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# THINGS TO KNOW

#### Length Of Trip

9 Days / 8 Nights

#### **Park Fees**

US \$ 255

#### Departure

- Pick Up At 08.00 A.M.
- 🔥 Sorong
- ڬ Sorong (SOQ)

#### Return

- () Until 11.00 A.M.
- 🔥 Sorong
- ڬ Sorong (SOQ)

#### Dives

Approximately 25 dives in total

#### 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 type 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.

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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
- La Galigo merchandise
- Staff gratuities (many of our guest 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)

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# HIGHLIGHTS

- Take in the harmony of the remotely idyllic Misool, with its globally unmatched thriving healthy reefs.
- Check out a spot of light cave diving at Goa Farondi with its resident Bumphead Parrot fish.
- Trek to the lookout points of the infamous and photogenic Love Lagoon followed by Penemu, where you'll get a chance to see the impressive coconut crab population.
- Dive on the limited access, world-class dive site of Magic Mountain, with a chance to find some of the largest Mantas found in Raja Ampat.
- Make some new local friends whilst visiting one of many villages located in the Dampier Strait during sunset
- Dive on some of the best muck diving the ocean has to offer under several of the jetties located in the regency.
- Enjoy your final sunset with us during a farewell beach BBQ.





## DAY 1 Sorong to Waisai



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, it is important that your arrival time is 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'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 Tasselled 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.

We will then head to a lesser-known corner of Raja Ampat, an area known as **Dayang**, at the western end of Batanta island. The dive in Dayang takes place over a shallow, sandy reef which is actually a magnet for Manta Rays, which come to this area to feed as well as conduct routine visits to their "cleaning stations" or "manta spa" (ask our Cruise Director to tell you about this fascinating aspect of their behaviour). As you relax and later enjoy a great night's sleep, we will set sail for the southern islands of Raja Ampat.

### DAY 4 GOA FARONDI - MISOOL



We begin the diving in Misool at **No Contest**, a ridge that is home to an abundance of marine life, soft corals and overhangs. The second dive can be done at many sites located in the vicinity, including **Pet Rock, Plateau, and Love Potion**. For the third dive we will visit a popular site named Goa Farondi, where there is a chance to do some swim-throughs and meet the Bumphead Parrotfish population.

**Misool** is a huge island, with an overwhelming multitude of smaller, satellite island clusters. There are in fact numerous "regions" within this area itself. If being surrounded by limestone pinnacles does not instill in you a sense of awe, doing a night dive amongst these towering peaks surely will!



### DAY 5 WAYIL - MISOOL



Next up we will show you the dive sites around Wayil, where you will undoubtedly experience the feeling of being far, far away from the rest of civilization ... An outstanding selection of dive sites are located fairly close to each other in Wayil, and we will start with the blockbuster – **Four Kings**, a group of towering pinnacles which are almost too large to circumnavigate in a single dive, which also happens to attract giant Oceanic Manta Rays. Giant Trevally, Napoleon Wrasse, and large Snapper are all often found here.

The oddly shaped **Wedding Cake** is up next (you will see why it's called as such), which is home to some of Misool's Pygmy Seahorse community.

Finally we will dive into **Barracuda Roc**k, a pinnacle with an unusual underwater cavern, which is also home to a patrolling tribe of schooling Barracuda. In the afternoon we will visit the famous "Love Lagoon", a calm, isolated body of water which has been incredibly shaped by the hands of Mother Nature into the form of a heart.

### DAY 6 FIABACET - MISOOL



The diving in this part of Misool is filled with the pristine coral life in the heart of Misool and Giant Manta Rays, close to the Eco Resort. **Whale rock, Tank 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.

The afternoon dive is at the dive site **Boo West**. Unique in topography, the reef is not to be missed, with excellent sea fan growth and stunning sloping reefs to explore while you anticipate the arrival of Oceanic Manta Rays. **Yilliet Kecil** is the night dive around here that is not to be missed, with excellent sea fan growth and stunning bommies to explore. There are also hidden beaches in this area if you fancy an evening beachwalk all by yourself.



### DAY 7 WARAKARAKET - MISOOL



**Eagle's Nest** is a large, unusual pinnacle which is often visited by Manta Rays as well as schooling Barracuda. **Shadow Reef**(a.k.a. Karang Bayangan/Magic Mountain) is undoubtedly the blockbuster dive site in this remote corner of Raja Ampat, located in the unprotected southern waters of Misool, but you can often find huge Manta Rays gliding across this incredibly 'hard to beat' dive site.

The afternoon dive is at the iconic dive site **Boo Window**. Unique in topography, the reef has window-like swim-throughs, and a great chance for some wide-angle photos. Secret: the sea fans here often conceal Pygmy Seahorses! **Romeo** is the night dive around here where you will have a chance to meet the much-talked-about endemic species, the Raja Ampat walking shark!

### DAY 8 North Fiabacet - Misool



On the penultimate day of the trip, we start the day by diving **Anchovy**, a submerged reef surrounded by a host of towering pinnacles. Anchovy is often a colourful experience as it is home to many varieties of reef fish and it is also a prowling ground for schools of Devil Rays, which come here to feed. You might be in for a devilish feeding frenzy!

Our journey to Sorong may take around 18 hours depending on currents and prevailing weather conditions. But 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 while we set sail for Sorong.



### DAY 9 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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