

CALICO JACK

Cenderawasih Bay Nabire to Manokwari

Nabire to Manokwari | Kwatisore Bay, Wandammen, Roon and Numfoor

Cenderawasih Bay is a year-round playground for whale sharks, and the gentle giants turn up every day around the floating fishing platforms of Kwatisore Bay.

Fishermen toss handfuls of baitfish to keep them close, and the whale sharks are thought to bring good luck.

Reefs are adorned with massive soft coral and sea whip colonies, huge sponges and giant clams in crystal-clear water, with barracuda, jacks, manta rays and Mobula rays.

Whitetip, blacktip and grey reef sharks patrol the walls, and Second World War wrecks and fighter planes lie in shallow water, decorated with colourful coral.

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







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation in Nabire

1 Dive

We will pick you up either at your hotel or Nabire airport and take you to the harbor 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 Kwatisore Bay.

DAY 2-3

Kwatisore Bay

6 Dives, diving with whale sharks

Diving with whale sharks, 6 dives 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 makes Cenderawasih Bay so unique.
Cenderawasih Bay is a year-round playground for whale sharks that is an everyday occurrence.
Cenderawasih Whale sharks are thought to bring good luck to the fisherman who lives on the Bagons (floating fishing platforms).
The fisherman tosses handfuls of baitfish at the whale sharks so they stay close to the bagons.

DAY 4

Tanjung Mangguar

3 Dives and Night Dive

Tanjung Mangguar is one of the beautiful and exciting dive areas in Cenderawasih.
Massive 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 and lots of fish, all-in crystalclear water.
Possible night dive in the area.



DAY 5

Sodompari Island and Wandammen Peninsula

3 Dives

A half kilometer-long reef runs west of Pulau Sodompari.
A lovely mini wall with nourishes of sea fans and so coral.
Good fish life in the area when the current is running.
Wandammen Peninsula offers a 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 6

Roon and Ribbon Islands

3 Dive, Plain wreck diving 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.

DAY 6

Roon and Ribbon Islands (contin...

3 Dive, Plain wreck diving and a Night dive

Just off Pulau Rippon is a downed aircraft from World War 2 resting at 12m on a hard-coral slope.
The wings and some of the fuselage is still intact.
Beautiful sea fans and soft corals can be found as the slope steepens.
Possible night dive in the area.



DAY 7

Mioswar and Roon Islands

3 Dives,Visit to local village, Night dive

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 gray reef shark, can be seen here.
Tanjung Ayami is a nice boulder dive with good coral growth and lots of Fusiliers and Barracudas.
Afternoon we will have a chance to go on land and visit the local village in the area.
Evening Night dive off the front of the village.

DAY 8

Matas and Rouw Islands

3 Dives, Shipwreck diving, Beach BBQ

Early in the morning, we arrive at the beautiful sand island of Pulau Matas.
The chain of the island in this area is breathtaking, with some best beaches to be found in West Papua.
The first dive of the day, we dive the south end of Pulau Matas.
Sloping wall with lovely coral coverage and good fish life.
The second dive, we'll make a small navigation to Pulau Rouw where 3 World War 2 American "P38 Lightning" fighters lie in shallow water.
It's a little unclear how the planes found the way here, but it seems as if they were ditched sometime in 1944.
The afternoon is our scheduled beach afternoon of snorkeling, exploring the inhabitant island, and chilling on one of the most spectacular beaches in Cenderawasih Bay.
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 9

Wairundi Island

3 Dives and Night Dive

Wairundi island offers unspoiled reefs for a great diving experience; you will be amazed by the abundance of rainbowcolored reef fish, hard and soft corals that dominate the landscape.
White sandy slopes feature soft sponge coral and plenty of creatures for the keen underwater photographers of the group.
You can also expect quite a lot of shark action, with Whitetip, Blacktip, and Gray reef sharks patrolling these waters.



DAY 10

Numfoor and Manim Islands

3 Dives, shipwreck dive

Pulau Numfoor is a wall and steep slope with good coral growth surrounded by bright, blue water and big fish.
Baby Grey reef sharks, white tips, barracudas, tunas, big groupers, jacks, snappers can easily be spotted.
The fish life is particularly good with some current running.
On Manim Island are more than seven 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 11

Manokwari WW2 wreck dives

2 Dives, Wreck Diving

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 having been hit by two bombs, leaving it with two holes in the bow.
In one of the cargoes are still cables and machinery once used to move weapons.
The sides are nicely decorated in such corals and hard corals. “Pillbox wreck” is a cargo ship that was carrying ammunition and is roughly 60-65 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 excellent condition and well preserved.

DAY 12

Disembarkation in Manokwari

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 Manokwari 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