



Full Itinerary & Trip Details

Baliem Valley



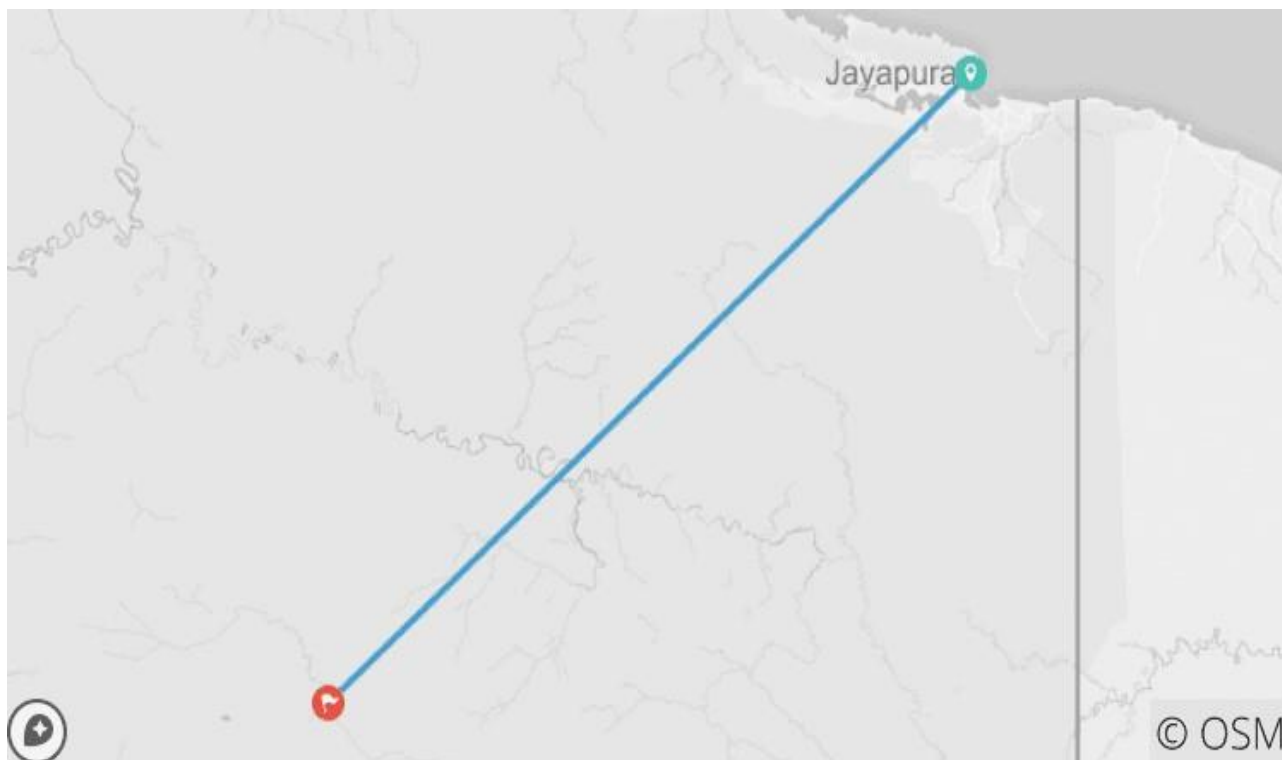
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Trip Overview



PRICE STARTING FROM

\$1,000

DURATION

5 days

IDEAL AGE

17 to 50 year olds

STARTS IN → ENDS IN

Jayapura → Wamena

STYLE

Hiking & Trekking

Itinerary

Introduction

BALIEM VALLEY

High up in the mountains of central Papua at an altitude of 1,600 meters above sea level, hemmed in by steep green mountain walls, lies the stunningly beautiful Baliem Valley, home of the Dani tribe.

Baliem Valley is 72 km. long, and 15 km to 31 km wide in places. It is cut by the Baliem river, which has its source in the northern Trikora mountain, cascading into the Grand Valley, to meander down and further rushing south dropping 1,500 meters to become a large muddy river that slowly empties into the Arafura Sea.

