



Misool Explorer - 10 Days / 9 Nights\*

**DAY 1: Sorong**

We will collect you from the airport or your hotel between 7- 8am on the day of departure from Sorong to welcome you onboard La Galigo. After a refreshing welcome drink, a quick breakfast and a safety briefing of our ship, we aim to anchor up around 09:00 - 10:00am from Sorong harbour. The day will be spent cruising south to Misool, which is approximately 100 miles from the harbour, so it is a good time to relax after a long flight, and get to know the crew and the other guests.

**DAY 2: Goa Farondi Region, Misool.**

After the long haul south we will arrive in Misool for a four dive day. The morning dives generally consist of a light cave dive, named Goa Farondi, where there is a chance to do some swim throughs and maybe meet the bumphead parrot fish population, and 3 Rocks, a collection of submerged pinnacles home to Barracuda and Trevallies. The afternoon we take in the site No Contest, a ridge that is home to an abundance of marine life, soft corals and overhangs. The evening dive can be taken at many sites located in the vicinity of No Contest, including pet rock, Plateau, and Love Potion.

**DAY 3: Jamur Boo Region, Misool.**

The diving in this part of Misool is filled with the pristine coral life in the heart of Misool and Giant Pacific Manta Rays, close to the Eco Resort. Whale rock and Nudi Rock are both abundant in beautiful soft coral and schools of fish, and conditions and logistics with Misool Eco Resort will decide which of the sites are dived. Magic mountain is located in the unprotected southern waters of Misool, but you can often find huge Manta Rays gliding across this fast-becoming-favourite dive site of ours. The afternoon dive is at the dive site Boo Windows, unique in topography, the reef has window like swim throughs, and a great chance for some wide angle photos. Yellit kecil is the night dive around here that is not to be missed, with excellent sea fan growth and stunning bommies to explore.

**Day 4: Central Misool.**

This is the last full day we spend in Misool, and the morning is spent on an isolated interlinking submerged reef system known as the Three Kings. Difficult to locate without GPS, this site is as awesome in topography as it is in fish life. Giant Travelly, Napoleon Wrasse, and large Snapper are all often found here. Up next is Barracuda, a dive site which might be better known as Trevally, with its large schools of predatory pelagic species. Dive three of the day is taken at Wedding Cake, so named for its tiered topography, which is home to some of Misool's Pygmy



Seahorse community. Wedding cake makes for an awesome, calm night dive also, and a chance to see species using the reef at night for protection from the local Trevally residents.

#### Day 5: The Peles

The two morning dives start with one of the owners favourite sites, Kaleidoscope. A ridge which on one side has a beautiful slope where you can find Harlequin pipe fish, and a wall the other, frequented by Tuna and other large pelagic species. The other dive around the island of Jef Pele will be at Toblerone, where a large shallow tunnel bisects the small island which is surrounded by hard corals. In the afternoon we take you to Peles playground, which when the current is running, is mobbed with fish, and Mobula Rays and mantas have been seen here frequently. Night diving here will be an exploratory dive on one of the many as-yet-unnamed reefs around the island.

#### Day 6; Nampele

The islands of Nampele are not very heavily explored by any of the liveaboards or operators in Raja Ampat, but are well known for their mangroves and oddities of fish species. In the past, a crocodile population has been apparent in the area, but these animals numbers were culled in 2015. We will spend the daytime exploring the labyrinth of mangroves that split these islands, and the islands surrounding the north of the large island of Misool itself.

#### Day 7; Kofiau

Another island not regularly frequented by liveaboards in the area, Kofiau has a reputation for a vast variety of life, from large species such as Mantas and Barracuda to critters such as emperor shrimp and ribbon eels. On the site located at **Deer Island**, you may also spot Mandarinfish, or a Wunderpuss underneath the jetty of the ranger station. On Gladden Spit, schools of Barracuda can be found as well as Marabar Grouper.

#### DAY 8: Penemu.

Whilst in Penemu we will conduct 3 dives, allowing us time to trek the outlook of Bintang lagoon. Dive sites visited will depend on the conditions but we never miss a chance to dive the site made famous by Max Ammer, who named Melissa's garden on behalf of his daughter. The large colourful reef system at the top of the dive site, with its thousands of Anthias dodging predatory species is what gives the site its garden reference.. There is also an opportunity to dive Kerou channel, which is located close to Leo's reef, a fish breeding farm funded by Hollywood legend, Leonardo DiCaprio.

#### DAY 9: Eastern Dampier Strait.

On the penultimate day of the trip, we start the day by diving the world renowned Cape Kri, with it's huge schools of fish life on



its current ravaged slopes. The final dive of the trip will be at Blue Magic, for a chance to hang out with the Manta Rays and the Wobbegong sharks that call this place home. The afternoon can be spent snorkeling, or relaxing on the beach whilst we prepare a beach BBQ, before setting course for Sorong around 10am.

#### Day 10: Disembark La Galigo at Sorong

From around 05:00am La Galigo will be anchored in Sorong in preparation for you to catch your flight, or check in to your hotel. Guests are welcome to stay onboard until 11:00am, whereupon we will assist you with transportation to your desired location.

\*La Galigo does not guarantee this outlined itinerary, and it is to be considered as a rough guideline. Information compiled here is based on past trips we have conducted, and includes common dive sites and routes we often visit. Weather and sea conditions in the area can be unpredictable, and La Galigo retain the right to alter an itinerary from advise of the ship's captain, cruise director, or owner for the safety of the vessel, it's passenger and crew.