MALAILLO

# Raja Ampat, Morotai and North Halmahera

*Sorong to Ternate | Raja Ampat, Morotai and North Halmahera*

An incredible variety of underwater landscapes, from vibrant coral gardens and dramatic walls to submerged seamounts, channels, wrecks and shark-filled reefs.

Manta rays circle gracefully above the reef at one of Raja Ampat's premier cleaning stations, and at Kawe large boulders are draped in colourful soft corals.

Penemu has a shallow reef covered in pristine corals, widely regarded as one of the finest hard coral gardens in the world.

In Morotai a seamount rises to within about 7 metres of the surface, where grey reef, blacktip and whitetip reef sharks patrol.

Walking sharks come out on the night dives, and a dramatic canyon brings eagle rays, turtles and reef sharks.

| LENGTH | DEPARTURE PORT | ARRIVAL PORT | EXPERIENCE |
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| 10 nights | Sorong | Ternate | 50+ dives suggested |







# Your itinerary

DAY 1

## Embarkation (Sorong)

Guests board the vessel in Sorong.
Following check-in, cabin allocation, vessel orientation, safety briefing, and completion of harbour formalities, the vessel departs and cruises approximately 40 nautical miles toward Friwin Island.

DAY 2

## Dampier Strait

4 dives

Dive 1, Friwin (Check Dive): An excellent site to begin the expedition, featuring healthy coral growth and abundant marine life.
Common sightings include green turtles, blacktip reef sharks, and wobbegong sharks.
Dive 2, Cape Kri: One of Raja Ampat's most famous dive sites, known for its spectacular hard coral gardens and extraordinary fish diversity.
Expect schools of bigeye trevally, barracuda, oriental sweetlips, reef sharks, and turtles.
Dive 3 and Night dive, Sawandarek: A beautiful shallow reef with exceptional coral coverage and abundant marine life.
Green turtles, barracuda, bigeye trevally, and wobbegong sharks are frequently encountered.

DAY 3

## Mansuar and Gam

4 dives

Dive 1, Manta Ridge: One of Raja Ampat's premier manta ray cleaning stations.
Divers typically remain stationary using reef hooks while observing manta rays gracefully circling above the reef.
Dive 2, Mayhem: A submerged reef rising to approximately 7 metres below the surface.
The reef top is covered with healthy hard corals and large bommies surrounded by abundant fish life, including barracuda, batfish, bigeye trevally, and wobbegong sharks.
Dive 3 and Night dive, Pretty Shallow: A stunning coral garden known for its vibrant hard corals and diverse marine life.
Blacktip reef sharks, turtles, nudibranchs, pygmy seahorses, and wobbegongs are commonly seen.



DAY 4

## Penemu

4 dives

Dive 1, Melissa's Garden: Widely regarded as one of the finest hard coral gardens in the world. The shallow reef is covered in pristine corals and offers excellent opportunities to encounter Napoleon wrasse, reef sharks, barracuda, and turtles.
Dive 2, Keruo Channel: A beautiful channel featuring healthy hard corals, black coral bushes, and diverse marine life.
Napoleon wrasse, turtles, reef sharks, and wobbegongs are frequently spotted.
Dive 3, Melissa's Garden: A second opportunity to explore this extraordinary reef and appreciate its incredible biodiversity.
Night Dive, Galaxy: An excellent night diving location with minimal current and a variety of crustaceans, octopus, and occasional Raja Ampat walking sharks.

DAY 5

## Kawe

4 dives

Dive 1, Eagle Rock: A dramatic site featuring large boulders draped in colourful soft corals. Marine life includes fusiliers, surgeonfish, wobbegong sharks, and occasional manta rays.
Dive 2, Black Rock: Known for its extensive black coral forests and abundant fish life.
Schools of fusiliers, sweetlips, surgeonfish, reef sharks, and manta rays may be encountered.
Dive 3, Figure Eight Rock: An attractive reef with coral bommies covered in glassfish.
Excellent for both macro photography and pelagic fish encounters.
Night Dive, Wayag Bay: A calm night dive focusing on crustaceans and other nocturnal marine creatures.

DAY 6

## Wayag

3 dives

Morning Excursion, Wayag Viewpoint No morning dive.
Guests will enjoy a trek to the iconic Wayag viewpoint, offering breathtaking panoramic views over Raja Ampat's limestone islands.
Dive 1, Wayag Rock: A fish-rich reef where divers may encounter Napoleon wrasse, bumphead parrotfish, reef sharks, and numerous macro subjects.
Dive 2, Far Out Rock: A spectacular wall and ridge system featuring large boulders, swim-throughs, and excellent fish life.
Grey reef sharks, sweetlips, and reef sharks are common sightings.
Night Dive, Wayag Bay.

DAY 7

## Sayang

2 dives

Dive 1, Bumphead Reef: A gently sloping reef where bumphead parrotfish, turtles, and a variety of macro life are regularly observed.
Dive 2, Sayang Channel: Another beautiful reef system with healthy coral growth and frequent sightings of bumphead parrotfish and turtles.
Following the second dive, the vessel begins its overnight crossing toward Morotai.

DAY 8

## Morotai

4 dives

Dive 1, Womow Reef I: A seamount rising to approximately 7 metres below the surface and descending into deep slopes.
Expect encounters with grey reef sharks, blacktip and whitetip reef sharks, giant trevallies, tuna, and large schools of reef fish.
Dive 2, Womow Reef II: Similar topography and marine life to the first dive, offering another opportunity to explore this productive reef system.
Dive 3, Blacktip Point: A shark-focused dive where numerous blacktip reef sharks patrol sandy channels and coral outcrops.
Night Dive, Metita House Reef: A rewarding night dive with healthy coral growth and opportunities to spot walking sharks, crustaceans, and other nocturnal species.

DAY 9

## Kolorai

4 dives

Dive 1, The Canyon: One of Morotai's highlights, featuring dramatic canyon formations and excellent fish life, including fusiliers, surgeonfish, rainbow runners, trevallies, turtles, reef sharks, and eagle rays.
Dive 2, Susi Wreck: An 18-metre steel wreck resting on the reef slope.
The wreck hosts lionfish and various reef species, while larger visitors such as guitar sharks and mobula rays occasionally appear.
Dive 3 and Night Dive Kolorai Reef: A beautiful sloping reef covered with healthy hard corals and abundant marine life.

DAY 10

## Pulau Doi

2 dives

Dive 1, Jackpot: A spectacular ridge covered in vibrant hard corals and surrounded by dense schools of fusiliers and surgeonfish.
Napoleon wrasse, tuna, trevallies, reef sharks, and other pelagic species are common highlights.
Dive 2, Wonderwall: Beginning on a gentle reef slope before transitioning into a stunning vertical wall covered in soft corals, overhangs, and caverns.
Excellent fish life includes yellow snapper, turtles, Napoleon wrasse, tuna, and reef sharks.
After the final dive, the vessel begins its cruise towards Ternate.

DAY 11

## Disembarkation (Ternate)

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.

GOOD TO KNOW

# Life on board

## Food and drink

Meals on Malaillo are served buffet style, with Asian and Mediterranean dishes and vegan and vegetarian options. Full board covers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with snacks and fruit through the day, and one barbecue night is included on every cruise.

## The diving

Malaillo has a dedicated dive deck with a personal station for every guest, tank storage and refilling on board, and easy access to the tenders. Diving follows PADI standards, and the dive guides are professionally trained, with a maximum of four divers per guide.

WORTH KNOWING

# Key notes

## Good to know

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

## Good to know

This itinerary is a sample and may be adjusted due to weather conditions, sea conditions, local regulations, or other operational considerations





