

THINGS TO KNOW

Length Of Trip

9 Days / 8 Nights

Park Fees

US \$ 255

Departure

🕒 Pick Up At 08.00 A.M.

🚢 Sorong

🛫 Sorong (SOQ)

Return

🕒 Until 11.00 A.M.

🚢 Sorong

🛫 Sorong (SOQ)

Dives

Approximately 23 - 24 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 and Wines only.

INCLUDES

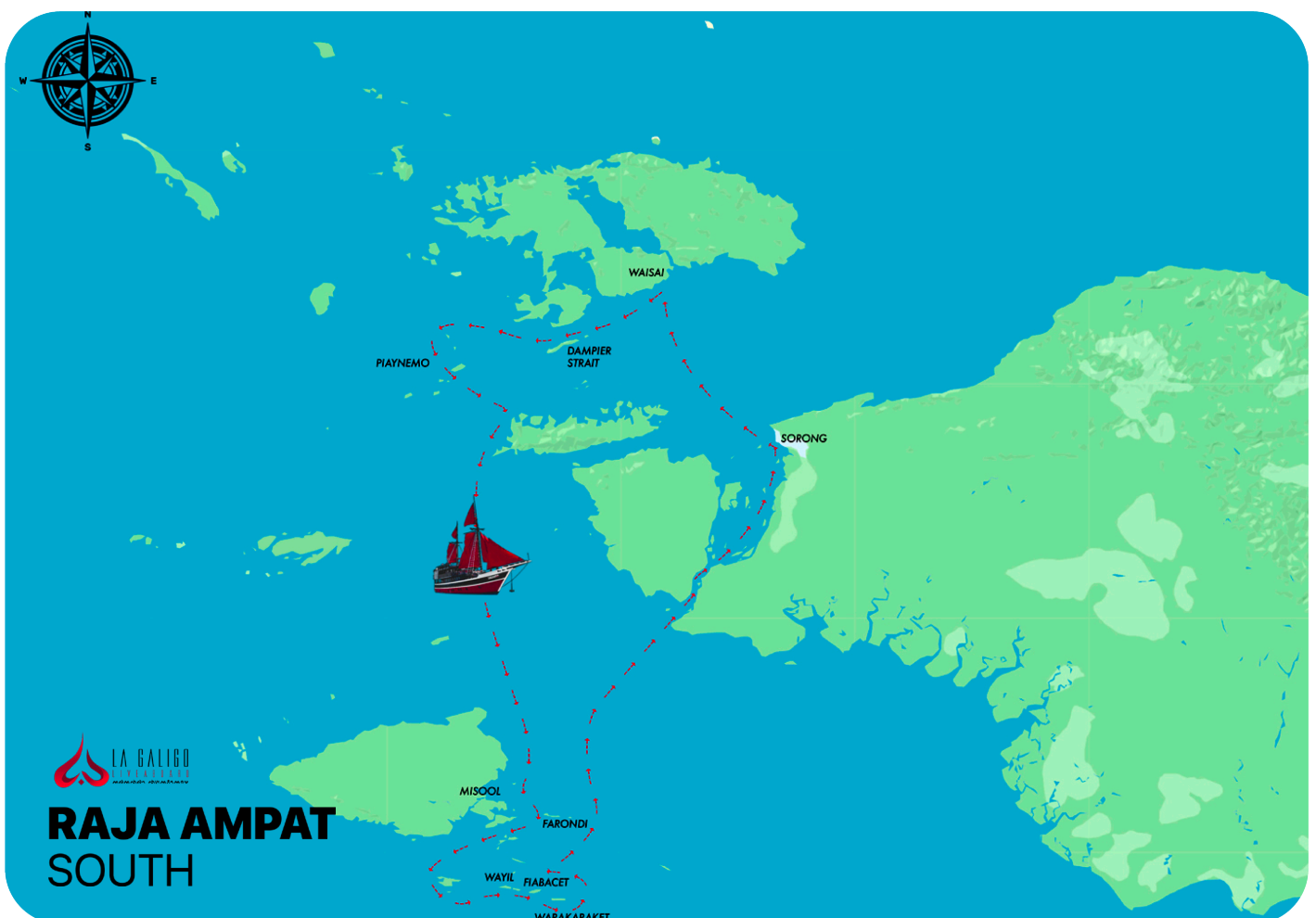
- Transfers to and from the harbour from your hotel or the airport on the day of embarkation and disembarkation.
- All meals and post dive refreshments / snacks, coffee and tea.
- Diving services including 12L tanks, weights and belts , SMB & reel, reef hook, air fills, dive computers, snorkelling equipment,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

- Take in the harmony of the remotely idyllic Misool, with its globally unmatched thriving healthy reefs.
- Trek to Penemu lookout point which has become synonymous with Raja Ampat karst limestone island formations.
- 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 crew song and dance 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 am, if you are arriving on the day of departure, it is important that your arrival time is before 07:30 am. 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, 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 it is a perfect spot to get the diving going. After the checkout dive, you can get nice and comfortable in your new surroundings and get excited about the first full day of diving tomorrow.

DAY 2.1

DAMPIER STRAIT



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!** One of the top dive sites in this area is **Blue Magic Dive Site**, home to majestic Oceanic Manta Rays, and other large pelagics such as Spanish Mackerel and Bigeye Trevally. Next up is one of the Dampier Strait's highlights, we will head to the nearby island of **Mioskon Dive Site**, to dive into its spectacularly colorful reef with an assortment of large bommies encrusted with hard and soft corals.

