

CALICO JACK

Raja Ampat Full Park

Sorong to Sorong | Misool, the Dampier Strait and Raja Ampat Central

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Offshore pinnacles carry shoals of bannerfish and snappers, stalked by giant trevally, while white tip and grey reef sharks shelter under coral tables and oceanic manta rays come to be cleaned.

Elsewhere there are tunnels, caverns and boulders, with gorgonian fans and pygmy seahorses.

Further north, currents bring massive schools of barracuda, fusiliers and batfish, some of the highest voltage diving in Raja Ampat.

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







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation in Sorong

1 Dive

We will pick you up at your hotel or Sorong 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.

DAY 1

Embarkation in Sorong (continued)

1 Dive

We will set sail at approximately 11 am (or when the last guest has boarded) and cruise through Sele Strait to reach the East of Misool, for approximately 12 hours.
This will allow time for you to get acquainted with the ship, set up your dive gear & cameras and meet and socialise with the other guests and friendly crew.
The following six days we will spend exploring Misool, located in the South of Raja Ampat.
Misool is famous for its steep rocks with vertical walls, a profusion of soft, colourful corals, sea fans draped brilliantly over the reefs and plenty of fish.
The islands around East Misool are grouped by area.
We will do a total of 16 to 18 dives in this area.

DAY 2-3

Balbulol, Daram area, Boo Island

6 Dive

Balbulol (No Contest, Dangerous Kayak, Love Potion, Number 9, Pet Rock) Schools of pretax, snapper and bump head parrotfish can be found at these dive sites, including barracudas and jacks surrounding the pinnacles.
You will spend the night in the hidden lagoon, a very special anchorage inside a narrow bay enclosed by towering rocks.
We will take the dinghies to explore another lagoon located further into the rocks, and as night falls, you will see and hear the magnificent Palm Cockatoos roosting along the rainforest edges.
Daram (Candy Store, Warna Berwana, Andiamo) Andiamo is a large, stunning reef with a submerged pinnacle covered in sea fans and surrounded by schools of fusiliers and batfish.
Black tip reef sharks and napoleon wrasse can also be found here.
Candy Store, named so as the first divers to explore this reef felt like kids in a candy store, is covered in huge sponges, beautiful soft corals and sea fans.
In the valleys, schools of fusiliers, butterfly fish and barracuda gather.
Island (cont.) Warokaraket/Boo Island (Shadow Reef, Jamur Boo, Yellit Kecil or Besar) + Night Dive Shadow Reef, also known as Magic Mountain, is one of the toprated diving sites in Raja Ampat.
An offshore pinnacle with a long and narrow ridge, shoals of bannerfish, pyramid butterfly and yellow snappers can be seen cavorting on top of the ridge, persistently stalked by giant trevallies orange-spotted jacks & longnose emperors.
The ridge goes progressively down, with yellowtail barracudas patrolling the upper sector and white tip and grey reef sharks found nestled under the large coral tables.
At the end of the peninsular is a cleaning station where oceanic manta rays come to be cleaned from parasites by wrasse and other reef fish.
Island (cont.) Boo Rock or Jamur Boo is known for the “windows” or rounded openings on the end of the largest rock that completely pierce the reef from the surface down to five meters deep.
Although the two rocks appear separate from the surface, they are in fact connected underwater by a magnificent reef draped in soft corals and brimming with fish.
Reef sharks, parrotfish, surgeonfish, schooling batfish, fusiliers, snappers and moray eels are all found here, as well as a wide variety of nudibranchs, unicornfish, octopus and green turtles.
Yellit Kecil’s (whilst sharing all of the attributes of its neighboring sites) main characteristic is the large number of nembrotha nudibranchs that can be observed on the ridge.

DAY 4

Wayilbatan

3 Dives, Lagoon Exploration and a Night Dive

The Wayilbatan area offers impressive dive sites with a remarkable range of marine diversity and topography.
At Wedding Cake, schools of batfish, trevallies, barracuda and pygmy seahorses congregate.
In the afternoon, you will have the opportunity to take in the scenic landscapes with some kayaking and paddle boarding amongst the most spectacular hidden lagoons in the region.
Four Kings dive site comprises four underwater pinnacles covered in soft coral and colourful tunicates.
You can swim from one rock to the next, enjoying the soft corals, psychedelic colours and abundant fish life.
Be sure to look out for turtles here.



