

LA GALIGO

Raja Ampat South

Sorong to Sorong | Gam, Piaynemo, Wayil, Boo, Warakaraket and Daram in Misool

Raja Ampat South runs from the soft-coral reefs of Gam to Misool, a large island ringed by a stunning array of satellite islands.

Giant manta rays hang out around towering pinnacles, along with giant trevally, Napoleon wrasse and large snapper.

Schools of mobula rays weave through the anchovies, scattering in all directions, while manta rays circle just beyond the reef.

Dazzling orange and yellow soft corals blanket the reefs, and an impressive school of barracuda patrols an underwater cavern.

Out in the unprotected southern waters, massive manta rays glide through a remote corner of Raja Ampat.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
9 days / 8 nights	Sorong	Sorong	Open Water with 40 logged dives







Your itinerary

DAY 1

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 harbour 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.

DAY 1

Sorong to Waisai (continued)

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!

DAY 2

Gam

We start today in Gam Island, a region known for its vibrant reefs with opportunities to spot stunning macro subjects and enjoy colourful 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 colours.
It's the perfect way to end a fantastic day of diving!

DAY 3

Piaynemo (also known as 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 metres 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 the Raja Ampat experience, with the Piaynemo lagoon and lookout being one of the breathtaking formations to discover.

DAY 3

Piaynemo (also known as Penemu) (continued)

If you're up for a hike, the best time is in the late afternoon during golden hour when the temperatures are cooler.
The views from the top are absolutely worth the effort!

DAY 4

Piaynemo (also known as Penemu)

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 favourites 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.

DAY 5

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 escape 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 favourite hangout for giant Manta Rays, along with giant trevally, Napoleon wrasse, and large snapper.
Another favourite 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!

DAY 6

Fiabacet and 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 in the sea fans.
Another highlight of the visit is the Anchovy dive site, which is one of our personal favourites.

DAY 6

Fiabacet and Boo, Misool (continued)

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!

DAY 7

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 a 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!

DAY 8

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!

DAY 9

Disembarkation in 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.

DAY 9

Disembarkation in Sorong (continued)

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 ROUTE

Route map



HIGHLIGHTS

Trip highlights

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





DIVING

Diving and conditions

- Approximately 23 to 24 dives in total, normally from the dive tenders with guides
- Divers need an Open Water certificate with 40 logged dives, or an Advanced Open Water certificate with 20 logged dives
- All dives are conducted to a maximum depth of 30 metres / 100 feet
- Average water temperatures are 27 to 30°C / 80 to 85°F
- Raja Ampat is a year-round destination, with exceptional diving whatever the season
- The itinerary is a rough guide: weather, sea conditions and the captain, cruise director or owner may alter the route for the safety of the vessel, its guests and crew



INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Transfers from your hotel or the airport to the harbour on embarkation day, and back to your hotel or the airport on disembarkation day
- All meals and non-packaged snacks
- Coffee, tea and drinking water
- Fresh fruit
- Post dive snacks and refreshments
- 12 litre dive tanks and air fills, up to 4 per day
- Weights, mask and fins
- SMB and reel, reef hook where applicable and dive computer
- Dive transport by tender, with dive guides
- Land excursions where applicable

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights
- Dive insurance, which is mandatory and includes medical evacuation, and travel insurance
- Visas and associated fees
- Airport taxes and extra baggage fees
- Hotel nights and transfers before or after the trip
- Port clearances, ranger, anchorage, village and marine park fees
- Dive equipment rental, nitrox, 15 litre tanks and extra tank fills
- Dive courses and certification
- Alcoholic drinks, soft drinks and packaged snacks (guests may bring their own spirits)
- Fuel surcharges, which may be applied depending on global fuel prices
- Crew gratuities, which are optional but greatly appreciated
- Merchandise and drone fees