



KAYAK IN RAJA AMPAT

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Support  
local communities

Eco-tourism  
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Go places  
no one has been before





## BESER BAY

Beser Bay is **easy and enjoyable**, ideal for a family or inexperienced kayakers. Inside the bay are **many coves and bays** that offer protection from bad weather, and at least two days can be spent kayaking and exploring around this area.

Directly next to the bay (few minutes hike from some guesthouses in Swingray) you can go **explore fresh water sink holes or lovely mountains with good bird life**.

The coves are littered with all sorts of marine life, even the occasional croc, thus we do not encourage swimming inside the bay!



## MANTA SANDY

South of Beser Bay, is an area that has **many sand banks**. These sand banks are formed from currents that are generated by the tidal change. The current brings plenty of fish life but can become difficult to kayak in and care should be taken. Manta Sandy is part of these sandy areas - this is where **manta rays gather** to feed and get cleaned daily.

This is a kayakers dream – you might get to see Reef Manta Rays swim right underneath your kayak! **There is also a very nice village (Airborek) to visit and overnight in a local guesthouse**. Villagers are very friendly and will gladly assist with water supplies or accommodation, and the amazing sunsets they enjoy are breathtakingly beautiful.



## MANGROVE BAY

This is not that far away from our base on Kri island and **can be explored in one day**. Not only are there lots of mangrove vegetation but also dense forest areas to explore by foot. **The bird life is incredible in this area**. There is no better way to view these birds than from a kayak silently gliding through the water. The current in this area is dependent on the tide. When you get the timing right the current will push you into the bay; you can spend some time exploring and once the tide goes out it will bring you out safely again. On the outside area of this mangrove bay (ocean side) **you may find some dugongs feeding** on the sea grass in the shallow water, although very rare.



## WAWYAI

To get to this area will take some time but every paddle put into the water is well worth the effort.

**There are plenty of bays and coves to explore around this area** – truly for die hard explorers. North Wawyai is still very much untouched by western society – **beautiful limestone rocks soar out from the water, crowned with tropical forest**. There are very few sandy beaches because of these cliffs rising up from the water's edge, so you will spend a lot of time sitting in a kayak and finding camp sites is hard and limited. There are also **many caves to explore**, some of these caves were used as burial grounds and the remains can still be seen today. In other caves you can also find some bats species. Drinking water can become a concern and you should be well prepared with water purification pumps, tablets and large water containers.





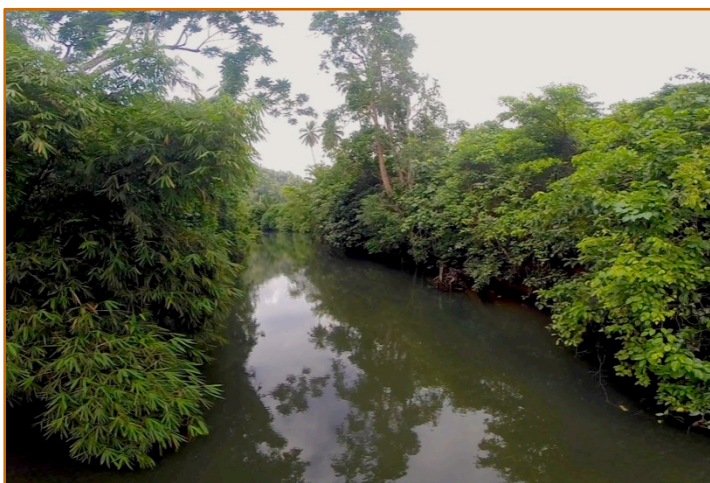
### THE PASSAGE

You cannot claim to have visited Raja Ampat if you have not seen The Passage. **This passage is a separation between Gam Island and Waigeo**, it is no more than 20m at the narrowest and 300m long. The current of the passage is affected by the tide of the ocean; water is squeezed through the passage from the Pacific Ocean on a rising tide creating very strong currents. **Because of these strong currents it attracts a lot of interesting fish life.** The coral life is also spectacular, in just two meters of water. Planning ahead is vital due to the currents, and a tide chart should be used for this trip.



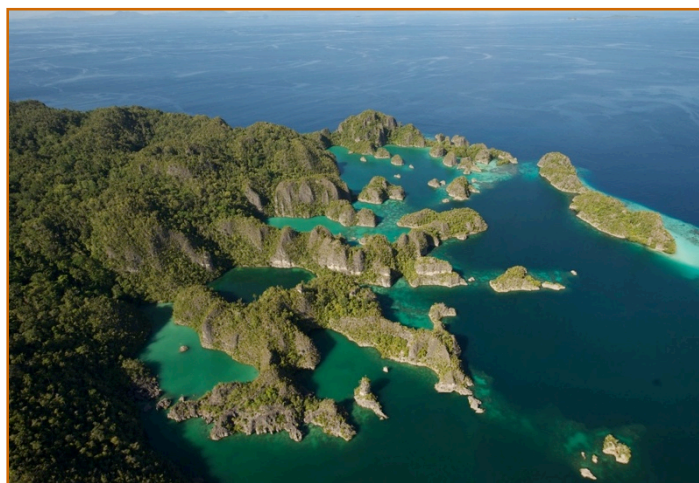
### HIDDEN BAY (PEF)

**With crystal clear water covering beautiful coral reefs** and hundreds of tiny limestone islands scattered all around, this is a kayaker's dream. The current inside the bay works the same as with The Passage; it is all tide related. When the weather is not good, the cliffs do offer protection, thus making it accessible at all times. **Note: This area is off limits for swimming as some salt water crocodiles are in this area, so take caution.**



### KALI RAJA

To explore the Kali Raja is **an expedition on its own**. Not advised for the average kayaker. You have to be confident not only in yourself but also in the equipment you are using. With this said, it is truly a **stunning area to kayak in due to the fresh water flowing from this river**, with dense forest greenery all around you. The birdlife around here is also spectacular! You will be able to kayak and then **hike for a short stretch to reach a small waterfall**. Because of the fresh and cloudy water, crocodiles can become a concern and care needs to be taken when kayaking up this river. Always stay in a group and keep your eyes open.



### FAM ISLANDS

When you think Raja Ampat, the picture of Fam will come to mind. It will take **four days to get there by kayak but all the effort is well worth it**. The island of Fam consists of several large limestone cliffs rising hundreds of meters in the air. It is very possible to kayak around the islands of Fam in one day, but to explore all the coves of Fam can take weeks. There are many places to explore on land, such as a **hike up the limestone cliffs for a stunning panoramic view of the area**. Do take your shoes with you as the rocks are incredibly sharp and dangerous. Fam is uninhabited due to no fresh water supply, so make sure you have enough drinking water when heading out there.