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ULTIMATE RAJA AMPAT

2026 - 2027

DIVE MORE, EXPERIENCE MORE



12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

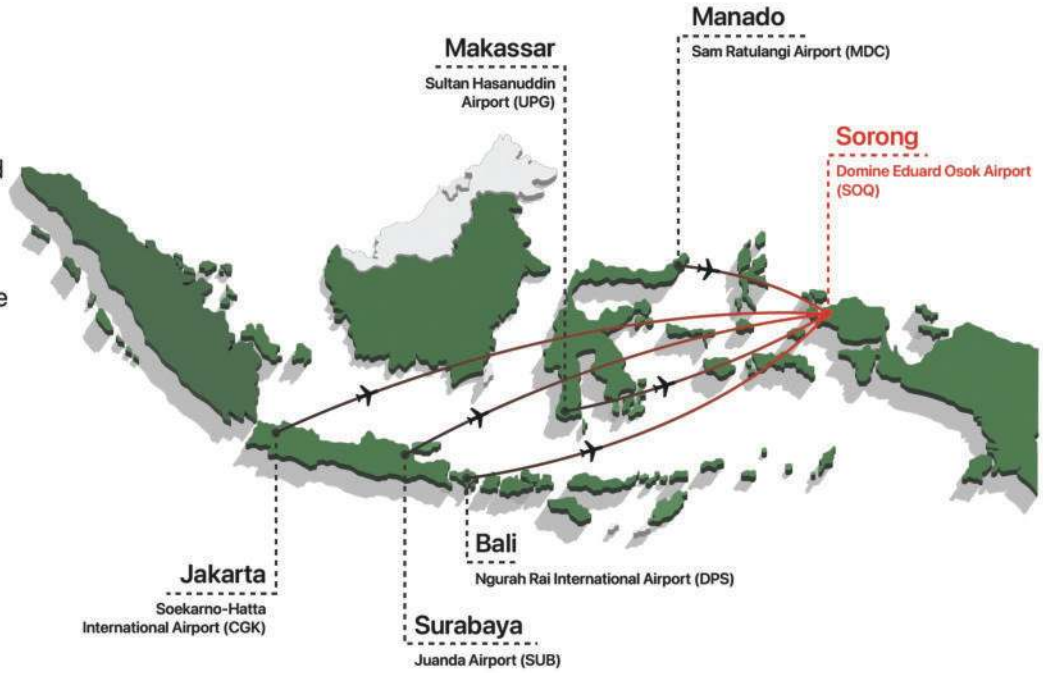
ULTIMATE RAJA AMPAT HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Misool and the Dampier Strait in one adventure, from colourful coral gardens to reefs alive with schooling fish.
- Look for reef and oceanic mantas at Magic Mountain, one of Misool's standout dives, with Napoleon wrasse and hunting trevally adding to the action.
- Dive Cape Kri and Blue Magic, then watch for mantas visiting the cleaning stations at Manta Ridge and Manta Sandy.
- Glide above Melissa's Garden's remarkable hard corals and explore the soft corals and natural rock openings of Nudi Rock and Boo Window.
- Experience Anchovies' swirling baitfish shoals, with seasonal chances of mobula rays sweeping in to feed.
- Climb to Piaynemo's famous panorama and Misool's heart-shaped Love Lagoon, two unforgettable views worth trading your fins for shoes.
- Snorkel among the pulsing jellyfish of Misool's sheltered marine lake, and look for dolphins around traditional fishing platforms.
- Meet island life ashore at Sawandarek, discover the reef after dark, and celebrate with new dive buddies at our Mioskon Beach barbecue.

**La Galigo does not guarantee this outlined itinerary and it is to be considered as a rough guideline. Weather, sea conditions, permits and safety may require operational changes.*



HOW TO GET TO RAJA AMPAT



The remote paradise of Raja Ampat lies in the far reaches of eastern Indonesia. So, how do you get there? Your journey begins with an international flight into Indonesia, followed by a domestic flight to Domine Eduard Osok Airport in Sorong (SOQ).

As the largest city and capital of Southwest Papua, Sorong serves as the main gateway for liveaboard dive boats exploring Raja Ampat. Though getting to this secluded paradise requires a bit of extra time and preparation, the rewards are well worth the effort.

Raja Ampat stands as Indonesia's crown jewel, known for its remarkable biodiversity, awe-inspiring landscapes, and some of the finest dive sites on the planet.

