

Malaillo & Malayeka Liveboard

Raja Ampat Central - 8 Nights /9 Days| Up to 26 Dives

Trip Overview

This unforgettable journey explores the heart of Raja Ampat, widely regarded as one of the most biodiverse marine ecosystems on Earth. From the fish-rich currents of Dampier Strait to the iconic limestone landscapes of Wayag and Penemu, this expedition offers an incredible combination of world-class diving, spectacular scenery, and authentic cultural experiences.

Divers can expect vibrant coral gardens, dramatic pinnacles, submerged reefs, manta ray encounters, wobbegong sharks, schooling fish, and some of the highest marine biodiversity found anywhere in the world. Highlights include Cape Kri, Melissa's Garden, Eagle Rock, Manta Ridge, the famous viewpoints of Penemu and Wayag, and visits to traditional Papuan villages.

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 – Kawe (4 Dives)

Located near the Equator, Kawe is famous for its nutrient-rich waters and exciting pelagic encounters.

Dives will be conducted at **Eagle Rock** and **Black Rock**, two of Raja Ampat's premier manta ray sites. Depending on conditions and manta activity, one of these dives may be repeated to maximize encounter opportunities.

The day concludes with a night dive in the sheltered bay of Wayag.

Day 5 – Wayag (4 Dives)

Begin the morning with a hike to the iconic **Wayag Viewpoint**, offering breathtaking panoramic views of Raja Ampat's most famous limestone islands.

Following the excursion, dives will be conducted at **Figure Eight Rock** and **Far Out Rock**, both featuring dramatic underwater landscapes, healthy coral reefs, and abundant marine life.

In the afternoon, guests will explore Wayag's spectacular lagoon system before enjoying a night dive.

Day 6 – 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 7 – 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 8 – 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 9 – 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 8. 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.
