



## RAJA AMPAT SOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

Melissa's Garden dive site is named for its stunning hard coral garden nestled between three small islands.

We visit Misool known for one of the most biodiverse underwater landscapes in the world.

Dive with manta rays, along with giant trevally, Napoleon wrasse, and large snapper.

Night dives to witness predators in search of food.

View vibrant sea fans, schools of fusiliers, and the iconic Bumphead Parrot Fish.

Dive Anchovy for an exhilarating dive where you can view schools of Mobula Rays weaving through the anchovies.

Visit My Reef to spot barracudas, wobbegongs, and blacktip reef sharks.



# HOW TO GET TO RAJA AMPAT



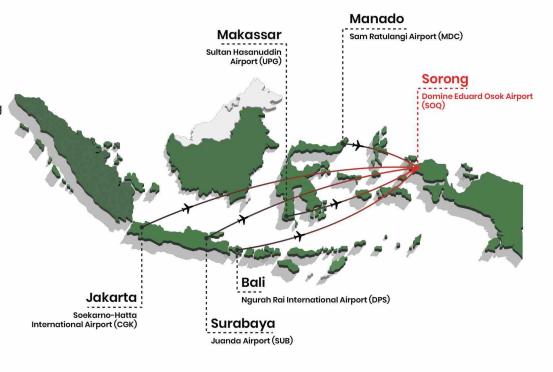
The remote paradise of Raja Ampat lies in the far reaches of eastern Indonesia. So, how do you get there? Your journey begins with an international flight into Indonesia, followed by a domestic flight to Domine Eduard Osok Airport in Sorong (SOQ).

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.

Garuda Airlines – Part of the Skyteam Alliance Air Asia Lion Air Batik Air Sriwijaya Air

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.

DEPARTURE

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**LENGTH OF TRIP** 

9 Days / 8 Nights

EXPERIENCE

Open Water – 40 minimum logged dives required, or Advanced Open Water – 20 minimum logged dives required

**DIVES** 

Approximately 23 - 24 dives in total

PARK FEES

US \$ 255 Valid until 26 April 2025 US \$283 Valid from 16 August 2025

The above rates are per person per trip and subject to change. Please note these fees are in line with third party supplier costs.

- Prices listed are per person, payable and inclusive of National and Localised taxes.
- Embarkation is at Sorong harbour. A senior member of our La Galigo crew will meet you at the airport or Sorong hotel for a transfer to the boat.
- Disembarkation is at Sorong Harbour.
- La Galigo sails to Waisai for mandatory harbor clearance prior to beginning your journey.
- Before your trip, please check the visa requirements for entering Indonesia.
- Additionally, all passports must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry into the country.
- All guests are required to have valid travel and dive insurance (including Medivac) for the duration of their trip. La Galigo is a recognised DAN 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.
- Raja Ampat is a year-round destination, offering exceptional diving experiences no matter the season. Average water temperatures in Raja Ampat vary between 27-30 Celsius / 80-85 Fahrenheit.
- BYO alcohol policy for spirits only.

#### **INCLUDES**

- VAT (11%)
- Transport from your local hotel or local airport to the harbour
- Transport from disembarkation harbour to your local hotel local airport.
- All meals & non-packaged snacks
- Coffee, Tea & drinking water
- Fresh fruit
- Post dive snacks & refreshments
- Diving services including the following for the duration of your trip:
  - o 12 litre dive tanks & air fills (up to 4 per day)
  - Weights
  - Mask
  - Fins
  - SMB and Reel
  - Reef Hook (where applicable)
  - Air Fills
  - Dive computer
  - Dive Transport using Tenders
  - Guides
  - Land excursions (where applicable)

#### **EXCLUDES**

- Flight tickets
- Mandatory dive insurance which includes medical evacuation (unless booking direct)
- Travel insurance (Strongly advised)
- Visas and associated fees
- Airport taxes and extra baggage fees
- Airport to hotel transfers if arriving the day before your trip
- Port clearances, ranger, anchorage, village and marine park fees
- Dive rental equipment at \$35 per person per day (torch excluded)
- Nitrox at \$25 per person per day, for up to 4 tanks per day
- 15L tanks at \$15 per person per day, for up to 4 tanks per day
- Extra 12 litre tank fills over 4 per day (sidemount)
- Dive courses and certification, (price on application)
- Alcoholic beverages such as Beer and Wine (The selection of wine and spirits in Indonesia is limited and can be expensive; we recommend that you bring your favourite tipple with you)
- Soft drinks and packaged snacks
- Fuel surcharges (may fluctuate with markets, you may be asked to pay an extra fuel allowance up to 30 days prior to departure, of no more than US\$20 per person per day)
- Staff gratuities, many of our guests base their tips calculated at 10% of the list of the trip. (Tipping is optional, but greatly appreciated)
- Merchandise
- Drone Fees



