

CALICO JACK

Cenderawasih Bay Manokwari to Nabire

Manokwari to Nabire | Roon, Wandammen and Kwatisore Bay

Cenderawasih Bay is where whale sharks, the gentle giants, are an everyday occurrence all year round.

They gather around the floating fishing platforms, where fishermen toss handfuls of baitfish to keep them close, and diving or snorkelling beside them makes the bay so unique.

Before that come outstanding Second World War wrecks, each decorated with soft and hard corals and home to leaf fish, batfish, octopus and mantis shrimp.

The reefs are covered in huge soft coral and sea whip colonies, sea fans and elephant ear sponges, with schools of barracuda, trevally and fusiliers, reef sharks, and even manta and mobula rays.

The water is fantastically clear.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
12 days / 11 nights	Manokwari	Nabire	Open Water, 10 dives







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation in Manokwari

1 Dive

We will pick you up at your hotel or Manokwari airport and take you to the harbour, where our crew will welcome you onboard Calico Jack.
Following refreshments and a short tour of the ship, you will be briefed on safety, diving operations, and life onboard.
After Lunch, we will make an afternoon check dive in the Manokwari area.

DAY 2

Manokwari

3 Dives, WW2 wreck dives

During World War 2, Manokwari was a Japanese stronghold, and several outstanding wrecks lie within recreational diving depths.
Bombed by the Americans in May 1944, these old warships are now the main attraction for divers in this part of Cenderawasih bay. “Shinwa Maru” (The Good Ghost), is an imposing ship, resting port side up in 35m of water.
It sank near the port of Manokwari after being hit by two bombs, leaving it with two holes in the bow.
In one of the cargos are still cables and machinery once used to move bombs.
The sides are nicely decorated in soft corals and hard corals. “Cross Wreck” is a 35m former patrol boat lying off Mansinam Island, The patrol boat took a direct hit across its bow, and the wreck sits in about 20 m of water.
Coral growth is impressive and colourful and is known for its critters, including leaf fish, juvenile batfish, octopus and mantis shrimp. “Pillbox wreck” is a cargo ship that was carrying ammunition and is roughly 6065 meters long.
It is lying on its starboard side in around 16 meters of water, just off the Coast of Mansinam Island.
It is in good condition and well preserved.

DAY 3

Numfoor and Manim Islands

3 Dives, shipwreck dive

Pulau Numfoor is a wall and steep slope with good coral growth surrounded by clear, blue water and big fish.
Baby Gray reef sharks, white tips, barracudas, tunas, big groupers, jacks, and snappers can easily be spotted.
The fish life is particularly good with some current running.
On Manim Island are more than 7 landing crafts from the war.
They all sit on a white sand slope and each one is decorated with colorful corals, at different depths between 40+ meters to a shallow 5 meters.



DAY 4

Purup Island

3 Dives and a Night Dive, village visit

Pulau Purup has 3 great diving sites offering a little something for everyone.
A combination of beautiful sloping walls decorated with soft and hard corals, sea fans and elephant ear sponges.

DAY 4

Purup Island (continued)

3 Dives and a Night Dive, village visit

There is an abundance of fish life in the area, schools of barracuda, trevally, several species of fusiliers and a mix of reef sharks.
Afternoon there is a possibility to go to the local village and visit some nice local rock art in the area.
Evening night dive in the area.

DAY 5

Mioswar and Roon Islands

3 Dives, Beach BBQ

Three dives in the area with large rocks and boulders covered in both soft and hard coral.
Some of the most prolific green Tubastrea hard corals of Cenderawasih grow here.
Schools of Fusiliers along with bump head parrotfish or the occasional small grey reef shark can be seen here.
Tanjung Ayami is a nice boulder dive with good coral growth and lots of Fusiliers and Barracudas.
Evening we will enjoy one of Calico Jack's famous beach BBQ parties, where you witness a magnificent sunset on our giant bean bags whilst being served up our chef's delicious BBQ dinner.



