AVAILABLE FOR RENT?

Every Dancer has a limited amount of diving equipment available for rent, so it is critical that you advise our US office staff in advance if you decide you want to rent gear. We offer BCD's and regulators. At this time digital photo

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gear is not available for rental.

I AM A PHOTOGRAPHER – WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

Photo opportunities are abundant no matter what system you have. Guests who are shooting digital photography may view their images on either of the two computers, a PC and a MAC, we provide in the Main Salon for your use.

Camera Tables: Every Dancer has a camera table built into the dive deck for your use.

Charging Stations: There is a charging station with 110V and 220V power available for your use.

Rinse Buckets: There is a “cameras only” rinse bucket for the exclusive use of photographers onboard.

All divers are required to have a buddy with them at all times. When on a drift dive, photographers are expected to stay with the body of the group on their tender. You may move away from the group within reason – providing that the divemaster leading the dive is kept in sight at all times. You will not be permitted to separate from the group or carry your own drift line.

CAN I FISH OR SPEARFISH?

Fishing and spear fishing are not available. Spear fishing equipment is prohibited onboard the diving yacht.



Paradise Dancer – Raja Ampat Itinerary

The area known as Raja Ampat (or the Four Kings) is an archipelago consisting of the islands of Misool, Salawati, Batanta, and Wiageo which are surrounded by over 1,500 small islands and cays. Formerly known as Irian Jaya, this area is now part of the newly named West Papua province of Indonesia and is located on the northwest tip of Bird's Head Peninsula, on the island of New Guinea.

According to the Conservation International Rapid Assessment Bulletin, the marine life diversity for scuba diving in Raja Ampat is considerably greater than all other areas sampled in the Coral Triangle. The area is considered home to more than 1,200 fish species, 101 of which were previously unknown in Raja Ampat and four that are new to all of Indonesia. A world record 284 sightings on one single dive was set at Kofiau Island. A benchmark figure for an excellent dive site is 200 fish species sightings; this was surpassed on 51% of Raja Ampat dives! There were 537 coral species and 699 mollusk species - again another world high.

The variety of marine life can be amazing. Some areas boast enormous schools of fish and regular sightings of sharks, such as wobbegongs. In Mansuar, you may encounter large groups of manta rays and turtles. From the yacht and often close to shore you may get the chance to don your snorkeling gear for some unforgettable interaction with resident pods of dolphins or even some passing whales.

The reefs of Raja Ampat are just as varied as the marine life. There are vertical walls, reef flats, slopes, sea mounts, lagoons and pinnacles. Many of the reefs are in pristine condition with miles of perfect hard corals and many varied colorful species of soft corals.

Currents in the area provide nutrients for the myriad fish and coral. While we plan our dives in such manner to avoid currents as much as possible, environmental conditions can be “unruly” and divers should have the physical stamina to manage a dive with a current. Visibility is normally very good but can vary and is usually at its best earlier in the day so your pre-breakfast dives are not to be slept through!

The pristine beauty of the area, both above and below the water is truly unrivalled. The area's staggering abundance of ma-

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rine life can be attributed to the areas incredibly low human population density, its remote location and lack of infrastructure therefore, inhibiting the growth of tourism. Topside the beautiful islands stretch as far as you can see and are largely uninhabited. At night the lights of local fishing boats twinkle in the dark along the few inhabited shorelines while in more remote areas you may only see a distant spec of light over the entire horizon.

The diving here is considered "Frontier Diving" and unruly. By that we mean that the weather and dive conditions are very hard to predict, and as such there is no fixed itinerary. One departure may enjoy a cruise with perfect conditions while the next departure may operate a completely different itinerary as it is influenced by weather. No matter which conditions are encountered on your cruise, your Captain and his crew will seek out the best available diving during your time on board.