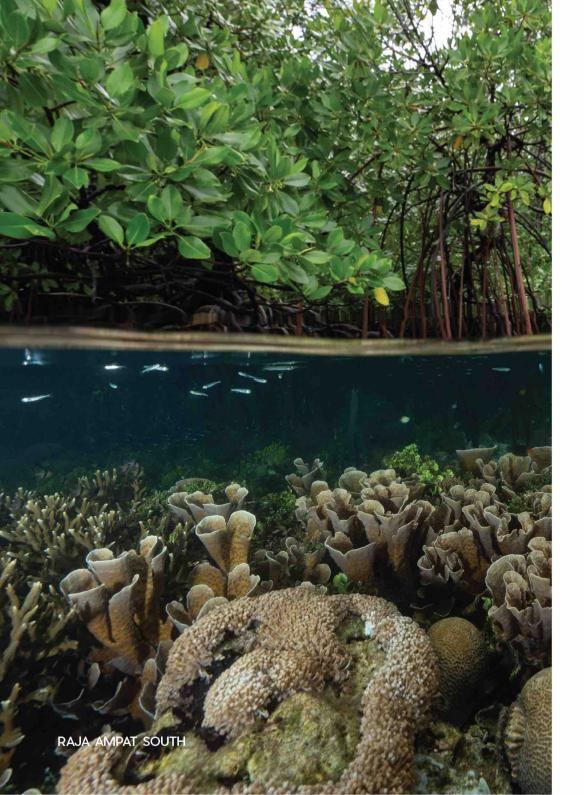
#### SORONG TO WAISAI

Your adventure with La Galigo kicks off with a crew member greeting you for the transfer from the airport or your Sorong hotel to the harbor between 7:30 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. For those arriving on the day of departure, please make sure your flight lands before 7:30 A.M., so we can get settled and ready for the journey ahead.

After a warm welcome aboard, you'll have the chance to meet the Cruise Director and our friendly crew. Once you've settled into your cabin, we'll gather for a brief orientation before enjoying lunch. Afterward, you'll have time to relax and unwind and take in the scenery as we sail toward the clearance point in Waisai.

This afternoon our 'welcome dive' is at the nearby island of **Saonek Kecil**, where the calm waters provide the perfect introduction to your diving experience. After your check-out dive, you'll have time to get comfortable, settle into your surroundings, and start looking forward to an exciting full day of diving ahead!







GAM

We start today in Gam Island, a region known for its vibrant reefs with opportunities to spot stunning macro subjects and enjoy colorful underwater scenes. Our first dive site will be Mangrove Ridge, start and finish this dive at the amazing roots of the saltwater mangroves. During the dive expect to see many black corals, small marine life, turtles, and larger fish such as Jacks. Two of the other standout dive sites around Gam that we frequently explore today are Citrus Ridge and Mayhem. Citrus Ridge is famous for its dazzling orange and yellow soft corals that blanket the reef, creating a vibrant, picturesque underwater landscape. Mayhem, on the other hand, lives up to its name, offering the thrilling spectacle of pelagic predators hunting among swirling schools of baitfish atop a submerged seamount. Both dives offer something unique, from dramatic coral beauty to heart-pumping action, making them highlights of any Raja Ampat itinerary. As we prepare to settle in for the night, take a moment to soak in the breathtaking sunset views over the islands of Waigeo and Gam, painting the horizon in stunning colors. It's the perfect way to end a fantastic day of diving!



### PIAYNEMO (A.K.A. PENEMU)

Melissa's Garden dive site is the highlight of this area.

Named for its stunning hard coral garden nestled between three small islands. Boasting an impressive diversity of coral and fish species packed into this small but vibrant marine habitat.

Another spot we may explore today is the **Keruo Channel** dive site, where you can enjoy a gentle drift dive along a mini wall and slope on the edge of Keru Island.

Additionally, we often visit the **Batu Rufus** dive site, known for its dramatic 40-meter drop-off wall leading into the blue. The views at 20 meters are breathtaking as you float between the stark underwater landscape, looking up and down at the striking scenery.

The iconic limestone pinnacles are part of Raja Ampat experience, with the **Piaynemo lagoon and lookout** being one of the breathtaking formations to discover. If you're up for a hike, the best time is in the late afternoon during golden when the temperatures are cooler. The views from the top are absolutely worth the effort!







