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Raja Ampat

Yacht Charter Guide

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Best Yacht Charter Raja Ampat

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RAJA AMPAT

Overview

Raja Ampat remains one of the world's most requested yacht charter ecosystems - short legs between Waigeo & Dampier Strait, dense shore life around Waisai harbour, and berths that reward early planning. The challenge is not finding beauty; it is sequencing marinas, Wayag lagoon and tables like Waisai waterfront warungs so the week feels effortless. This is the broker's operational view of Raja Ampat for the current season.

Yacht charter Raja Ampat - Waisai harbour, captain-led itineraries and what it costs (APA guidance). Plan a private Asia week with Blue Ocean Club.

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WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How a Raja Ampat week actually runs.: A choreographed operation - Waisai harbour, tenders and tables locked before wheels-down.
- Embark ready: APA open, crew briefed, transfer timed to Waisai harbour.
- Coastal cadence: Morning toys at Wayag lagoon, held lunch, short reposition through Waigeo & Dampier Strait, quiet overnight.
- Concierge lock: Waisai waterfront warungs and Arborek jetty beach confirmed weeks out.
- When to berth. When to anchor.: In Raja Ampat, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Harbour energy at Waisai harbour, walk-ashore dinners, event visibility.
- At anchor: Wayag lagoon - swim platforms, quiet mornings, tender-only shore calls.
- The usual play: One or two quay nights; the rest swinging in protected water.

ON THE WATER

Cruising grounds

Waigeo & Dampier Strait

Arborek, Cape Kri and manta sandy channels.

Gam & Penemu

Pianemo viewpoint and hidden lagoons.

Misool south

Karst lagoons and remote reefs.

Wayag

Iconic jagged lagoon day-anchors.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Waisai harbour

Waigeo gateway harbour for Raja Ampat. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~3.5 m - Gateway SOQ - Transfer Ferry/transfer from SOQ to Waisai - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Sorong yacht staging

Papua mainland staging before Raja Ampat. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway SOQ - Transfer 10-25 min from SOQ - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Misool resort dock access

Far south Misool tender base. - Max LOA ~40 m - Draft ~3.5 m - Gateway SOQ - Transfer Multi-day yacht run from Waisai - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorages

Wayag lagoon

Postcard karst overnight - weather windows.

Pianemo Fam islands

Viewpoint tender and quiet hook.

Arborek jetty roads

Village and manta sandy.

Fiabacet Misool

South lagoon classic.

Cape Kri roads

Biodiversity dive day-stop.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants

Waisai waterfront warungs

Waisai

Gateway grilled fish.

Arborek homestay meals

Arborek

Village dinner ashore.

Resort dining Misool

Misool

Remote lodge tables.

Sorong city restaurants

Sorong

Staging-night Indonesian.

Onboard yacht dining

At anchor

Most dinners remain yacht-based here.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs

Arborek jetty beach

Arborek

Village sand and snorkel.

Pasir Timbul sandbars

Dampier Strait

Tidal sandbank lounging.

Misool lagoon beaches

Misool

Karst sand days.

TRANSFERS

Airport to gangway.

We choreograph SOQ arrivals into Waisai harbour transfers.

Helicopter / GA

Private hops from SOQ when Raja Ampat supports coastal helipads or GA strips. SOQ corridor

Chauffeur

SUV / S-Class briefed on Waisai harbour gates - timed to embarkation. To Waisai harbour (Ferry/transfer from SOQ to Waisai) To Sorong yacht staging (10-25 min from SOQ)

Door-to-deck options are confirmed against your embarkation slot.

NUMBERS - RAJA AMPAT

VAT & APA - Raja Ampat short version.

On a Raja Ampat charter the base fee is only the starting line. Budget tax treatment and a realistic APA before you lock dates.

VAT / tax

Indonesia VAT and Raja Ampat marine park entry tags are mandatory APA costs; yacht cruise permits required - plan paperwork weeks ahead.

APA

For Raja Ampat in high season, budget APA at roughly 25-35% of the base charter fee covering fuel, berths, food and concierge extras.

What we send PAs

A line-item estimate before deposit, then a live APA report from the captain during the week.

WITHIN THIS COAST

Local guides

Waigeo

Waigeo is a core Raja Ampat charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Waisai harbour - Day-anchor: Wayag lagoon - Table: Waisai waterfront warungs

Misool

Misool is a core Raja Ampat charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Sorong yacht staging - Day-anchor: Pianemo Fam islands - Table: Arborek homestay meals

EXPLORE FURTHER

Child destinations

- Waigeo - Crewed yacht charter in Waigeo - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Raja Ampat.
- Misool - Crewed yacht charter in Misool - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Raja Ampat.

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

What does it cost to charter a yacht in Raja Ampat?

Yacht charter cost in Raja Ampat depends on LOA, season and hull class. As an indicative band, crewed motor yachts often sit from the mid five-figures per week upward before APA (typically ~25-35% of base for fuel, berthing and provisions), VAT where applicable, and crew gratuity. We set an honest range before contract - not a fake nightly rate.

Which marina should we embark from in Raja Ampat?

Waisai harbour is the most common embarkation for Raja Ampat, with fallbacks when LOA or events block the preferred quay.

Can you charter a superyacht in Raja Ampat?

Yes - superyacht charter in Raja Ampat is available when berths and LOA fit. We shortlist hulls against Waisai harbour capacity and your itinerary, then hold peak slips before you fly.

When is the best time for yacht charter in Raja Ampat?

Shoulder months in Asia usually balance weather, water temperature and berth availability for Raja Ampat. Peak midsummer adds density and premium quay pricing.

Is boat charter available in Raja Ampat?

Boat charter in Raja Ampat usually means crewed yacht charter for Blue Ocean Club guests - captain, chef and a private week rather than bareboat. We match hull class to your group and the local grounds.

How long should a yacht charter week in Raja Ampat be?

A week yacht charter in Raja Ampat is the standard unit - seven nights gives room for marina nights, day-anchors and one weather buffer. Day charter is available for shorter windows when the fleet allows.

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

Waisai harbour

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Sorong yacht staging

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Misool resort dock access

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Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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