DAY 5

Yilliet

3 Dives

In the early morning, we will take short navigation to dive the Fiabacet area where colourful soft corals and beautiful sea fans smother the reefs.
A deep underwater ridge connects the islands of Boo in the East to Kalig in the West.
In certain areas, the ridge moves up shallower to form the most amazing dive sites in the park.
These include Batu Kecil (also known as Tank Rock), Nudi Rock and Whale Rock, No Contest, Dangerous Kayak, Love Potion, Number 9, and Pet Rock.
Here you will find one of the most extensive reef systems in Raja Ampat, offering a fantastic range of marine diversity.
Expect to see abundant and healthy fish life, a galore of pygmy seahorses, nudibranchs, colourful anemones and reef sharks.

DAY 6

Wagmab

3 Dives

Located 20 km's from Misool Island, this islet of Farondi is a favored dive site in Raja Ampat due to its unique and distinctive landscape which consists of tunnels, caverns, boulders and colorful walls.
The western face of Farondi Island has two large caves with a shallow reef, and a dramatic cliff north of the headland.
Here, a shallow garden of stony corals gradually becomes a sandy slope which is home to large gorgonian fans and bargibanti pygmy seahorses.

DAY 6

Wagmab (continued)

3 Dives

Goa Besar, situated south of Farondi, consists of superficial shelved gardens of yellow-coloured soft corals, wall tops blanketed with plate corals, leather corals, yellow and purple sea squirts, and rounded hollows filled with coral shrubberies, sponges and red ornamental ghost pipefish. Tunnels in the caves collide with green soft coral trees and sponges, and house night-time snapper and sweetlips.
Late in the afternoon after your third dive, we will depart North and set sail for an overnight cruise to Penemu Island; a navigation of approximately 12 hours.

DAY 7

Penem Island

3 Dives, Lagoon Tour, Trekking and Lagoon Exploration

Early in the morning, we will arrive at Penem's My Reef dive site where you will enjoy one of the largest populations of fish in the area.
This site is very impressive, particularly when the current is strong.
After breakfast, you will dive Melissa's Garden; the most well known site in the region, famous for its extensive and healthy hard coral reefs as well as Galaxy; a large reef with abundant marine life.
In the afternoon after your third dive, you will take a short boat tour to Penemu and walk up to the famous viewpoint above Penem's star-shaped lagoons (Piaynemo Raja Ampat).
Here, you will have time to kayak and paddleboard amongst the incredible karst limestone landscape before sunset and dinner onboard.

DAY 8

Wofo

3 Dives, Beach BBQ

We start the day with early navigation to the Wofo Island area, the most northern point of our cruise.
In the morning, you will dive at Wofo's the Black Forest, a stunning dive traversing the deep black fan landscape rising to a beautiful and pristine shallow reef.
The second dive is at Wofo Tembok (a wall dive) and finally Teman Wofo.
The evening will be spent on the beach experiencing one of Calico Jack's famous beach BBQ parties, where you relax on our giant bean bags under the stars, explore the beach and meet the local hermit crabs.

DAY 9

Gam

3 Dives

An early morning's navigation brings us to the stunning Mangrove Anchorage in the passage of Gam and Yanggefo.
Here you will find some of the most stunning dive sites in West Waigeo: Citrus Ridge, Mayhem and Way Pretty Shallow.
In the right conditions, you can expect some of the highest voltage diving in Raja Ampat, with currents bringing massive schools of barracudas, three species of fusiliers, trevallies, batfish, and bump heads parrotfish, wobbegongs, as well as black and white tip reef sharks.

DAY 10

Arborek

3 Dives, Diving with Manta Rays ,Visit to Local Village, Night Dive

After awakening within the mangroves, we will make the short journey to dive at Lalosi, a hard coral sea-mount with an extremely diverse range of sea life when the currents are strong.
From here we dive at one of the most reliable Manta ray congregation spots in all of Raja Ampat, the famous cleaning station, Manta Sandy.
It is easy to spend a whole day observing these majestic creatures as they somersault through the water, feeding on plankton and being cleaned by several species of wrasse and butterfly fish.
In the afternoon we'll make our way to Arborek in Dampier Strait, where you will visit the local village and see the traditional way of life for these island people, before enjoying a night dive at the Arborek Pier.
In the shallows, the posts at Arborek Pier are covered in soft corals, with pipefish and cuttlefish dwelling deeper below.
On the reef, giant clams nestle among soft corals, which also provide shelter for hermit crabs, flatworms and skeleton shrimp.

DAY 11

Dampier Strait

2 Dives

The final dives will be in the morning at Cape Kri where you will discover some of the largest concentrations of big fish in Raja Ampat.
Large schools of trevallies, barracudas, bannerfish, sweetlips, tuna and snappers congregate on these sites.
Large grey reef sharks can also be seen.
In the afternoon, we have time to relax on one of Kri's stunning secluded beaches before sailing back to Sorong where you will arrive later in the evening.

DAY 12

Disembarkation in Sorong

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 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