

Malaillo & Malayeka Liveboard

North Halmahera – Morotai - 10 Nights /11 Days| Up to 35 Dives

Trip Overview

Discover one of Indonesia's least-explored diving frontiers on this exciting expedition through North Halmahera and Morotai. From vibrant coral reefs and dramatic seamounts to historic WWII wrecks, remote islands, and thriving marine ecosystems, this journey offers an incredible blend of macro life, pelagic encounters, pristine reefs, and cultural experiences.

Expect encounters with reef sharks, turtles, schools of fusiliers and trevallies, eagle rays, walking sharks, and a remarkable diversity of coral life as you explore some of the most untouched waters in the Coral Triangle.

Day 1 – Embarkation | Ternate (TTE)

Guests embark in Ternate and settle into their cabins aboard Malaillo. Depending on arrival times, the vessel will begin cruising toward Jailolo.

Following the general boat and dive briefing, a check dive will be conducted at **Tanjung Kailupa**, a beautiful combination of wall and sloping reef covered with gorgonians, sea fans, sponges, and Acropora corals.

Common sightings: Blacktip reef sharks, turtles, cuttlefish, octopus, jackfish, and large schools of anthias.

Day 2 – Loloda Island | 4 Dives

Kahatola Channel: A thrilling channel dive featuring strong currents, dramatic reef formations, and large boulders.

Sidanga Passage: A beautiful drift dive with impressive topography and numerous resting points along the route.

Waterfall Excursion: Visit the picturesque Kahatola Waterfall before returning to the vessel.

Afternoon & Night Dive: Additional dives around the Loloda area offer excellent opportunities to explore healthy reefs and vibrant marine life.

Common sightings: Reef sharks, turtles, fusiliers, surgeonfish, snappers, batfish, mantis shrimp, and anthias.

Day 3 – Doi Island | 4 Dives

Jackpot: A spectacular ridge covered in healthy hard corals and surrounded by dense schools of fish.

Wonderwall: A stunning wall dive featuring soft corals, whip corals, caverns, and abundant reef life.

Doi Channel: Exploration dive along a dynamic reef system with excellent fish activity.

Night Dive – Muka Kampung: A combination of sandy patches and coral formations ideal for macro photography.

Common sightings: Napoleon wrasse, blacktip reef sharks, rainbow runners, tunas, turtles, nudibranchs, cuttlefish, and crustaceans.

Day 4 – Womow Seamount | 4 Dives

Womow Reef 1 & 2: Two spectacular dives on a seamount rising to only 7 meters below the surface, surrounded by steep slopes and rich coral growth.

Blacktip Point (Metita): A shark-focused dive site with sandy channels and coral patches.

Night Dive – Metita House Reef: Excellent opportunity to search for the elusive Raja Ampat walking shark and other nocturnal critters.

Common sightings: Grey reef sharks, blacktip and whitetip reef sharks, giant trevallies, tunas, pyramid butterflyfish, nudibranchs, and crustaceans.

Day 5 – Morotai | 4 Dives

Lopong Utara Shipwreck: A large historic wreck resting between 30–50 meters, covered in marine life.

Karang Buho-Buho: A submerged reef featuring healthy coral growth and active fish populations.

Wamama Reef: A beautiful drift dive along walls and caverns.

Night Dive – Wamama Reef

Common sightings: Yellow snappers, batfish, giant trevallies, Napoleon wrasse, reef sharks, turtles, and schooling reef fish.

Day 6 – Morotai WWII Wrecks & Walls | 4 Dives

Bristol Plane Wreck: Explore fascinating WWII relics, including Bristol Beaufort aircraft wreckage and military artifacts.

Sagolo: A dramatic wall dive with deep caverns and excellent fish life.

Kasar Wall: A colorful drift dive featuring healthy coral growth and regular turtle sightings.

Night Dive – Jababek: A productive macro site with sandy patches and coral bommies.

Common sightings: Turtles, reef sharks, Napoleon wrasse, nudibranchs, crustaceans, cuttlefish, and walking sharks.

Day 7 – Rao | 4 Dives

Tanjung Garam: Rock formations, canyons, and swim-throughs create an exciting underwater landscape.

Batu Aru: Dramatic walls and ledges with abundant schooling fish.

Saminyamau: A gentle coral slope ideal for relaxed diving and photography.

Night Dive – Saminyamau

Common sightings: Eagle rays, blacktip reef sharks, fusiliers, surgeonfish, jackfish, snappers, and reef fish schools.

Day 8 – Kolorai | 4 Dives

The Canyon: One of the signature dive sites of the region, known for impressive fish action and beautiful reef formations.

Sussie Wreck: A small steel wreck resting between 18–32 meters, attracting a variety of marine life.

Kolorai Reef: A colorful coral slope with excellent biodiversity.

Night Dive – Kolorai Reef

Common sightings: Trevallies, rainbow runners, turtles, reef sharks, lionfish, and occasionally guitar sharks or mobula rays.

Day 9 – Metita | 4 Dives

Lighthouse: A healthy reef featuring hard coral gardens, gorgonians, and sponges.

Deep Corner: A colorful site with vibrant hard and soft corals.

Om Karibo

One of the area's most pristine coral gardens with excellent biodiversity.

Night Dive – Metita House Reef

Common sightings: Fusiliers, surgeonfish, turtles, crocodile fish, reef sharks, and a wide variety of reef species.

Day 10 – Dagasuli / Doi | 2 Dives

The Boulders

Large boulder formations surrounded by healthy coral growth and active fish life.

Lama

A colorful reef featuring schools of fish and occasional nurse shark encounters.

Common sightings: Fusiliers, surgeonfish, sweetlips, blacktip reef sharks, and nurse sharks.

Heading back to Ternate.

Day 11: Disembarkation (Ternate-TTE)

Please note that the latest disembarkation from Malaillo is **11:00 AM**. Guests with later departing flights will be transferred directly to the Airport at 11:00 AM, while guests with confirmed transit hotel reservations will be transferred to their respective hotels following disembarkation. No onboard stay is available after 11:00 AM.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Flying After Diving: The last dive of the trip will take place on Day 10. Divers are strongly advised to observe a 24-hour surface interval before flying.

Travel Tip:

Arrival Recommendation: We highly recommend arriving in the city of embarkation one day prior to the cruise departure and staying at a local hotel. This provides flexibility in the event of unexpected flight or luggage delays, or cancellations.

Departure Recommendation: We strongly advise against booking international flights on the same day as disembarkation, to ensure a smooth and stress-free transfer.

Itinerary Disclaimer: This itinerary is provided as a sample only and may be adjusted due to weather conditions, sea conditions, local regulations, or other operational considerations. The final route, timing, dive sites, and activities remain at the discretion of the Captain and Cruise Director, who will always prioritize guest safety while striving to deliver the best possible experience.
