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THINGS TO KNOW

Length Of Trip

8 Days / 7 Nights

Park Fees

US \$ 300

Departure

🕒 Pick Up At 06.00 A.M.

🚢 Sorong

🛫 Sorong (SOQ)

Return

🕒 Until 11.00 A.M.

🚢 Sorong

🛫 Sorong (SOQ)

Dives

Approximately 20 - 21 dives in total. This number may vary depending on weather conditions.

Experience

Open Water – 40 minimum logged dives required

- Prices listed are net payable and based per person, they are inclusive of National and Localised Taxes.
- You will embark La Galigo in Sorong harbour. A senior member of the La Galigo crew will meet you in Sorong and accompany you to the vessel. The vessel will sail to Waisai for harbour clearances prior to beginning your journey.
- You will disembark La Galigo at Sorong Harbour.
- Please check your visa requirements for entering Indonesia, all passports must have at least 6 months remaining on them when entering the country.
- All guests are required to have valid travel and diving insurance (including Medevac) for the duration of their trip. La Galigo is a recognised D.A.N. partner and can assist you with the purchase of a short-term dive insurance policy.
- To partake in any scuba diving activity with La Galigo, you must hold a certification from a recognised scuba diving society such as SSI, CMAS, BSAC, PADI or similar. It is the client's responsibility, as a certified diver, to respect and follow the guidelines given by the La Galigo guides and instructors, and to follow the regulations stipulated by their certification agency.
- All dives are conducted to a maximum depth of 30 metres/100 ft.
- Average water temperatures in Raja Ampat vary between 27 – 30 Celsius / 80 – 85 Fahrenheit.
- The best time of year to dive in Raja Ampat is September to April.
- BYO Alcohol Policy on Spirits only.

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INCLUDES

- Transfers to and from the harbour from your hotel or the airport on the day of embarkation and disembarkation.
- All meals and post dive refreshments / snacks, coffee and tea.
- Diving services including 12L tanks, weights and belts , SMB & reel, reef hook, air fills, dive computers, snorkelling equipment, dive guides and dive tenders.
- Land excursions where applicable.