Indonesia offers multiple international airports throughout its archipelago. Most international visitors typically arrive via Jakarta or Bali, as both airports provide direct domestic flights to Sorong.

Jakarta Soekarno-Hatta International Airport (CGK)
Surabaya Juanda Airport (SUB)
Bali Ngurah Rai International Airport (DPS)
Makassar Sultan Hasanuddin Airport (UPG)
Manado Sam Ratulangi Airport (MDC)

Upon arrival in Indonesia, passengers are required to go through customs and immigration with all the required documents, including a visa, before proceeding to baggage claim to retrieve their belongings. Most domestic airlines in Indonesia do not have baggage transfer agreements with major international carriers, meaning travelers must collect their luggage and check in for onward domestic flights.

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To ensure you don't miss your La Galigo departure, we recommend arriving in Sorong the day before and booking an overnight stay at a local hotel. La Galigo has negotiated special rates with select hotels—contact our reservations team for more information on pricing.

TRIP INFORMATION

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EMBARKATION

SORONG HARBOUR

Pick up at 8:00 AM

Sorong (SOQ)

DISEMBARKATION

SORONG HARBOUR

Disembark 07:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Sorong (SOQ)

LENGTH OF TRIP

12 Days / 11 Nights

DIVES

Up to 35 dives

PARK FEES

Available upon request

EXPERIENCE

Advanced Open Water or recognised equivalent: minimum 20 logged dives.

Open Water or recognised equivalent: minimum 40 logged dives.

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IMPORTANT TRIP NOTES

Plan ahead. Dive safely. Travel smoothly.

- Arrive in Sorong at least one day before embarkation.
- Scheduled local airport / hotel transfers are included at the confirmed meeting and drop-off times.
- Published itineraries and dive sites are plans and may change for weather, sea conditions, permits or safety.
- Passport and entry-document requirements remain the guest's responsibility.
- Divers must hold valid dive insurance covering diving accidents and medical evacuation for the full trip.
- General travel insurance is recommended but not mandatory.
- Guests who have not dived within the previous 12 months must complete the included checkout / refresher dive.
- Park, port, clearance, ranger, anchorage, village and other third-party charges are additional unless expressly included.

INCLUDES

Included in the published price

- Taxes expressly included in the confirmed cruise fare
- Scheduled transfer from your local hotel or local airport to the embarkation harbour
- Scheduled transfer from the disembarkation harbour to your local hotel or local airport
- All meals and non-packaged snacks during the trip
- Coffee, tea and drinking water
- Fresh fruit
- Post-dive snacks and refreshments
- Normal diving services: 12L tanks and air fills (up to 4 per day), weights, mask and snorkel, fins and boots, SMB with reel, reef hook where permitted, dive computer, tender transport and normal dive-guide services
- Land excursions where included in the itinerary

EXCLUDES

Not included in the published price

- Flight tickets
- Mandatory dive insurance, except for eligible direct-booking benefit
- General travel insurance (recommended)
- Visas and associated fees
- Airport taxes and extra baggage fees
- Airport to hotel transfers if arriving the day before your trip
- Park, port, clearance, ranger, anchorage, village and other third-party fees, localised taxes, retributions and compulsory local levies. Current charges are available on request
- Full-set dive-equipment rental: USD 35 per person per diving day (torch excluded)
- Nitrox: USD 25 per person per day, up to 4 tanks
- 15L tanks: USD 15 per person per day, up to 4 tanks
- Extra 12L tank fills over 4 per day (sidemount)
- Dive courses, certifications and private dive, camera or snorkel guides (price on application)
- Alcoholic beverages purchased onboard
- Soft drinks and packaged snacks
- Fuel surcharge where applicable, capped at USD 20 per guest per day with at least 30 days' notice
- Crew gratuities (5-10% suggested; entirely voluntary)
- Merchandise
- Drone permit, authority and arrangement fees (available on request)

DAY 1

WELCOME ABOARD AND BLACK ROCK

Welcome aboard La Galigo in Sorong, where your Raja Ampat adventure begins. Settle into your cabin, meet the crew and explore the boat that will become your home for the next eleven nights. Our orientation and dive briefing introduce the daily routine, with time to discuss your experience, equipment and particular underwater interests with the team.

Our check dive at Black Rock gives you an opportunity to fine-tune your weighting, buoyancy and camera setup before the days ahead. Getting comfortable now means you can spend more of the trip enjoying the reefs, whether you are travelling with a regular dive buddy or meeting your group for the first time.