This is a remote and isolated location and those best suited for this destination flourish with an explorer / adventurer mentality that embodies the virtues of understanding and flexibility is required for the trip. This is not a developed destination with lots of infrastructure and consistent conditions. Divers who seek typical reef scenery can be disappointed due to unpredictable diving conditions that prevent them from shooting the stereotypical wide angle "pretty reef" photos. The diving in Raja Ampat is indeed a feast for those interested in marine life and enjoy the search. Most of the newly discovered species being found here are not yet mentioned in any book! Not many LiveAboard's dive the Raja Ampat area, making this adventure even more unique and special. The Paradise Dancer is the perfect platform that delivers modern comforts and outstanding service to adventurers exploring this remote outpost of civilization.

Raja Ampat Operational Areas

The Raja Ampat area is geographically very large. The exact route and itinerary that the Paradise Dancer follows through Raja Ampat is greatly dependent upon the weather and marine conditions which determine where we can find protected areas to anchor and the currents and wave sizes that impact long crossings between islands. In addition, we also take into consideration the moon phases which impact tidal surge and current strength to determine the viability of dive sites. Using their lifetime of maritime experience, your Paradise Dancer team will then construct an itinerary for your particular departure that will deliver the best diving when incorporating all of the factors above.

The list below is the areas that are may be considered during your cruise. The exact itinerary and places visited cannot be determined in advance and will even be modified throughout the voyage as new information is obtained. However rest assured – your Paradise Dancer crew will deliver you the best possible cruise while keeping your safety and comfort in mind.

The Wagmab & Farondi Passage 4 sites

Located to the east of the main island of Misool, the Wagmab/Farondi area is along one of the mini limestone rock ridges that spread out into the sea here. There are many passages between the main bodies of water and the Wagmab/Farondi passage and is possibly the most popular with divers. Gushing currents flow through the gap, which is around 300 meters at its narrowest, causing a wild variety of dive conditions. There are many channels here that support fish schools as well as good area for hunting macro species. Topography is similar to most of the area with karst limestone rocks rising from the water. Underwater there are caves too. For checkout dives, out of the currents, rocky inlets provide safe areas to start off a cruise.

The Pele Group 3 sites

The Pele area is another collection of karst limestone islands and islets to the south of Misool. The main island of Pele would warrant some further exploration, there are rumored to be blue holes here somewhere.

Karawapop & Wayilbatan 6 sites

The dive sites here are clustered around the western end of the island of Wayilbatan. Comprising of multiple seamounts and karst island ridges they feature great coral

growth and both pelagic and reef dwelling marine creatures. Probably the most popular dive here though is the Gorgonian Passage, sometimes called Fanfare, which is the channel between Walilbatan and Karawapop. There is a good anchorage area to the east of Wayil island

The Fiabacet Group 4 sites

Another stop along the more southerly line of islands spreading out from southeast Misool is the Fiabacet Group. Located in the area between the islands of Kalig and Boo and on the same latitude, there are a number of rocky islets rising up out of the water from the seabed. With open sea down to the island of Ceram, 80 nm to the south, and a large body of water to the north they are subject to tidal currents and appear to be interlinked by long ridges. There is great diving here, probably some of the best in the area and large animals are not uncommon amongst the teeming reef fish and colorful corals.

Boo/Yilliet/Warakaraket 5 sites

The eastern end of the small archipelago includes Walilbatan and Fiabacet islands. The area features several very good slope and wall dives and some seamounts, some explored, some not. The signature dive of the group is Boo Windows which is blessed with some very interesting underwater architecture.

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Aljui – Western Waigeo

4 sites

Aljui is located on the western edge of the large island of Waigeo. The area is made up of a collection of large tree covered islands separated by calm inland waterways that stretch back for miles into the interior, making for some spectacular speedboat rides. The area is tidal with expansive mangrove areas punctuated by towering limestone cliffs. These waterways are home to some fascinating wildlife both on land and under the water. Great muck dives and good critter hunting areas are easy to find here with sighting of Wobbegong and Epaulette sharks common. The inland mangroves and waterways are home to an impressive array of rare birds. The Australian owned Cendana Pearl Farm provides the area with some industry and their plantations (if you can call them that) spread out into the various bays here. Kevin Smith, Cendana’s dive operations manager, conducts interesting and informative tours of the farm for interested guests.

Kri Area

2 sites

This area is around 40 nautical miles north west of Sorong and therefore a very good area to start cruises. It has some great dive sites and is also close enough to port to enable any last minute problems to be solved easily.