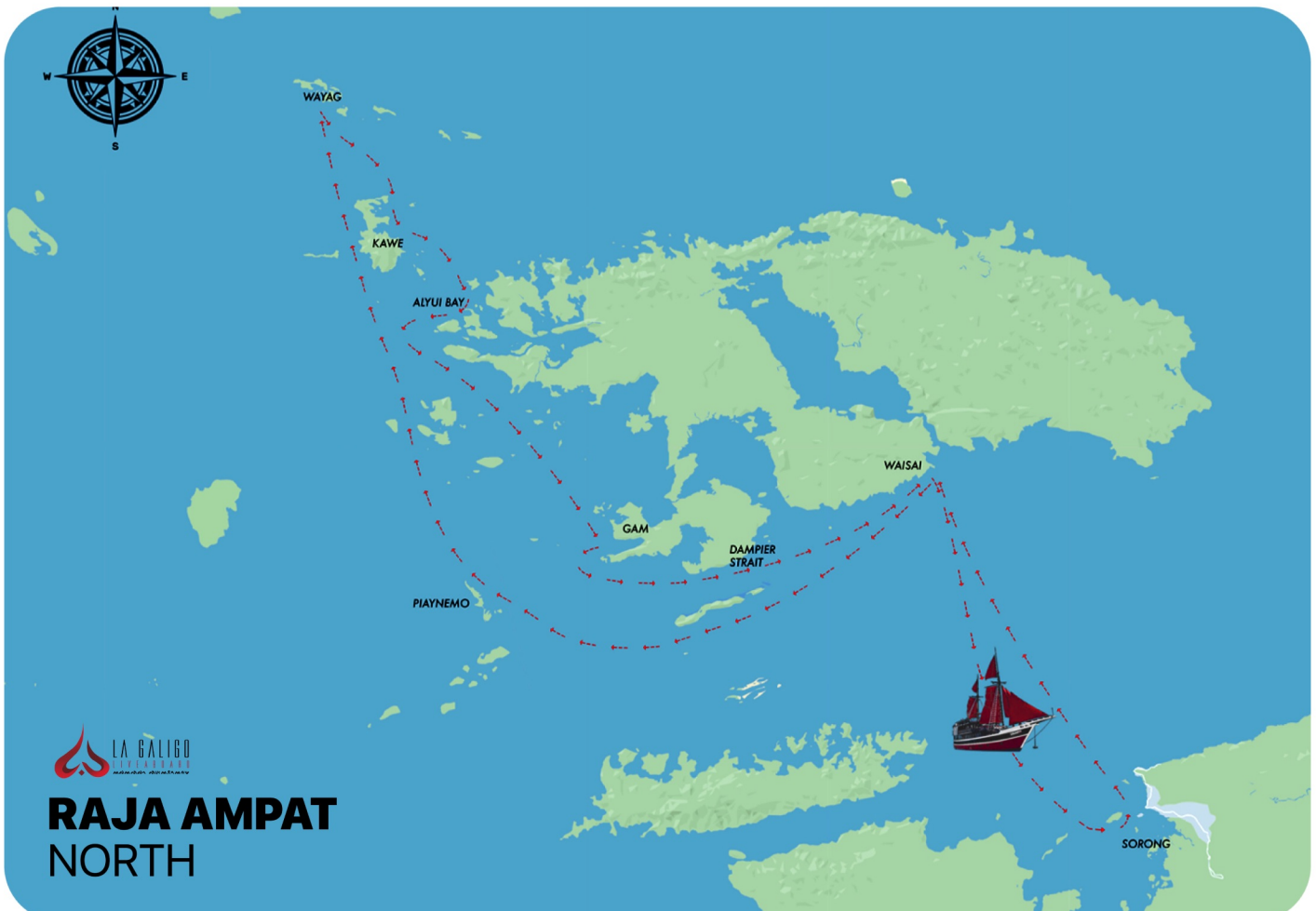
EXCLUDES

- Flights and airport taxes
- Travel and dive Insurance
- Visas and associated fees
- Airport to Hotel /Hotel to Airport Transfer
- Marine park fees including port clearances, ranger fees, anchorage charges and village donations
- Dive rental equipment
- Nitrox
- 15 litre tanks
- Private dive / snorkel guides
- Courses
- Soft drinks, wine and beer (available and payable onboard)
- La Galigo merchandise
- Staff gratuities (many of our guests base their tips around 10% of the cost of the trip). Tipping is optional but greatly appreciated!
- Possible fuel surcharges may be applied, you will be told ahead of your trip if this applies based on global prices (may fluctuate with markets, you may be asked to pay an extra fuel allowance of up to 30 days before departure, of no more than US \$ 20 per person per day)

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Observe the most biodiverse thriving coral reefs full of colour, and teeming with life, including sites such as Melissa's Garden and Cape Kri.
- Hike both Penemu and our secret Wayag lookout points which have become synonymous with Raja Ampat.
- Explore the northern most part of Raja Ampat, in the remote Pulau Wayag, home to the world's first confirmed Manta Ray nursery.
- Dive with Giant Oceanic Manta Rays and huge schools of pelagic fish through the Dampier Strait.
- Meet the locals in the quaint remote villages of Arborek / Saonek to get a taste of life in paradise.
- Discover a diverse array of some of the most desirable macro subjects you've seen or read about, with world-class muck diving on a multitude of sites throughout the trip.



DAY 1

EMBARK

CRUISE SORONG to WAISAI AREA



Day one starts with your pickup from either your hotel or the airport. If we are picking you up from your hotel, it is generally around 07:30 – 08:00, if you are arriving on the day of departure, your arrival time must be before 07:30. We will then head directly to Sorong Port, where you will be taken to the vessel.