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We start the day with two more exciting dives near Piaynemo before we move on to our next destination.

While dive sites may vary, we often explore the favorites such as **Galaxy** and **My Reef**. Galaxy features a beautiful mini wall teeming with soft corals and black coral, making for an enchanting underwater experience. My Reef is always a highlight, filled with marine life; you might spot barracudas, wobbegongs, and blacktip reef sharks here!

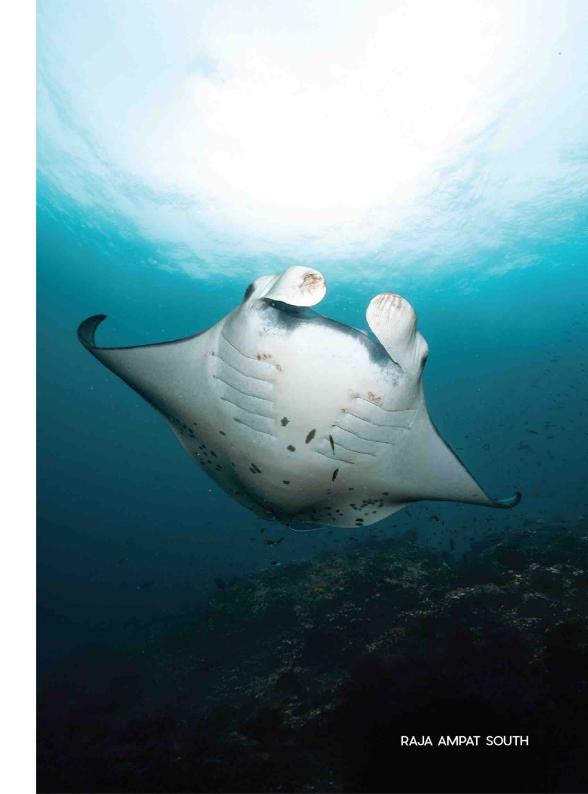
In the afternoon, as you unwind, we'll set sail for the southern islands of Raja Ampat. This will be the longest crossing of our trip, but you'll wake up tomorrow morning in the breathtaking waters of Misool.



WAYIL - MISOOL

**Misool** is a large island, surrounded by a stunning array of smaller satellite islands, creating a captivating landscape with numerous regions to explore. If the towering limestone pinnacles don't take your breath away, diving at night among these rock formations surely will! Today, we'll dive into the sites around **Wayil**, where you'll escaped from civilization entirely.

Wayil offers a great selection of dive sites, all within easy reach of each other. One standout is the incredible **Four Kings** dive site, a group of towering pinnacles that are so large you might find it hard to navigate them in a single dive! This spot is also a favorite hangout for giant Manta Rays, along with giant trevally, Napoleon wrasse, and large snapper.







Another favorite is **Barracuda Rock** dive site, known for its unique underwater cavern and the impressive school of barracuda that patrols the area. We also enjoy diving at **Neptune's Sea Fan** dive site, named for the stunning gorgonian sea fans that thrive here. Each dive in Misool offers an unforgettable adventure in this vibrant underwater paradise!

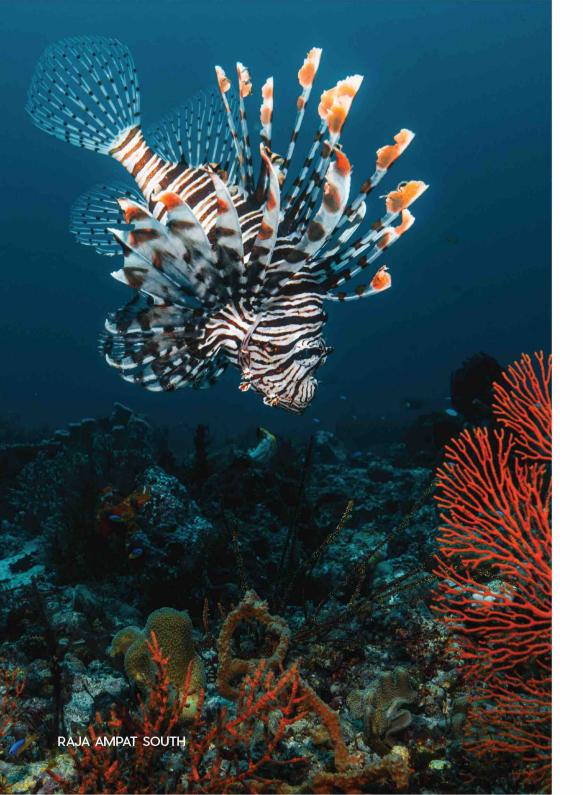


### FIABACET/BOO - MISOOL

One of our dives today takes us to the iconic **Boo Window** dive site. This unique location features fascinating topography with window-like swim-throughs, making it perfect for capturing some stunning wide-angle photos. Keep an eye out for the Pygmy Seahorses hiding hiding in the sea fans.