Back onboard, gather over dinner as La Galigo heads south towards Misool. The conversation soon turns to favourite dives, hoped-for sightings and the adventures ahead. With your equipment ready and the bustle of Sorong slipping astern, find a comfortable spot on deck and settle into the liveaboard rhythm.





DAY 2

MISOOL'S REEFS AND BAITFISH ACTION

Misool makes a colourful first impression at Andiamo and Warna Berwarna, where coral-covered reef structures and schooling fish compete for your attention. These opening dives introduce the variety that makes the region so rewarding: broad reef scenes worth pausing over, followed by smaller details that emerge when you slow down and look closely.

At Anchovies, the pace can change dramatically. Dense baitfish shoals can attract hunting trevally and tuna, with seasonal chances of mobula rays joining the action. Watch how the school tightens, turns and breaks apart as predators approach. When the feeding activity comes together, it is a remarkable opportunity to observe the reef's food chain in motion.

Pantai Kecil completes the day's diving, adding another setting to your first full day in Misool. Between dives, limestone islands and sheltered blue water make the surface intervals part of the experience. Back aboard, there is time to compare photographs, identify unfamiliar fish with the team and decide which encounter deserves the first entry in your trip highlights.

DAY 3

FOUR KINGS AND LOVE LAGOON

Four Kings reveals Misool in three dimensions: four submerged pinnacles draped in soft corals, with fish gathering where the current meets the reef. The changing contours give each part of the dive a different perspective, from close views of coral-covered rock to schools suspended in the surrounding blue. Our guides plan the exploration around the conditions, helping you appreciate the site's structure as well as its residents.

Barracuda adds another chapter before Neptune's Sea Fan brings us alongside magnificent gorgonians. Look closely with your guide for pygmy seahorses concealed among their branches. Their camouflage makes finding one particularly satisfying—a tiny highlight that can rival the day's larger encounters.

Above water, we trade fins for shoes and climb to the Love Lagoon viewpoint. The heart-shaped lagoon, framed by limestone and greenery, is one of Misool's signature sights. Take time to enjoy the panorama as well as photograph it. After exploring the reefs below, seeing the surrounding islands from above gives a wonderful sense of where the day's adventures have taken you.





DAY 4

MAGIC MOUNTAIN AND BOO WINDOW

Magic Mountain is a dive worth dreaming about: a submerged seamount where both reef and oceanic mantas visit cleaning stations. Napoleon wrasse and schooling fish add to the attraction, making this a rewarding site even when the mantas remain elsewhere. Our guides help you position yourself to observe visiting rays without interrupting their approach or the cleaner fish at work.

Eagle Nest and Yillet Kecil broaden the day's reef exploration, while Boo Window introduces another Misool icon. Natural openings in the limestone frame the blue beyond, creating a distinctive underwater scene as the light changes. Look beyond the windows themselves, too: the surrounding coral formations and fish life deserve just as much attention as the famous photograph.

Between dives, step ashore at Sapenipnu Beach for a welcome change of pace. Warm sand, island scenery and a little time away from your equipment balance a day rich in underwater highlights. Back aboard, the discussion may range from manta encounters to favourite reef scenes—there is plenty here to make choosing just one difficult.

DAY 5

MISOOL'S CORAL GARDENS AND SMALL WONDERS

Today rewards a closer look at Misool's reefs. Boo West, Nudi Rock and Tank Rock combine colourful coral growth with schools of fish, offering plenty for photographers who enjoy both sweeping reef scenes and tiny subjects. Rather than searching only for the next large animal, take time to notice the different textures and the life sheltering between them.

Nudi Rock takes its name from the island's nudibranch-like silhouette, so look back from the tender as well as down into the water. Beneath the surface, nudibranchs and other small reef residents give our guides plenty to search for. A patch of reef that seems unremarkable at first can reveal an absorbing miniature world once you know where to look.

We round out the diving at Romeo & Juliet, then return onboard to compare the day's discoveries. This is a good evening to revisit your photographs with the team: an unfamiliar creature or easily overlooked detail can become much more memorable when you understand what you have seen.





DAY 6

DOLPHINS, JELLYFISH LAKE AND NORTHBOUND CROSSING

Around the traditional fishing platforms in Misool known as ‘bagans’, we go in search of dolphins and if we are lucky, the elusive whale shark. These encounters depend on the animals themselves, but watching for movement at the surface adds a different kind of anticipation to the morning.