DAY 6

Roon and Ribbon Islands

3 Dives, Plain wreck dive and a Night dive

These islands are covered with masses of lovely soft corals, sea fans, whips and elephant ear sponges.
Hawksbill, green turtles, barracuda and surgeonfish, can be seen cruising along the oasis of coral.
Just off Pulau Rippon is a downed aircraft from World War 2 resting in 12m on a hard-coral slope.
The wings and some of the fuselage are still intact.
Nice sea fans and soft corals can be found as the slope steepens.
Possible night dive in the area.

DAY 7

Sodompari Island and Wandammen Peninsula

3 Dives

A half kilometer-long reef runs west of Pulau Sodompari.
A lovely mini wall with flourishes of sea fans and soft coral.
Good fish life in the area when the current is running.

DAY 7

Sodompari Island and Wandammen Peninsula (cont...

3 Dives

Wandammen Peninsula good variety of pelagic and critter action with ridges of rocks and bommies covered in colorful sea fans and soft corals, schooling barracuda, giant trevally, fusiliers and plenty of critters to be found in the area



DAY 8

Tridacna Atoll

3 Dives

Tridacna Atoll is a patch of reefs and atolls named after the many Tridacna giant clams that colonized the area.
The area is well known for fantastically clear water, excellent diving and stunning white uninhabited white sand beaches.
An impressive amount of marine life congregates around these reefs.
Schooling barracuda, trevallies, sweetlips, groupers and lots of little critters call these waters home.

DAY 9

Tanjung Mangguar

3 Dives and a Night dive

Tanjung Mangguar is one of the beautiful and interesting dive areas in Cenderawasih .
Huge soft coral and sea whip colonies adorn this reef which attracts a large number of fishes including barracudas, rainbow runners, jacks and even sharks, manta rays and mobula rays can be spotted regularly!
Huge barrel- and elephant ear sponges, giant clams, gardens of Acropora hard corals and lots of fish, all-in crystal-clear water.
Possible night dive in the area.

DAY 10-11

Kwatisore Bay

6 Dives, Diving with Whale Sharks

Kwatisore Bay is home to the majestic and beautiful Whale shark.
This once in a lifetime experience to dive or snorkel with these gentle giants is what really makes Cenderawasih Bay so unique.
This year-round playground for whale sharks is an everyday occurrence.
Cenderawasih Whale sharks are thought to bring good luck to the fisherman who live on the Bagons (floating fishing platforms).
The fisherman toss handfuls of baitfish to the whale sharks so they stay close to the bagans.

DAY 12

Disembarkation in Nabire

After breakfast and the last exchange of photos and memories, the crew and Calico Jack will say our fondest farewell and transport you either to your hotel or Nabire airport.
We are looking forward to welcoming you aboard.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Small groups

Dive groups are limited to 5 divers per guide, with a dedicated tender.

Activities

Kayaks, stand-up paddle boards and snorkel gear are on board.

Check in

Private transfers collect you from the airport or your hotel and take you to the harbour, where the crew welcome you on board.

Check out

After breakfast on the last day the crew transfer you to your hotel or the airport.

Itinerary

Each sample itinerary is an example, and navigation and dive sites vary with the weather.





INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Private airport and hotel transfers
- Air-conditioned en-suite cabin with hot shower, with daily housekeeping
- Three meals a day plus snacks, cooked on board
- 3 or 4 dives a day, with a night dive on alternating nights when the weather allows
- Groups of at most 5 divers, with a dive guide and a dedicated tender
- Snorkel gear, kayaks and stand-up paddle boards
- Starlink Wi-Fi when available, which varies in remote areas
- First aid kits and emergency oxygen

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights, airport taxes and visas
- Park and port fees, covering park entry, village contributions, dive permits, harbour clearances, trekking fees and regional taxes
- Dive equipment rental and dive courses
- Nitrox
- Crew gratuities, which are optional, with 10% of the charter cost suggested
- Alcohol, with beer and wine, and you may bring your own spirits

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Completed diver medical questionnaire
- Details of your dive and travel insurance
- 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

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

The sample itinerary is an example, and navigation and dive sites may vary slightly with the weather and visibility

Good to know

Park and port fees are paid in addition to the cruise price