- Penemu/Keruo Group** 4 sites
- Wayag/Quoy Group** 1 site 11 to explore
- Kawe Group** 3 sites 3 to explore
- Wofoh & Tamagui** 3 sites 3 to explore
- Yanggelo** 3 sites
- Arborek** 3 sites
- Kofiau** 2 sites 5 to explore

Sample Itinerary – Raja Ampat

Day	Daily Events
Embark -2 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bali Gateway:</i> Arrive Bali, and overnight in local hotel.
Embark -1 day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bali Gateway:</i> Fly from Bali to Ujung Padang. Overnight in local hotel at Ujung Padang • <i>Manado Gateway:</i> Arrive Manado on North Sulawesi and overnight at local hotel. • <i>Jakarta Gateway:</i> Arrive in Jakarta and overnight at local hotel.
Day 1 (Embarkation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bali Gateway:</i> Fly from Ujung Padang to Sorong. • <i>Manado Gateway:</i> Fly from Manado to Sorong. • <i>Jakarta Gateway:</i> Fly from Jakarta to Sorong. • Transfer from airport to Paradise Dancer. • Embark Paradise Dancer. <p>You'll be picked up at the airport of Sorong and taken to the yacht by private transfer. Once all guests are onboard, we will leave the harbor and head for the breathtaking region of Misool.</p>
Day 2 – 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-4 Dives per day in the Raja Ampat area.
Day 11	<p>We will finish our diving this morning. Then we'll head back to Sorong for departure while we enjoy our final night celebration onboard with a special traditional song and dance presentation.</p>
Day 12 (Dis-Embark)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sorong <p>Disembarkation in Sorong. You'll be taken to the airport by our private transfer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All domestic flights back to your Indonesia Gateway city complete their journey on this day. • Overnight in Indonesia gateway city.
Post Debar-kation Day	<p>Board International flights for home or begin your land extension to visit other magical Indonesian destinations.</p>



Domestic Flight Information

Domestic flights are not included in your Dancer Fleet package and must be purchased separately. Since the majority of the Indonesian domestic air carriers do not participate in global ticket distribution, The Dancer Fleet has made arrangements with our local partners in Indonesia to provide a purchasing service for the domestic tickets on our guests' behalf. In order to purchase tickets, guests will need to provide Dancer Fleet with the guests name as it appears on their passport, nationality on passport, and the international flight details for the guests arrival and return home. Raja Ampat tickets may be requested using our "Indonesian Air Ticket Request Form".