Another highlight of the visit is the **Anchovy** dive site, which is one of our personal favorites. It's an exhilarating dive where you can view schools of Mobula Rays weaving through the anchovies, creating a mesmerizing spectacle as they scatter in all directions. You might even catch a glimpse of the circling manta rays feeding just beyond the reef.







We'll also visit the **Nudi Rock** dive site, a gem of South Raja Ampat. This site features a rock at the surface that strikingly resembles a Nudibranch, and below, you'll find vibrant coral and a wealth of marine life thriving in the currents. Each dive today promises to be an unforgettable adventure!



#### WARAKARAKET - MISOOL

The diving in this part of Misool offers an incredible experience, showcasing pristine coral life and the Giant Manta Rays near the **Misool Eco Resort**.

We have two fantastic sites to explore: **Whale Rock** dive site and **Tank Rock** dive site, are both known for their soft corals and vibrant schools of fish. Depending on the conditions and logistics with Misool Eco Resort, we'll decide which site we'll dive.

Weather permitting, we aim to dive at the **Shadow Reef** dive site (also known as **Karang Bayangan** or **Magic Mountain**). This location is true standout in this remote corner of Raja Ampat, situated in the unprotected southern waters of Misool. It's not uncommon to encounter massive Manta Rays gracefully gliding through the water here, making it a hard dive to beat!







#### DARAM

On the penultimate day of our adventure, we'll start the day with a dive at the **Andiamo** Dive Site, a perfect way to wrap up your Raja Ampat South Misool journey. Here, you'll have the chance to spot pygmy Seahorses, hunting giant trevallies, and plenty of barracuda.

The final dive of your trip will conclude at **Warna Berwarna** Dive Site, where you can look forward to vibrant sea fans, schools of fusiliers, and the iconic Bumphead Parrot Fish.

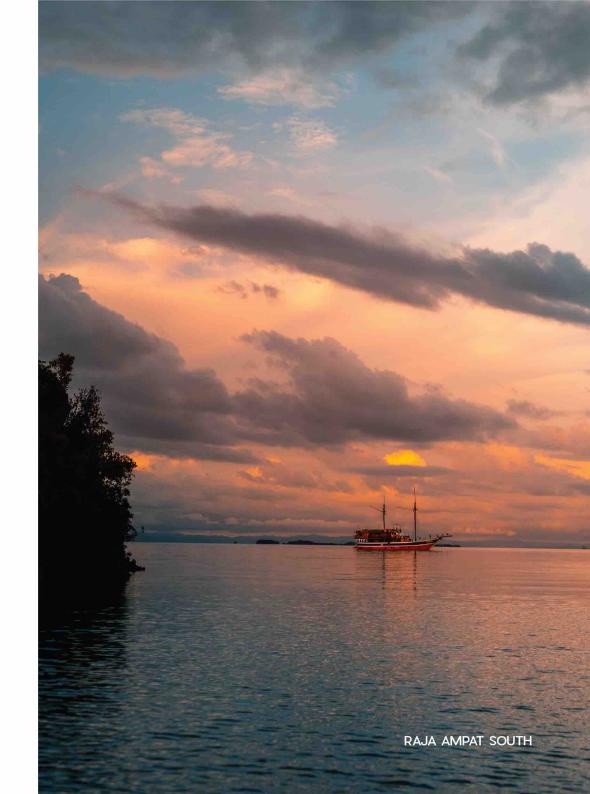
Our return journey to Sorong is approximately 18 hours depending on currents and prevailing weather conditions. To celebrate an incredible trip, our crew prepares a delicious al fresco dinner. Join us for a night of music and dance as we party the night away!



#### DISEMBARK SORONG

Today we bid farewell to Raja Ampat as we arrive in Sorong around 5:00am in plenty of time for a morning flight or if you prefer a leisurely morning, guests are welcome to stay onboard until 11:00am and our crew will be on hand to assist you with transportation to your next destination.

After breakfast, feel free to take some time to exchange photos and swap contact details, ensuring you stay connected with your new friends and dive buddies!





# THE CABINS







Master Cabin



Deluxe Cabin





\*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 div e 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.