Our land excursion and snorkel at Jellyfish Lake offers a quieter experience. Floating among pulsing jellyfish in a sheltered marine lake brings you close to animals that are easily passed by on a scuba dive. Gentle movements and a little patience allow you to appreciate their shapes and changing position in the light, while leaving them untouched helps protect this delicate setting.

Later, La Galigo turns north towards Piaynemo. Settle on deck, sort your favourite photographs or enjoy an unhurried conversation over a meal as the crossing gets underway. After several days exploring Misool, this pause gives you time to absorb the experience before the northern reefs introduce a different character to the journey.

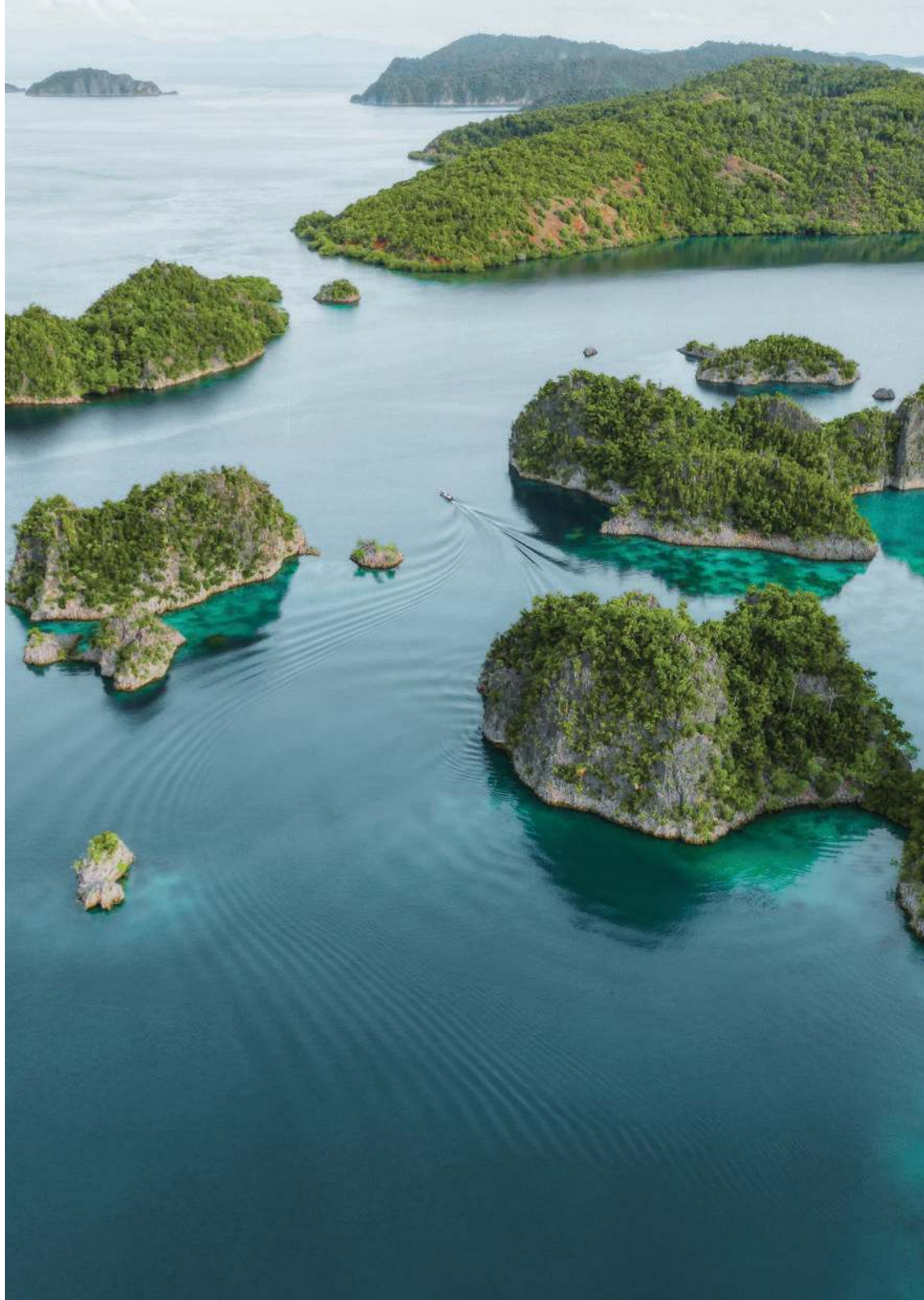
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MELISSA'S GARDEN AND PIAYNEMO

Two Raja Ampat classics share the spotlight today. Melissa's Garden offers an extraordinary spread of hard corals, with small reef fish weaving through branching colonies. Its appeal lies in both the scale of the coral garden and the details within it. Hover carefully above the reef and watch how the smaller fish retreat into shelter, then reappear as you pass.

