

CALICO JACK

Triton Bay to Raja Ampat

Kaimana to Sorong | Triton Bay, Misool and Raja Ampat

Whale sharks can be met all year round in Triton Bay, one of the only places in the world where that is true.

They are drawn to the local fishing platforms, where fishermen feed them because they believe the whale sharks bring good luck.

Around them lies a reef of mind-blowing diversity, with fields of soft coral, thick forests of black coral and sea fans, and fish of every kind and size.

Soft coral walls teem with jacks and barracuda, turtles and all kinds of critters.

Heading north, remote Pisang has swirling schools, mantas and turtles, and Misool has manta cleaning stations and reef sharks.

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







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation in Kaimana

1 Dive

We will pick you up from the hotel in Kaimana 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 Kaimana (continued)

1 Dive

You will be served a delicious lunch and have time to get acquainted with the ship, set up your dive gear & cameras, and meet and socialise with the other guests and friendly crew.
We will do a check dive in the area later in the afternoon.

DAY 2-3

Triton Bay

6 Dives, beach BBQ

Four hours from Kaimana, we visit the head of the village for permission to swim with the local whale sharks.
This is one of the only places in the world where you can encounter whale sharks all year round.
The whale sharks are attracted to the local fishing platforms (bagans) because the fishermen feed them as they believe they bring good luck.
Larry's heaven dive site is, without a doubt, one of the most beautiful places ever and has been given its name by the late Larry Smith.
The colors and sheer diversity are truly mind-blowing experiences.
Fields of soft coral, thick forests of black coral, sea fans, and hard corals dominate the reef.
Fish, fish, and fish are everywhere, all kinds and all sizes, true underwater heaven.
Aiduma is an island outside of the mouth of Triton Bay.
Every inch is occupied by some invertebrate and an abundance of soft and hard corals.
Large numbers of jacks, and mackerels patrol these waters.
Large groups and tasselled wobbegongs also call this dive site home.
The little Komodo dive site resembles the famous invertebrate-rich sites that abound in Southern Komodo National Park and is one of the top dive sites in all of West Papua!
A series of boulders about 14m high, covered in diminutive orange soft corals, schools of sweetlips in black coral and waves of anthias and damselfish on steroids, nearly break the surface.
While in Triton Bay, we will enjoy one of Calico Jack's famous beach BBQ parties, where the crew will entertain and socialize with you as you relax on our giant bean bags under a pagoda while being served up our chef's delicious BBQ dinner.

DAY 4

Namatote

3 Dives

Five-hour navigation from Triton Bay are the islands of Namatote and Sagin.
Rich with diverse fish life and beautiful hard and soft corals, these islands are great for macro and pelagic species.
Soft coral walls teaming with schools of jacks and barracuda, turtles, wondrous octopus, and all kinds of critters make it great diving for both wide-angle and macro enthusiasts.
We will manage three dives in this area.
Early morning navigation to Momon.



DAY 5

Momon

3 Dives, Waterfall

Early morning, we arrive at West Papua's Momon reef, where we will make three dives on this large hard coral seamount, which is blessed with some of the healthiest fish life in the area.
Afternoon we will visit the beautiful Kite Kiti waterfalls where a freshwater river runs right into the sea!
Early morning navigation to Pulau Pisang.

DAY 6

Pulau Pisang

3 Dives

Seventy miles south of Misool is the beautiful Pisang archipelago, where we'll dive off the surrounding islands.
The corals are extremely healthy in this remote area and are full of life.
You'll see giant elephant ears and swirling schools of a wide variety of fish, mantas, and turtles.

DAY 7

Wayilbatan, Misool

3 Dives and night dive, kayaking

The Wayilbatan area offers impressive dive sites with a remarkable range of marine diversity and topography.
At the Wedding Cake dive site, 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.
The 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.
Possible night dive in this area.

DAY 8

Warokaraket, Misool

4 Dives, diving with manta rays

Shadow Reef, also known as Magic Mountain, is one of the top-rated diving sites in Raja Ampat.
An off-shore pinnacle with a long and narrow ridge, schools 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.
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 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 such 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 (while sharing all of the attributes of its neighboring sites) main characteristic is a large number of Nembrotha nudibranchs that can be observed on the ridge.



DAY 9

Yilliet, Misool

3 Dives

In the early morning, we will take short navigation to dive the Fiabacet area where colourful 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 unforgettable dive sites in the park.
These include Batu Kecil (also known as Tank Rock), Nudi Rock, and Whale Rock.
Here you will find one of the most extensive reef systems in Raja Ampat, offering a fantastic range of marine diversity.
You can expect to see abundant and healthy fish life, a galore of pygmy seahorses, nudibranchs, colorful anemones, and reef sharks.

DAY 10

Daram, Misool

3 Dives

Andiamo is a large, stunning reef with a submerged pinnacle covered in sea fans and surrounded by schools of fusiliers and batfish.
Blacktip reef sharks and napoleon wrasse can also be found here.

DAY 10

Daram, Misool (continued)

3 Dives

The 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 corals and sea fans.
In the valleys, schools of fusiliers, butterflyfish, and barracuda gather.

DAY 11

Balbulol

1 Dive, beach time

Schools of platax, snapper, and bump head parrotfish can be found at No Contest and Love Potion dive sites, including barracudas and jacks surrounding the pinnacles.
You will spend the afternoon 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.
Late in the afternoon, we will depart North and set sail for an overnight cruise back to Sorong, navigation of approximately 12 hours.

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

Good to know

There are 3 dives in the text for Warokaraket on day 8 and 4 dives in its heading