DAY 2.2

DAMPIER STRAIT



Next up, **Cape Kri Dive Site**, arguably the top house reef in the world, was made famous by Raja Ampat pioneer Max Ammer. A booming current-driven site where you can see pelagics hunt as you float leisurely nestled in the reef above on a reef hook. The other dive site we will be visiting tonight is a dive on Kri Island's south coast, in **Yenbuba Village's Jetty Dive Site**. An amazing array of fish has populated this area both under the jetty pylons as well as amongst the hard coral garden that protrudes down the slope past it. This will be our anchor point for the night as 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)



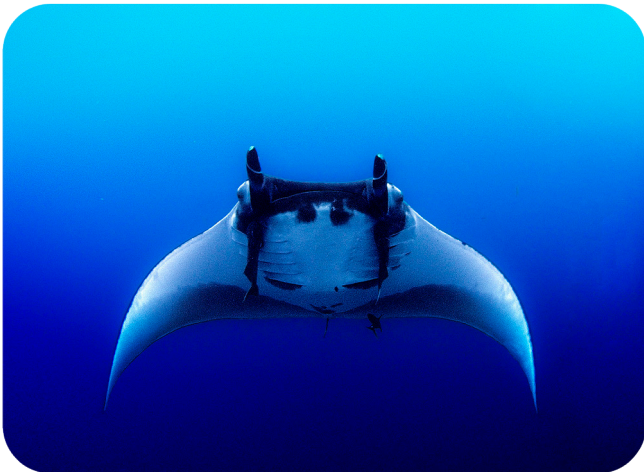
Melissa's Garden Dive Site is undoubtedly the top dive in this area, with a staggering number of coral and fish species packed into this small piece of marine real estate. It gets its name from an amazing hard coral garden situated on a reef between 3 small islands. Its beauty needs to be seen to be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

BATANTA

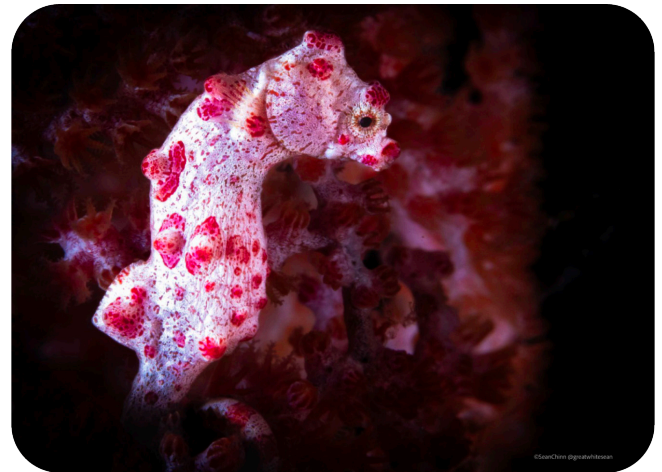


On day 4 we will head to a lesser-known corner of Raja Ampat, an area known as Dayang, at the western end of Batanta island. The **Dayang Dive Site** takes place over a shallow, sandy reef which is actually a magnet for Manta Rays, which come to this area to feed as well as conduct routine visits to their "cleaning stations" or "manta spa" (ask our Cruise Director to tell you about this fascinating aspect of their behavior). This is still a bit of a new area for diving itineraries in Raja Ampat as this cleaning station was only discovered a few years ago so for those coming back for a second round at Raja Ampat this may be new.

In the afternoon as you relax, we will set sail for the southern islands of Raja Ampat, the biggest crossing of the trip will have you waking up tomorrow morning in **Misool**.

DAY 5

WAYIL - MISOOL



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! Today 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, one of which is the blockbuster – **Four Kings Dive Site**, 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.

Another favorite we will dive into is **Barracuda Rock Dive Site**, a pinnacle with an unusual underwater cavern, which is also home to a patrolling tribe of schooling Barracuda. **Neptune's Sea Fan Dive Site** is another great spot we regularly visit here, it gets its name from the vast number of Gorgonian sea fans on the site.

DAY 6

FIABACET/BOO - MISOOL



One of our dives today is at the iconic **Boo Window Dive Site**. 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!**

Anchovy Dive Site is one of my personal favorites on this day. An explosive dive site where you can see schools of Mobula Rays dart in amongst schools of anchovies, scattering them for just long enough for you to have a window through the reef to the circling Mantas feeding on the other side. **Nudi Rock Dive Site** is also included in today's itinerary, an iconic south Raja Ampat site with a rock on the surface that is an uncanny resemblance to a Nudibranch, and amazing colors of coral and abundant marine life in the current swept depth below the surface.

DAY 7

WARAKARAKET - 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 Dive Site and **Tank Rock Dive Site** 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. Weather permitting due to its open ocean location, we will dive **Shadow Reef Dive Site (a.k.a. Karang Bayangan/Magic Mountain)**, undoubtedly the blockbuster dive site in this remote corner of Raja Ampat, located in the unprotected southern waters of Misool. You can often find huge Manta Rays gliding across this incredibly 'hard to beat' dive site.

DAY 8

DARAM



On the penultimate day of the trip, we will start at **Andiamo Dive Site**. Another spectacular site to end your southern Raja Ampat journey. Here you will see Pygmy seahorse, hunting Giant Trevallies, and Barracuda galore. The final dive of your trip will conclude at **Warna Berwarna Dive Site**, you can expect lots of sea fans, schooling Fusiliers, and Bumphead Parrot Fish.

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!