

AURORA

Expedition Cenderawasih

Manokwari to Manokwari | Purup, Roon, Kwatisore, Rouw and Numfoor

Set out on a captivating expedition to Kwatisore in Cenderawasih Bay, one of the most secluded and spectacular places to dive in Indonesia.

The underwater world here is untouched and rich in life, with vibrant coral reefs and, above all, the majestic whale sharks that so often visit these waters.

As you dive the clear, warm sea you will meet colourful schools of fish and graceful sea turtles.

The appeal of Kwatisore is its remoteness and the sense of discovery that comes with diving somewhere so unspoiled.

This expedition is far more than a diving trip, it is an invitation to enjoy the tranquillity and wonder of one of the most extraordinary marine sanctuaries in Indonesia.

The nine nights include the Purup and Roon islands, whale sharks at Kwatisore, Rouw, Num and Numfoor.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
9 nights	Manokwari	Manokwari	Open Water, 30 dives







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Manokwari

You are welcomed in Manokwari and taken to Aurora, your home for the expedition, to settle in and prepare your dive equipment.
Check-in is from 6 am, with free airport pick-up from 06:00, and pick-up in the city centre on request.

DAY 2

Manokwari and Pasir Putih

The expedition starts with a dive on the Pasir Putih wreck off Manokwari, a fascinating piece of maritime history and the perfect spot for the check dive.

DAY 3

Purup Islands

Pulau Purup has a vibrant underwater world, with diverse marine life, pristine coral reefs, colourful fish and intricate coral formations.

DAY 4

Roon Island

Tanjung Ayami, near Pulau Roon, has mesmerising underwater landscapes teeming with life, including schools of fish and reef sharks.

DAY 5

Kwatisore

One of the highlights of the expedition is Kwatisore, renowned for its whale sharks, where you have the unforgettable chance to swim alongside these gentle giants in their natural habitat.

DAY 6

Rouw Island

The central atolls near Pulau Rouw have a wealth of underwater treasures, from vibrant coral gardens to hidden caverns full of marine life.

DAY 7

Num Island

At Yapen and Pulau Num the pristine sites have colourful reef fish and pelagics, and perhaps manta rays and turtles.

DAY 8

Numfoor Island

The last dives of the expedition are at Pulau Numfoor, a final chance to enjoy the underwater beauty of West Papua before returning to Manokwari.

DAY 9

Manokwari

There is one last chance to explore the wrecks near Manokwari, revisiting favourite sites or discovering new ones.

DAY 10

Manokwari

The expedition ends in Manokwari.
Check-out is at 12 noon.

ROUTE MAP

Expedition Cenderawasih route



GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Safety

The boat carries oxygen therapy, an AED, first aid kits, life jackets, a satellite phone and a fire alarm system.

Eco commitment

The boat holds the Manta Trust, Green Fins and Sulubaai labels, and uses mooring buoys instead of anchoring wherever it can.

Check in

A representative holding a sign meets you at the airport, just outside the arrival hall after baggage claim and customs.

Check out

After breakfast on the last day the crew organise your transfer to the airport, according to your flight schedule.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Airport pick-up and drop-off, before and after the cruise, from the nearest airport
- Double or twin air-conditioned en-suite cabin
- Meals and all soft drinks on board, excluding beer, wine, spirits and espresso coffee
- A minimum of 20 to 25 dives, including night dives, depending on the weather and flight schedules
- 12 litre tank, weight belt and weights, and a diving guide
- Nitrox, offered as a service on board
- Multilingual guides on board, speaking French, English and Indonesian
- Land excursions according to the itinerary
- Free Starlink Wi-Fi for WhatsApp, email and basic web browsing
- Marine park and port fees, shown as included in the price on our trip listings

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights and visas
- Scuba diving courses and rental dive equipment
- 15 litre tank
- Dive insurance, which is mandatory
- Extra excursions on request
- Beer, wine, spirits and espresso coffee
- Souvenirs, laundry and use of the satellite phone
- Full-access Starlink Wi-Fi, charged by data package
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Balinese massage
- A single-use supplement if you want a cabin to yourself

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook, showing at least 30 logged dives
- Completed diver medical questionnaire
- Details of your dive insurance, which is mandatory
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy
- Torch for night dives

AND ALSO

- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Personal medication and toiletries
- Passport and cash for crew tips

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

The route is an example and may change with the weather

Good to know

Divers need a Level 1 CMAS or Open Water certificate with at least 30 logged dives

Good to know

A fuel or exchange rate surcharge may be applied, with at least 14 days notice and none within 28 days of departure





