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Whale Sharks and Wrecks

Manokwari to Manokwari | Cenderawasih Bay, Kwatisore and Numfor

Cenderawasih Bay, in West Papua, is the place where whale sharks gather at the fishing outriggers.

At Kwatisore they come to feed on scraps from the night catch of little anchovies, and you share the water with them.

Wall diving in the atolls is followed by a stunning hard coral garden in shallow water and islands alive with schooling fish and reef sharks.

The bay is also full of Second World War history, from Japanese wrecks to the remains of a Zero plane.

At Pulau Rouw you snorkel over three P-38 planes lying in front of the beach in just 1 metre of water.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
9 nights	Manokwari	Manokwari	Certified divers







Your itinerary

This is the 8 night itinerary; the 9 night trip spends a little longer in the hotspots.

DAY 1

Manokwari

Check dive

Pick up at Manokwari airport and transfer to the boat, with a welcome drink and time to settle into your cabin.
You have a check dive in the afternoon at one of the Second World War Japanese wrecks in Manokwari Bay, and then sail overnight to Pulau Roon.

DAY 2

Pulau Roon

Dives + overnight sail

A day of diving around Pulau Roon, Pulau Auri and Pulau Sodompari, including the remains of a Zero plane wreck in the south of Pulau Roon.
Overnight sail to Kwatisore.

DAY 3

Kwatisore whale sharks

Dives

Dive the bagans, the fishing outriggers where whale sharks come to feed on scraps from the night catch of little anchovies, in the Kwatisore area.

DAY 4

Tanjung Mangguar and Nepanyaur Bay

Dives

Diving around Tanjung Mangguar, and muck diving in Nepanyaur Bay in the afternoon.

DAY 5

Atoll walls and the P-38 wrecks

Dives + snorkelling

Wall diving in the atolls, at Spag Point and Wild Fish Ridge.
In the afternoon you dive at Pulau Rouw, where you walk along the beach and snorkel over three Second World War P-38 planes lying in front of the beach in just 1 metre of water.

DAY 6

Sewadeh and Slamipien

Full diving day + overnight sail

A full diving day around the islands of Sewadeh, with plenty of schooling fish and reef sharks, and Slamipien, with a stunning hard coral garden in shallow water.
Overnight sail to Numfor.

DAY 7

Numfor and Pulau Manim

Dives + overnight sail

The first dive of the morning is on the southeast coast of Numfor, then you move to Pulau Manim to spend the rest of the day diving eight different Second World War landing craft. You also walk along the white sand beach.
Overnight sail to Manokwari.

DAY 8

Manokwari wrecks

Two dives

Two morning dives on two of the Japanese Second World War wrecks in Manokwari Bay, then prepare for departure the next morning.

DAY 9

Disembark in Manokwari

After breakfast there is a transfer to the airport or your hotel.
Check out is at 9 am.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Whale sharks

At the bagans in Kwatisore.

P-38 planes

Three Second World War planes, snorkelled in 1 metre of water.

Landing craft

Eight wrecks at Pulau Manim.

Zero wreck

The remains of a Zero plane south of Pulau Roon.

Check in

The crew pick you up from the airport and take you to the boat for a welcome drink. Check in is at 11 am, and the transfers from the airport or your hotel are included.

Check out

The boat is in port the evening before, so you can prepare for departure. Check out is at 9 am, after breakfast, with a transfer to the airport or your hotel.

Last dive

The last dive is on the penultimate day of the trip. Divers should wait at least 24 hours after their last dive before flying, so please keep to the no-flying rule when you book your flight home.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Airport or hotel transfers at embarkation and disembarkation
- Full board, with tea, coffee, snacks and a soft drink at lunch and dinner
- An average of 3 or 4 dives a day
- Land excursions where the plan includes them
- Tanks and weights for divers, and snorkelling gear for non-divers
- Library and music on board

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights
- Alcoholic drinks
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Police or diving permits, tourist tax, harbour fees and fuel increases
- Marine park fees and port clearance fee
- Nitrox, charged per day for the full trip
- Rental dive gear and other on-board services
- Dive and travel insurance

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

Itineraries are only an orientation and can be modified because of the weather, sea conditions and other external causes

Good to know

If the group wants an extra day with the whale sharks, it can be swapped for one of the last diving days on the wrecks of Manokwari

Good to know

This itinerary starts and ends in Manokwari. Some trips run between Biak and Manokwari