The first outsider to discover the valley was American Richard Archbold, who, on 23 June 1938 from his seaplane, suddenly sighted this awesome valley dotted with neat terraced green fields of sweet potatoes, set among craggy mountain peaks. This is Indonesia's own Shangri-La.

Only recently emerged from the Stone Age, the Dani is known as the "gentle warriors". With their simple tools of stone and bone, they nonetheless, managed to sculpt green fields that hug the hills, where they grow root crops, and raise pigs. They have also built outposts and lookout towers to defend their valley from hostile tribes.

Because of the fertile soil and their agricultural skills, the Dani together with the sub-tribes of the Yali and the Lani, are, therefore, the most populous in Papua, living scattered in small communities near their gardens among the steep mountain slopes. Today, they also cultivate bananas, taro, and yams, ginger, tobacco, and cucumbers.

Day 1: Wamena – Sogokmo – Yetni River – Kurima – Kilise (L,D)

(Trekking 4 – 5 hours, Approx. 9 km)

This morning after breakfast transfer by a car heading south valley 40 minutes to Yetni River and start our trekking with guide and porter team to the village of Kilise about 1900mt above sea level by passing Polimo Village just next to former missionaries grass airstrip. After 1 hour walk, we will pass quite often the Dani sweet potato garden and their traditional villages, stop a while for your time to see and learn their activities, lunch box prepared by the guide on the way. Good walking shoes and rain poncho is advice for your convenient walk.

ACCOMMODATION AT KILISE

Stay overnight in a traditional house called "Honai". A basic toilet and river are available nearby.

Day 2: Kilise – Syokosimo Village (B, L, D)

(Trekking 4 – 5 Hours, Approx. 9 km)

This morning after breakfast we continue the trekking about 2 hours first with our team by passing local paths and crossing Baliem river by the suspension bridge to reach another Dani village of Bades for your lunchtime. Walking times today is a bit longer and some trails are quite slippery especially after the night rain so please don't hesitate to ask some help to your guide or porter. Today we reach Syokosimo village just next to Mugi river by afternoon. If time permitted your guide will take you to walk around the village for learning their activities. Dinner will be prepared by the team in your guest house.

ACCOMMODATION AT SYOKOSIMO

Stay overnight in a basic homestay. A basic toilet is available and there is a river nearby.

Day 3: Syokosmo – Ugem – Pilaba (B, L, D)

(Trekking 5 – 6 Hours, Approx 14 km)

This morning we continue our trekking by following the Dani trail along Mugi river at the beginning and after we cross the bridge of Mugi river we hike up of about 500 metres to reach the village of Ugem (2000 meters above sea level) several Dani settlements we pass on the way heading north valley until we reach the village of Ugem, the highlight of this trip is the scenery of the south valley with combination of seeing the daily activity of the Dani tribe along the trail.

ACCOMMODATION AT PILABA

Stay overnight in a basic homestay. A basic toilet is available and there is a river nearby.

Day 4: Pilaba – Sogokmo – Wamena (B, L, D)

(Trekking 2 – 3 Hours, Approx 7 km)

Our last day trekking takes 3 hours heading north valley to reach the village of Sogokmo where the car is waiting for us. The opportunity of passing several Dani settlements and seeing their family we also have seen today, the trail we are using today often used by the Yali tribe while the tribe on the way back to Yali country of Angguruk, Pronggoli or Kosarek village which takes them 3 – 5 days walk along the mountain trail. Upon arrival in Sogokmo Village (the last trekking site) we continue by car back to Wamena in 45 minutes.

Day 5: Wamena – Jayapura – Jakarta (B)

After breakfast, take an early morning flight to Jayapura.

What's Included

Accommodation

- 4 nights accommodation
 - 3 nights accommodation in the villages - 1 night in Wamena

Guide

Local Guide

Meals

Meals as stated on the itinerary

Flights

Return flight Jayapura–Wamena–Jayapura (Luggage 10kg)

Transport

Airport transfer from and to the hotel

Others

- Personal Porter
- Chef
- All permits and administrative requirements

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