

CALICO JACK

Raja Ampat North Wayag

Sorong to Sorong | Dampier Strait, Penemu, Kawe and Wayag

Wayag is the prize of this route, famous for its lagoons and for a manta cleaning point where graceful rays glide amongst the rocks.

The slopes here are decorated with lush black coral forests and gorgonian sea fans.

In the shark sanctuary at the heart of the archipelago, around 20 friendly juvenile sharks swim by the beach.

On the way, "fish thunder" engulfs you in the Dampier Strait, and manta rays somersault through the water.

From the top of Mount Pindito there is a 360 degree view, and with luck the shapes of mantas in the turquoise water below.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
9 days / 8 nights	Sorong	Sorong	Open Water, 10 dives







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation in Sorong

1 Dive, Mioskon - the "Bat" Island, Beach Bonfire

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 (cont...

1 Dive, Mioskon - the "Bat" Island, Beach Bonfire

We will aim to depart by 11 am (or when the last guest is onboard) and head 5 hours north to Waisai.
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 before an afternoon check dive.
You will spend the night close to Waisai at a safe anchorage on the Mioskon dive site.
For the sunset, we visit Mioskon island with the friendly cat colony living on it and witness the swarms of flying foxes departing on the night's adventure.

DAY 2

Dampier Strait

3 Dives, Jetty Diving

After a short, early morning's navigation, we begin the day with dives at Mioskon & Sardine Reef.
Ironically, sardines are about the only reef fish not found at Sardine reef, but you'll hardly notice as "fish thunder" (the loud booming sound made when large numbers of fish move rapidly through open water) engulfs you, and swarms of fish block out the sky.
Both are incredible dive sites full of schooling fish, including fusiliers, surgeonfish, trevallies, rainbow runners, sweetlips and bannerfish.
The reefs are adorned in sea fans, soft corals and orange elephant ear sponges.
In the afternoon, you will dive Cape Kri.
One of the most renowned sites in the region, it boasts some of the largest concentrations of big fish in Raja Ampat, and holds the impressive record of 374 fish species identified during one 90 minute dive.
For sunset, we head west to our anchorage outside the village of Yenbuba where you will experience your first night dive at Yenbuba Jetty.

DAY 3

Arborek Island/Man...

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

Starting the day close to our anchorage, you will begin the morning with a dive at Cape Yenbuba, a beautiful drift wall dive.
Whilst taking breakfast, we relocated 1.5 hours to one of the most reliable Manta ray congregation spots in 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.
For lunch, we'll make our way to Arborek.
After a third dive at Lalosi, a seemingly never-ending pristine submerged reef, 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, providing shelter for hermit crabs, flatworms and skeleton shrimp.



DAY 4

Penem Island

3 Dives, Lagoon Cruising, Trekking to the View Point

Early in the morning, we will arrive at Penemu's My Reef dive site where you will enjoy one of the largest concentrations of fish in the area.
This site is very impressive, particularly when the current is strong.
Before lunch we'll squeeze in a second dive at Melissa's Garden, a beautiful coral garden teeming with schooling fish and sharks, you will take a short boat tour to Penem Islands and walk up to the famous viewpoint above Piaynemo star-shaped lagoons.

DAY 5

Kawe to Wayag

2 Dives, Lagoon Exploration and Trekking

We will make our way across the Equator and towards the picturesque and famous Lagoons of Wayag.
On the way, you will dive at Eagle Rock; a large area made up of 3 differing islets that are interconnected underwater.
Large schools of fish including bumphead parrotfish congregate here, as well as winged pipefish, several species of dragonets and an array of unusual nudibranchs not often seen anywhere else in Raja Ampat.
Before entering the lagoons and anchoring, you will dive at Black Rock, a site famous for its lush black coral forests and gorgonian sea fans decorating the sloping rocks and reef.
The afternoon will be spent exploring the area by kayak, paddle board or speed boat.
Here, we can ascend and trek to a vantage point on Mount Pindito where you will get a 360° panoramic view of the spectacular landscape, and if lucky, the shapes of mantas revealed in the shallow turquoise waters below.

DAY 6

Wayag

2 Dives, Diving with Manta Rays, Shark Sanctuary

In the morning, we dive into our secret Manta cleaning point to observe this graceful animal gliding amongst the rocks.
After lunch, we will go to the Shark Sanctuary in the archipelago's heart.
Here you will have a meet with around 20 friendly juvenile sharks swimming by the beach.
Afternoon navigation to Wofo.

DAY 7

Wofo

3 Dives and Beach BBQ

We start the day with an early navigation to the Wofo Island area.
Here, in the morning you will dive at Wofo's Black Forest, a stunning dive traversing the deep black fan landscape rising to a beautiful and pristine shallow reef.
The second dive is a Wofo Tembok (a wall dive) and finally Teman Wofo.
The evening will be spent on a secluded beach experiencing one of Calico Jack's famous beach BBQ parties, where you relax on our giant bean bags under a pagoda, whilst being served up our chef's delicious BBQ.
Explore the beach, meet the local hermit crabs and indulge in a glass of wine as music is played and fireworks light the night sky.

DAY 8

Yanggefo

2 Dives and Beach Time

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: Mayhem and Citrus Ridge.
In the right conditions you can expect some of the highest voltage diving in Raja Ampat, with currents bringing in massive schools of barracudas, three species of fusiliers, trevallies, batfish, bump head parrotfish, wobbegongs, as well as black and white tip reef sharks.
Depending on the no fly restrictions, you may dive twice in the morning before spending the afternoon relaxing on the beach and taking in the atmosphere before relocating back to Sorong in the evening.

DAY 9

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