Flight #	Days	Itinerary	Dept.	Arr.	Fare	Remarks
MANADO - SORONG - MANADO (1,2) Airport City Codes: MDC (Manado) • SOQ (Sorong) • Ujung Pandang (UPG) • Ambon (AMQ) Airlines: Lion Air (JT) • Xpress Air (XN)						
Manado - Sorong						
JT 1178	Mon, Wed, Fri	Manado - Sorong	14:25	17:15	\$ 230.00	* See note 3 - 15kg on luggage.
XN 9000	Tue, Thu, Sat	Manado - Sorong	06:15	08:55	\$ 160.00	* See note 3 - 10kg on luggage.
Sorong - Manado						
JT 1177	Mon, Wed, Fri	Sorong - Manado	09:25	10:15	\$ 230.00	* See note 3 - 15kg on luggage.
XN 9001	Mon, Wed, Fri	Sorong - Manado	14:30	15:10	\$ 160.00	* See note 3 - 10kg on luggage.
DENPASAR - SORONG - DENPASAR (1,2) Airport City Codes: DPS (Denpasar / Bali) • SOQ (Sorong) • UPG (Ujung Pandang) • AMQ (Ambon) Airlines: Garuda (GA) • Lion Air (JT) • Xpress Air (XN) • Merpati Airline (MZ)						
Denpasar - Sorong (via Ujung Pandang)						
GA 620	Daily	Denpasar - Ujung Pandang	06:50	08:10	\$ 175.00	Overnight in Ujung Pandang, recommended stay at Imperial Aryudata Hotel.
JT 740	Daily	Denpasar - Ujung Pandang	18:40	19:55	\$ 150.00	
XN 800	Daily	Ujung Pandang - Sorong	08:40	11:40	\$ 200.00	
MZ 806	Daily	Ujung Pandang - Sorong	09:25	12:30	\$ 215.00	
Sorong - Denpasar (via Ambon or Ujung Pandang)						
MZ 801	Daily	Sorong - Ujung Pandang	12:00	13:10	\$ 200.00	
MZ 807	Tue, Wed, Fri, Sun	Sorong - Ujung Pandang	13:05	14:10	\$ 215.00	
MZ 837	Mon, Thu, Sat	Sorong - Ujung Pandang	15:45	16:50	\$ 215.00	
GA 625	Daily	Ujung Pandang - Denpasar	17:20	18:40	\$ 175.00	
JT 1505	Tue, Thu, Sat	Sorong - Ambon	06:00	07:10	\$ 150.00 \$ 180.00 \$ 150.00	* See note 3 - 15kg on luggage.
JT 791	Tue, Thu, Sat	Ambon - Ujung Pandang	08:00	08:40		
JT 741	Tue, Thu, Sat	Ujung Pandang - Denpasar	09:20	10:35		
JAKARTA - SORONG - JAKARTA (1,2) Airport City Codes: JKT (Jakarta) • SOQ (Sorong) • Ujung Pandang (UPG) Airlines: Xpress Air (XN) • Merpati Airline (MZ) • Batavia Airline (7P)						
Jakarta - Sorong (via connecting service in Ujung Pandang)						
XN 800	Daily	Jakarta - Sorong (via UPG)	05:00	11:40	\$ 320.00	
MZ 802 / 806	Daily	Jakarta - Sorong (via UPG)	05:00	12:45	\$ 500.00	
7P	Mon, Wed, Sat	Jakarta - Sorong (via Surabaya, UPG)	21:00	07:00	\$ 320.00	arrival next day

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Sorong - Jakarta (via connecting service in Uung Pandang)						
XN 801	Daily	Sorong - Jakarta (via UPG)	12:00	15:10	\$ 320.00	
MZ 807 / 791	Tue, Wed, Fri, Sun	Sorong - Jakarta (via UPG)	13:05	17:10	\$ 500.00	
MX 837 / 761	Mon, Thu, Sat	Sorong - Jakarta (via UPG)	15:45	21:15	\$ 500.00	
7P	Tu, Thu, Sun	Sorong - Jakarta (via UPG, Surabaya)	10:20	15:40	\$ 320.00	

*Schedules and prices are correct at time of printing and are subject to change without notice.
Domestic air rates are not guaranteed until the time the airline ticket is purchased.*

NOTES SECTION:

1—We strongly recommend two hotel nights be built into your travels. One upon arrival between the international and domestic legs, and one on your journey home between the domestic and international legs. Should a flight delay, baggage delay, cancellation or schedule change be encountered in either direction, your domestic and international airline tickets are not “linked”, and as such, no compensation or assistance would be offered by the airline. The only financial protection available would be Trip Interruption and Cancellation insurance.

2—DF and its local agents will schedule domestic flights and purchase a tickets on behalf of guests as a service, however, in doing so, DF / Paradise Dancer is only acting as an agent for the airline and is not responsible for, and can accept no responsibility for, cancellations, delays, schedule changes, or problems caused by the air carrier. Due to domestic airline ticketing regulations, tickets are normally not purchased until 14 to 30 days before departure.

3—In general, allowable luggage is 20kgs per person. Allowable luggage on JT 1505 and JT 1177 is 15kgs per person. Allowable luggage for XN 9000 & XN 9001 is 10kgs per person, excess luggage is Rp 35,000 per kg. **Excess baggage fees must be paid in local currency.**

4—**Sorong Airport departure tax is Rp 16,000 payable in local currency.**

Remember, the professional travel agents at **LiveAboard Vacations**, Dancer Fleet’s in-house travel agency, can make all of the above arrangements for you; taking into consideration your timing, preferences and budget. Please give them a call at 800-932-6237 or 305-669-9391 to speak with one of our travel specialists.

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