

8 DAY PACKAGE – 5 DAY SEA KAYAKING Option B – Circumnavigate GAM!

This trip circumnavigates the island of Gam, ± 105 km

Points of Interest: Blue Water Mangroves, Beser Bay, Yenbraimuk, Pef, The Passage, Kabui Bay, Mushroom Islands, Friwen Bonda

Difficulty: ★★★★

Package price*: €1270 p.p.

Day 1 – Sunday: Arrival on Kri, check in, welcome and briefing. Lunch and the rest of the day planning and preparations for upcoming sea kayaking trip.

Meals provided: Lunch and Dinner

Day 2 – Monday: After breakfast and packing, receive an equipment, meet the local Papuan guide and set off kayaking towards the island of Gam. *Open water crossing of 5,2km*

Once on the south coast of Gam, head toward the Blue Water Mangroves and explore the area either in the late afternoon or the following day depending on the tide and the guide's discretion.

Estimated Total Distance covered by kayak: 13,5km

Meals provided: Breakfast at Kri, Packed Lunch, Dinner at local guesthouse Tauyado

Day 3 – Tuesday: Departure by kayak after breakfast along south-west coast of Gam. Stop on white sandy beaches along the way for great snorkeling. A brief stop in the village of Yenwaupnor can be made. Arrive at Beser Bay! In the late afternoon explore the southern region of Beser Bay before returning to the guesthouse for the evening.

Estimated Total Distance covered by kayak: 22km

Meals provided: Breakfast at Tauyado, Packed Lunch, Dinner at Beser Bay.

Day 4 – Wednesday: Depart from Beser Bay shortly after breakfast. Head towards 'Yenbraimuk' for a short stop and snorkel before continuing along the western coast of Gam, visiting the small islands of Pef and stopping for lunch on a remote beach. Continue along the north-west coast, entering the Passage where kayakers can take the opportunity to snorkel – many colourful soft corals! Arrival at Warikaf guesthouse. For those keen to kayak more, an exploration of the small limestone cliffs can be made just before dusk.

Estimated Total Distance covered by kayak: 36km

Meals provided: Breakfast at Beser Bay, Packed Lunch, Dinner at Warikaf

Day 5 – Thursday: Departure from Warikaf after breakfast, experience the remote northern coast of Gam. *Note: There are no sandy beaches along this coast and guests are required to keep water-shoes nearby in the event where one needs to land.

Once the beach by "Tanjung Bamboo" is reached, stop and snorkel along shallow reefs. Kayak further along the Mushroom Islands before entering Yenanas guesthouse – great snorkeling on the housereef! There will also be an opportunity to view the Red Bird-of-Paradise the following morning at an additional cost of Rp150,000 paid directly to the guesthouse owner. Hike about an hour into the forest each way.

Estimated Total Distance covered by kayak: 19km

Meals provided: Breakfast at Warikaf, Packed Lunch, Dinner at Yenanas

Day 6 – Friday: Depart after breakfast and a final snorkel. Head towards Friwen Bonda for a snorkel and short break. Depending upon weather, either kayak directly to Kri from this location, or will kayak towards Blue Water Mangroves area before crossing over to Kri island. A break will be made before the crossing for lunch.

Open water crossing of 5,2km

Arrival on Kri and conclusion of sea kayaking trip. De-brief with managers and wash&store kayak, equipment and personal gear.

Estimated Total Distance covered by kayak: 14km

Meals provided: Breakfast at Yenanas, Packed Lunch, Dinner at Kri.

Day 7 – Saturday: This will be a day of rest for both staff and guests and no guided activities are offered. Snorkeling can be done from shore or kayaks can be used to explore the island (unguided) - guests are requested to collect, clean and store the kayaks independently. All meals will be provided by Kri Eco.

Day 8 – Sunday: Departure day. After breakfast the managers will escort you to the boat on stand-by for the return journey to Sorong. Depending on independent arrangements guest will either transfer directly to the airport, or to a hotel.

*Due to the nature of sea kayaking, guests need to be healthy and in fit condition. Should guests be incompetent an additional guide will be assigned to them, the guide fees will be an additional 70Euro per day.

*An 'Estimated Total Distance covered by kayak' is indicated due to slight changes along the route due to conditions, currents, tides.

*Costs do NOT include, flights both international and domestic, required Marine Park Entrance fee (Rp1,000,000 as of May 14, 2017), additional tours such as bird watching, boat excursions, additional guide fees if requested