Batu Rufus and Keruo Channel introduce contrasting scenery. At Batu Rufus, a sheltered lagoon gives way to coral-lined slopes and walls, while Keruo Channel brings another opportunity to explore with the movement of the water. Together, these sites add variety beyond the broad coral gardens that opened the day.

Then comes the climb to Piaynemo's famous viewpoint, where green limestone islets rise from turquoise lagoons. It is the panorama many divers picture long before arriving in Raja Ampat, and a highlight worth enjoying without the camera for a moment. Galaxy Jetty rounds out the day after dark, when torchlight draws our attention back from sweeping landscapes to the reef's smaller inhabitants.





DAY 8

YEBEN AND GAM

From Yeben Ridge to Mayhem, today’s diving brings us among reefs where moving water gathers fish into impressive schools. Spend time watching the whole scene: the direction the fish face, the way a school changes shape and the activity along the reef edge. These details make a lively dive more rewarding than simply adding names to a sightings list.

Citrus Ridge changes the visual mood with orange and yellow soft corals that explain its name. The colours make a beautiful setting for reef photography, especially when fish move through the foreground. Our guides read the current to make the most of each site, balancing time watching the schools with closer inspection of the reef.

Gam Corner completes the day’s exploration. Between dives, wooded islands and sheltered waterways provide a lush backdrop to life aboard. It is a chance to appreciate the variety within Raja Ampat: after Misool’s limestone scenery and Piaynemo’s celebrated lookout, this part of the route has its own atmosphere, above and below the surface.

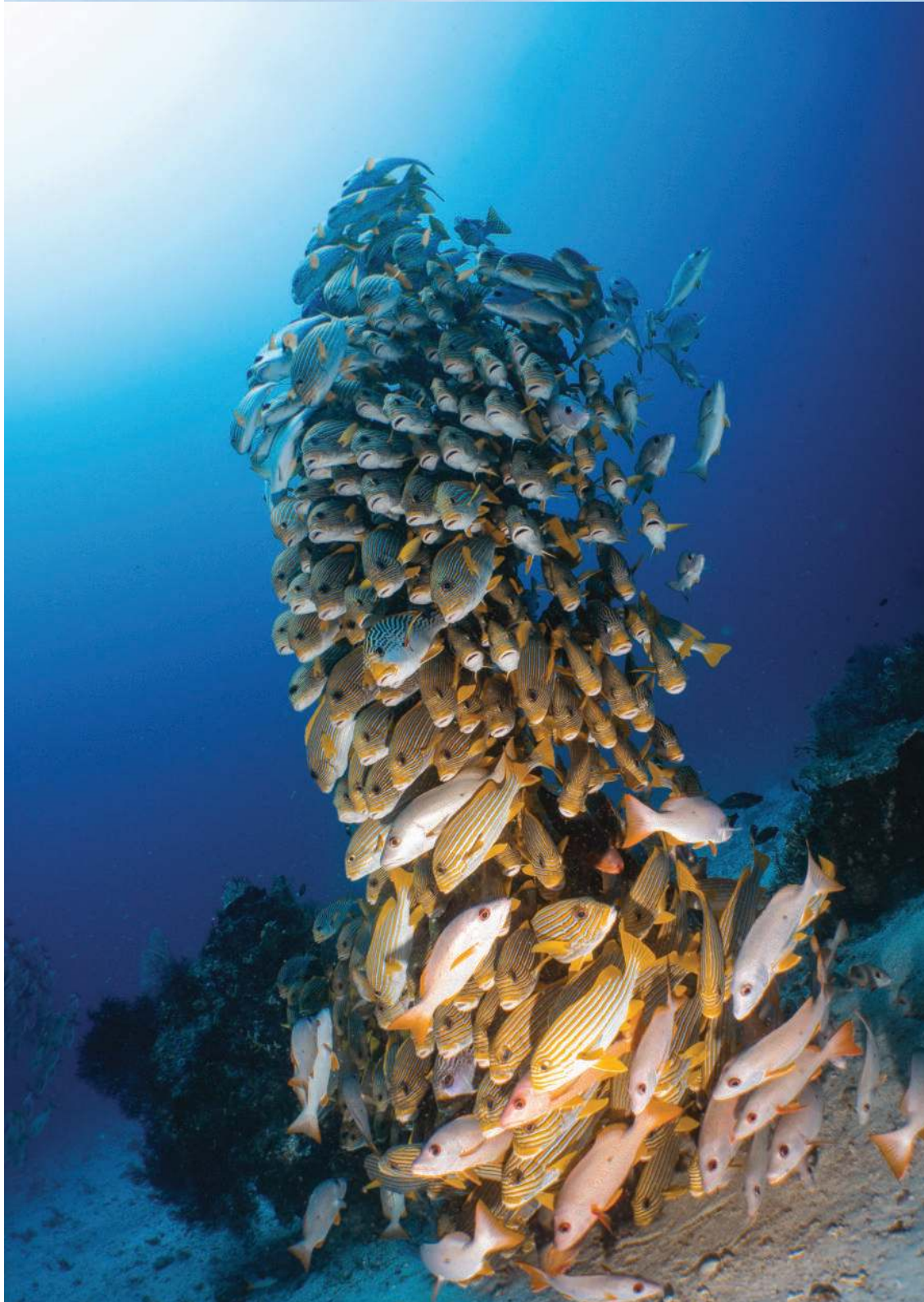
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MANTA ENCOUNTERS AND SAWANDAREK VILLAGE