Once onboard you will be met by the Cruise Director and a welcome drink. After you have been shown to your rooms and unpacked your luggage, it is time for a welcome briefing before we have some lunch, you have some time to relax and soak up the amazing surroundings en route to our clearance point, and then onwards to our first dive of the trip.

Our 'welcome dive' is usually conducted at the nearby island of **Saonek Kecil**. The waters are generally calm and are a perfect spot to get the diving going. After the check out dive, you can get nice and comfortable in your new surroundings and get excited about the first full day of diving tomorrow.

DAY 2

DAMPIER STRAIT - KRI AREA



Whilst in the central Dampier Strait we will conduct 4 dives. This is what we typically aim for in a day throughout the trip, although some days are a little different as the number of dives may be reduced by doing a land tour or having to do a large crossing from one region to another (**Raja Ampat is a big place!**).

The typical schedule is morning dive, breakfast, mid-morning dive, lunch, afternoon dive, afternoon snack, night dive, and dinner.... **DIVE, EAT, SLEEP, REPEAT!**

The top dive sites in this area are **Blue Magic**, home to majestic Oceanic Manta Rays, and other large pelagic's such as Spanish Mackerel and Bigeye Trevally. **Chicken Reef**, an amazing dive site filled with fish of all varieties and amazing colorful corals will dazzle you next. **Cape Kri**, arguably the top house reef in the world, was made famous by Raja Ampat pioneer **Max Ammer** and is next on the itinerary. And just to top off this (fish) action-packed day, we will take you for a night dive on Kri's south coast, in **Yenbuba Village's Jetty** after you soak in the stunning sunset views with the islands of Waigeo and Gam in the distant, fiery horizon.

DAY 3

PIANEMO (A.K.A. PENEMU)



Melissa's Garden Dive Site is undoubtedly the top dive in this area, with a staggering number of coral and fish species packed into this small piece of marine real estate. It gets its name from an amazing hard coral garden situated on a reef between 3 small islands. Its beauty needs to be seen to be believed.

Another one of the places we may visit today is the **Keruo Channel Dive Site**. A great gentle drift dive down a mini wall and slope on the edge of Keru Island. One of the other favorites we often visit in this area is the **Batu Rufus Dive Site**. This dramatic dive site has a 40m plus drop-off wall to the blue. Amazing views when you sit at 20 meters depth and look up and down at the stark landscape you are floating between. The iconic limestone pinnacles have become as much a part of the Raja Ampat experience as the diving has, and **Pianemo lagoon/lookout** is just one of many such stunning formations. The best time to hike this hill is late afternoon when the temperature has dropped and the lighting starts to turn golden, but the rewards for climbing are well worth it.

DAY 4.1

WAYAG



Awake bright and early to witness sunrise on the equator, cruising between the limestone formations that make up the **island of Wayag**, in preparation for the morning hike. These **limestone islands** and pinnacles have become synonymous with Raja Ampat and the bay is also home to the world's first confirmed Manta breeding nursery. The best time to hike this hill is early morning before temperatures rise, but the rewards for climbing are well worth it.

The beaches here are also pristine, with fine white sand and turquoise waters surrounding the limestone cliffs of the islands. After trekking, we will endeavor to dive **Wayag Corner** if the conditions are right, this site is a manta cleaning station so fingers crossed they are in getting a spa treatment and we get to see them.

