



ARRIVE AS A GUEST, FEEL LIKE A KING, LEAVE AS A FRIEND

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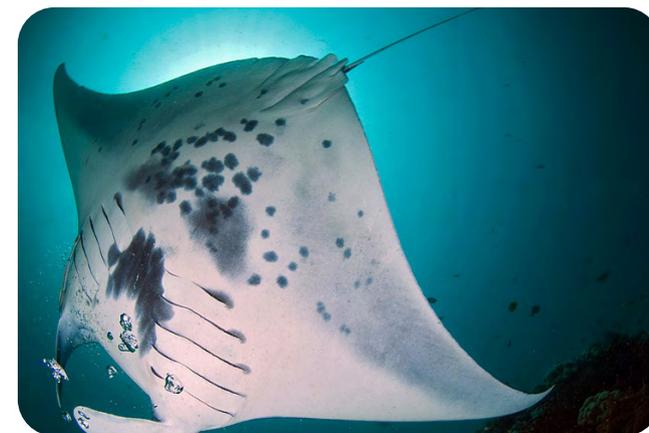
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A large school of blue fish swimming in the ocean. The fish are densely packed and move in a coordinated pattern, creating a shimmering effect. The water is a deep blue color, and the overall scene is captured from an underwater perspective.

THE BIG BLUE



Turn away from the reef ...
..and whether diving or snorkelling, you'll meet the breath-taking inhabitants of the «big blue».
Mantas, Eagle rays and Mobulas,...





...schools of batfish, fusiliers, jackfish, horse mackerel, barracudas, ...





...black tip sharks, bump head parrotfish, giant trevally, turtles, white tip sharks and much more!





FISH GEEK WEEK

In May, the famous marine biologist Dr. Mark Erdmann, who's an expert of Raja Ampat, was holding the «Fish Geek Week» in our resort. He introduced us to different families of fish, spoke about mantas, about Raja Ampat in general and gave us an insight into some current projects about protection and preservation of the endangered species and the unique underwater world of Raja Ampat.



The last evening, Mark also conducted a presentation in Indonesian and explained to our employees, why the preservation of the reefs and their inhabitants is so important and he encouraged them to help actively protecting the reefs.



A VISIT IN WAWIYAI





When we visit a village in Raja Ampat we are immediately welcomed by many inhabitants with their kindness and hospitality. They guide us through their village, even so in Wawiyai. The small village is located northern in the big bay of Kabui and is a boat drive of about an hour away from Pef. The power supply in Wawiyai is very limited but they have a sophisticated fresh water system using bamboo as water pipes. The village people use what nature gives them and often work as a fisher, plant some vegetables, deliver wood and build local boats.





Former known as skilful bird hunters the People from Wawiyai nowadays only have cockatoos as their pets..



Impressed by meeting the local people and gaining insight into their lifestyle we leave the village Wawiyay, where our waiter Yakobus comes from and who promised us to bring a cockatoo to Pulau Pef the next time he returns...?! And again – many people from the village follow us to our boat and the shy but smiling kids come to say goodbye and wave when we leave.



After we granted permission from the Wawiyans to enter the bats cave, we slowly climb into the darkness equipped with some torches. Fascinated by all the eyes that are gleaming down on us we didn't even notice that our feet are in warm and soft dung from the bats! ;-)



Did you know?

For the first time we could observe whales passing directly in front of Pulau Pef!

We couldn't believe our own eyes when we saw these impressive animals nearly daily from our resort or from the lookout on the resort mountain. But also the divers told us about several accidental meetings on the way to the dive sites, among others there was one with a mother and her calf and another where a whale had a look at our diving boat from below.

Besides sperm whales we assume that there are especially Bryde's whales.



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