Manta Ridge and Manta Sandy put one of Raja Ampat's most sought-after encounters at the centre of our day. At these cleaning stations, visiting rays circle and hover while small fish attend to them. Giving mantas space and allowing them to approach naturally is central to the experience. Our guides explain where to position yourself and how to observe without obstructing their movements.

The attraction is not simply seeing a large animal. Watching a manta hold its position, bank away and return to the reef offers time to appreciate its behaviour. Visits are never guaranteed, but patience can turn an encounter into one of the trip's most memorable dives.

We continue to Sawandarek, where turtles, sweetlips and schooling fish make the village reef an attraction in its own right. A walk ashore offers a glimpse of island life and a welcome change from the dive deck. Returning to Sawandarek Jetty, we explore beneath the shoreline we have just visited, connecting the village above with the busy reef below.





DAY 10

CAPE KRI AND THE DAMPIER STRAIT

Cape Kri earns its place on divers' wish lists through extraordinary fish diversity. Watch the reef edge for trevally, snapper and passing sharks, then turn your attention to the smaller life filling the coral around you. The challenge is often deciding where to look, with activity close to the reef and out in the water at the same time.

Sardine Reef continues the spectacle. Its name describes fish packed together like sardines, rather than the species you will see. Take a moment to follow the movement of a school instead of a single fish: the shifting formations are part of what makes the Dampier Strait so compelling. Our guides work with the conditions to help you enjoy the action while maintaining a comfortable position.

Chicken Reef and Batu Lima complete today's exploration. Between dives, there is time to identify unfamiliar sightings with the team and compare the character of each site. By now, your growing familiarity with the region's fish makes recognising something new all the more satisfying.

DAY 11

BLUE MAGIC, MIOSKON AND KALI BIRU

Our final dives deserve a memorable setting. Blue Magic's submerged pinnacle attracts schooling fish and hunting pelagics, with the possibility of an oceanic manta making a spectacular late appearance. Keep an eye on the blue as well as the reef: part of this site's appeal is the anticipation of what might arrive from beyond your field of view.

Mioskon offers a different finale, with coral gardens, colourful snapper and a search for camouflaged wobbegongs beneath the reef's ledges. Their patterned bodies blend remarkably well into the surroundings, so follow your guide's lead and look carefully without disturbing a resting animal. After the open-water activity at Blue Magic, these closer observations provide a rewarding contrast.

Then we trade coral reefs for rainforest with a visit to Kali Biru, Raja Ampat's beautiful Blue River. Its clear turquoise water and lush surroundings offer a refreshing change of scenery and a memorable finale to our island adventures. Enjoy the peaceful setting and capture a few final photographs before La Galigo heads back towards Sorong, with plenty of stories to share and more than a few dives worth returning for.





DAY 12

DISEMBARK IN SORONG

Enjoy a final breakfast aboard La Galigo as we say our goodbyes in Sorong. Our crew will help with your luggage and transfers to the airport or your local hotel, making the journey ashore straightforward. Disembarkation begins at 07:00, with guests welcome to remain onboard until 11:00 if onward plans allow. There is time to exchange details with new dive buddies and share a few last stories before leaving. From Misool's colourful reefs to the mantas and island views, you will have plenty to remember—and perhaps a favourite dive to return for.



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