DAY 4.2

WAYAG

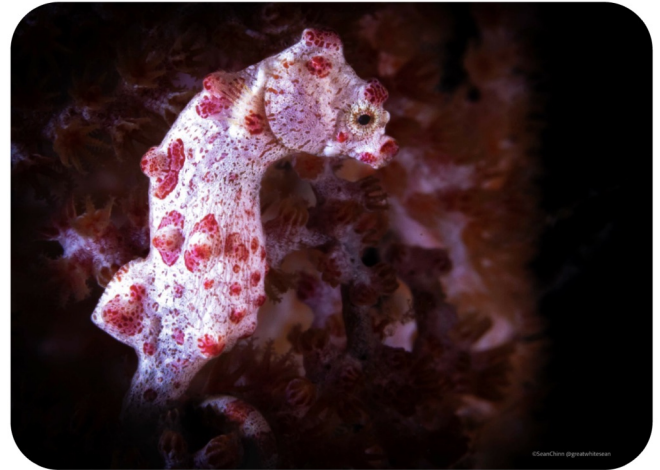


We will stick around the same area at the western end of the lagoon where we plan to dive another great dive site, which will be dependent on the conditions of the day, it could be **Ridge Rock**, **Two Hump Rock**, or **Figure 8 Rock**, there is quite a few Mantas around this area so we will try to choose whichever site has had the most manta action at the time of your trip.

While you have lunch, the boat will cruise to the eastern side of Wayag. After lunch, we take a short trip to the **Wayag Ranger Station**, which is also a Black Tip Reef Shark breeding area. Here we will get the chance to chill out on the beach with these baby sharks in the shallows under the ranger jetty. If conditions are right we will conduct a night dive around the Eastern Wayag area too.

DAY 5

KAWE & ALYUI BAY



Kawe is an island located exactly on the equator and is one of our favorite islands to dive in north of Raja Ampat. Dive sites visited here are very heavily dependent on day-to-day unpredictable conditions such as swell, but one of our favorite sites in the area is a very colorful coral reef (somewhat ironically) known as **Black Rock**. **Eagle Rock** (which comprises 3 separate dive sites) is well known for its Pygmy Seahorse as well as its Manta populations, and we will dive these sites late morning and early afternoon. Around 4 pm, La Galigo will move into **Alyui Bay**, one of the world's most spectacular bays to watch the sunset, and also do some great muck diving at arguably the best night dive site in all of Raja Ampat, the **Cendana Pearl Farm Jetty**.

DAY 6

GAM & WESTERN DAMPIER STRAIT



We wake up just off the coast in Gam Island. There are some great dive sites around this area with vibrant fish-covered reefs and plenty of stunning macro subjects. Two sites we regularly visit in Gam are **Citrus Ridge** and **Mayhem**.

As we have lunch we will cruise down to the Western Dampier Strait, after lunch, we take a land tour of the peaceful **Arborek Island**. The village itself is tranquil and surrounded by beautiful beaches. Our 3rd dive of the day will also be here at a dive site named **Manta Ridge**, for an opportunity to dive with the Manta Ray population often located here.



We will then take off to the southern coast of Mansuar Island. A night dive will take place here called **Sawandarek Jetty**, this is where you will probably feel like you're in an aquarium - only the fish are incredibly numerous, wild, and free. We anchor here for the night before heading to the eastern end of the Dampier Strait for our final dive and a special land tour tomorrow.

DAY 7

EASTERN DAMPIER STRAIT - KALIBIRU



We will be making our way along the Dampier Strait, and this is a great opportunity to dive into **Mike's Point**. Legend has it that it was mistaken for a battleship during WWII, and was heavily bombed by enemy aircraft. It has a stunning overhang, as well as gentle-swim throughs in addition to its magnificent coral reef.



We will then take you on a land trip to one of Raja Ampat's hidden natural wonders, **Kalibiru**, a river with cool, clear blue fresh waters surrounded by lush tropical jungle. A wondrous sight to simply take in, it also makes a great spot for a swim in an unspoiled, remote plot of paradise. After an incredible trip, our crew will make sure you are comfortable, while they prepare a night of food, song, and dance to party the night away with for your last night in pristine Raja Ampat before we set sail for Sorong.

DAY 8

DISEMBARK IN SORONG



La Galigo will be anchored up in the morning around 5:00 A.M. in Sorong, in preparation for you to catch your flight, or check in to your hotel. Guests are welcome to stay onboard until 11:00 A.M., and our staff will assist you with transportation to your desired location.

After breakfast, guests may also take the time to exchange photos and swap contact details to keep in touch with new friends and dive buddies!

*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 retains the right to alter an itinerary from advice of the ship's captain, cruise director, or owner for the safety of the vessel, its passenger and crew.

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