

Malaillo & Malayeka Liveboard

Raja Ampat Central - 6 Nights /7 Days| Up to 18 Dives

Trip Overview

Discover the highlights of Central Raja Ampat on this unforgettable expedition through one of the world's richest marine environments. Dive iconic sites in the heart of Dampier Strait, including Sardines Reef, Melissa's Garden, Cape Kri, Manta Ridge, and Manta Sandy, renowned for their vibrant coral reefs, extraordinary fish life, and frequent manta ray encounters.

Explore the stunning reefs of Penemu, Yanggefo, and Kri, where healthy coral gardens, wobbegong sharks, reef sharks, turtles, and large schools of fish are commonly seen. Enjoy unforgettable topside experiences with a visit to the spectacular Penemu Viewpoint and the traditional village of Arborek, offering a glimpse into local Papuan culture.

Combining world-class diving, abundant marine biodiversity, breathtaking island scenery, and authentic cultural experiences, this itinerary is the perfect introduction to the wonders of Raja Ampat.

Day 1: Embarkation (Sorong - SOQ)

Upon arrival in Sorong, guests will be transferred to the vessel for check-in, cabin allocation, vessel orientation, and safety briefings.

Following departure, the vessel begins its cruise towards Mioskon Island in the heart of Dampier Strait.

Day 2 – Dampier Strait (4 Dives)

Begin the expedition with a check dive at **Mioskon Island**, allowing guests to become familiar with their equipment and local diving conditions.

The second dive takes place at **Sardines Reef**, a vibrant reef renowned for its healthy coral growth and abundant marine life.

The third and night dives are conducted at **Sawandarek**, located on Mansuar Island. This spectacular site features pristine coral gardens and abundant marine life, including reef sharks, barracuda, Napoleon wrasse, giant trevally, turtles, nudibranchs, crabs, and shrimps.

Day 3 – Penemu (Pianemo) (4 Dives)

Start the day at **My Reef**, one of the signature dive sites of Penemu, known for its exceptional coral growth and impressive fish life.

The second dive explores the legendary **Melissa's Garden**, widely regarded as one of Raja Ampat's finest hard coral gardens.

The third dive takes place at **Keruo Channel**, featuring beautiful coral formations, black coral bushes, and excellent marine biodiversity.

In the afternoon, guests will enjoy an excursion to the famous **Penemu Viewpoint** and its stunning lagoon system before returning for a night dive.

Day 4 – Yanggefo (4 Dives)

All dives will be conducted around the reefs of Yanggefo.

The day begins at **Mayhem**, followed by **Citrus Ridge**, both known for their vibrant coral growth and impressive fish biomass.

The third and night dives take place at **Pretty Shallow**, one of Raja Ampat's most beautiful coral gardens.

Common sightings throughout the day include wobbegong sharks, Napoleon wrasse, giant trevally, schooling batfish, reef sharks, and turtles.

Day 5 – Arborek & Dampier Strait (4 Dives)

Start the day at **Manta Ridge**, one of Raja Ampat's most reliable manta ray cleaning stations.

The second dive takes place at **Manta Sandy**, another famous manta aggregation site where prolonged encounters are often possible.

In the afternoon, guests will visit the traditional village of **Arborek**, offering a glimpse into local Papuan culture and daily life.

The third and night dives will be conducted beneath the famous **Arborek Jetty**, a photographer's paradise known for its vibrant marine life and macro subjects.

Day 6 – Kri (2 Dives)

Enjoy the final diving day of the expedition.

The first dive takes place at **Cape Kri**, one of Raja Ampat's most celebrated dive sites, famous for its incredible fish biomass, healthy coral reefs, and abundance of marine life.

The second dive is conducted at **Lao-Lao Reef**, a beautiful submerged reef featuring excellent coral growth and vibrant fish life.

Following the final dive, the vessel begins its return cruise to Sorong.

Day 7 – Disembarkation (Sorong-SOQ)

Disembarkation Information:

The latest disembarkation time from Malaillo is **11:00 AM**. Guests with afternoon or evening flights will be transferred directly to Airport at 11:00 AM. Guests with confirmed transit hotel reservations will be transferred directly to their hotel following disembarkation.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

***Flying After Diving:** The last dive of the trip will take place on Day 6. 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.*
