

# RAJA AMPAT NORTH ITINERARY

(Check Trip Itinerary on Our Website)

## Length Of Trip

8 Days / 7 Nights

## Departure

🕒 Pick Up At 06.00 A.M.

## Return

🕒 Until 11.00 A.M.

## Dives

Approximately 22 dives in total

## Park Fees

USD \$285

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## Experience

Open Water – 40 minimum logged dives required

## THINGS TO KNOW

- 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 / 100ft.
- 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.

## 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 transfers.
- 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 & Beer.
- La Galigo merchandise.
- Staff gratuities (Many of our guests base their tips between 5% and 10% of the cost of the trip. Tipping is optional but greatly appreciated!)
- Fuel surcharges (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)

## 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 Mt. Pindito lookout points which have become synonymous with Raja Ampat.
- Explore the northern most part of Raja Ampat, in the remote Pulau Wayag, home to some fascinating topography and a baby Shark and Manta 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.
- Make a toast to a great trip over a farewell beach BBQ.

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### Day 1 - Sorong to Waisai

Day one starts with your pickup from either your hotel or the airport. If you are picking you up from your hotel, it is generally around 06:00 – 06:45, if you are arriving on the day of departure, it is important that your arrival time is before 06:30. 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's time for a welcome briefing before we have some lunch, then 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 is a perfect spot to get the diving going. After the sun sets over the eastern Indonesian sky, we will go looking for unusual critters in **Saonek Besar**, where you might also make your very first encounter with the iconic Tasseled Wobbegong Shark.



### Day 2 - Dampier Strait

Whilst in the central Dampier Strait we will conduct 4 dives. The top dive sites in this area are **Blue Magic**, home to majestic Oceanic Manta Rays, and other large pelagics such as Spanish Mackerel and Bigeye Trevally. **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.

**Sawandarek Jetty**, further down the southern coast of Kri island, is where you will probably feel like you're in an aquarium - only the fish are incredibly numerous, wild and free. 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)

The iconic limestone pinnacles have become synonymous with the Raja Ampat experience and **Pianemo** lagoon/lookout is just one of many such stunning formations. The best time to hike this hill is early morning, before temperatures rise, but the rewards for climbing are well worth it.

**Melissa's Garden** 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. Its beauty needs to be seen to be believed.

Keruo Channel and **My Reef** are among the top choices for the next dive... plenty of amazing coral reefs and lots of schooling fish! Raja Ampat is also known for its macro critters, and a night dive in the **Penemu** area might result in an unexpected encounter with an unusual Frogfish species or even Blue-Ringed Octopus. As you enjoy a great night's sleep, we will set sail for the northern islands of Raja Ampat.



### Day 4 - 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's hike. These limestone islands and pinnacles have become synonymous with Raja Ampat and the bay is also home to a Manta breeding station. 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 endeavour to dive **Figure 8 Rock**, a submerged pinnacle home to large pelagic fish, and the occasional passing Manta.

While you have lunch, the boat will cruise to the eastern side of Wayag. Here is where we plan to dive the legendary dive site, **Cathedral**, which is renowned for its spectacular topography and swim-throughs. Following the dive, 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 do some snorkelling with these baby sharks under the ranger jetty, and also conduct a **night dive** on the same stretch of reef.



### Day 5 - Kawe + Aljuj Bay

Kawe is an island located exactly on the equator and is one of our favourite 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 favourite sites in the area is a very colourful 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 **Aljuj 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 & The 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, to a dive site named **Manta Ridge**, for an opportunity to dive with the Manta Ray population often located here.

In the late afternoon, we take a land tour of the peaceful **Arborek Island**. The village itself is tranquil and surrounded by beautiful beaches. Arborek is also home to what we consider to be a fantastic night dive, **Arborek Jetty**, for a chance to find Walking Sharks, Blue-ringed octopus, and many other critters.



### Day 7 - The Central Dampier Strait

We will be making our way back to the central part of the Dampier Strait, and this is a great opportunity to dive **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, **Kali Biru**, a river with cool, clear blue 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're comfortable, while they prepare a night of food, song and dance to party the night away with you on a pristine Raja Ampat beach before we set sail for Sorong.



### Day 8 - Disembark in Sorong

La Galigo will be anchored in the morning around 05:00am in Sorong, in preparation for you to catch your flight, or check-in to your hotel.

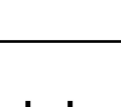
Guests are welcome to stay onboard until 11:00am, and our staff will assist you with transportation to your desired location. After breakfast, guests may also take the time to exchange photos and swap contact details to keep in touch with new friends and dive buddies!



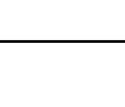
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