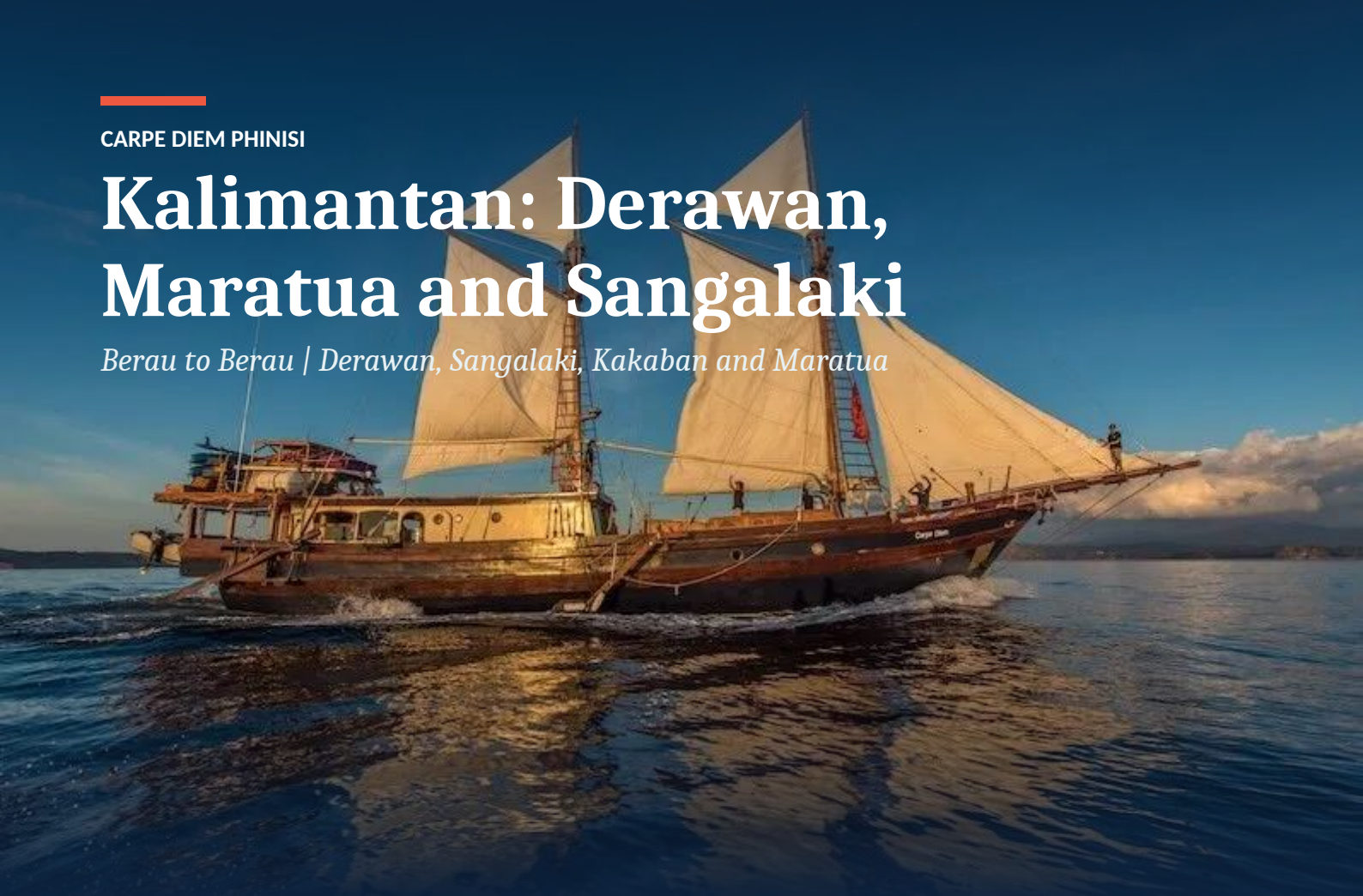
CARPE DIEM PHINISI

Kalimantan: Derawan, Maratua and Sangalaki

Berau to Berau | Derawan, Sangalaki, Kakaban and Maratua



Sangalaki is big-animal country, where manta rays are cleaned by smaller fish and grey reef and nurse sharks patrol.

Maratua brings barracuda, trevally and hammerhead sharks, a drift through a channel with a chance of thresher sharks and eagle rays, and deeper water where whitetip, leopard and grey reef sharks pass.

Derawan has green and hawksbill turtles, with macro such as nudibranchs, frogfish and pygmy seahorses.

Kakaban has schooling barracuda visited by tuna and sharks, giant sea fans and soft corals, and snorkelling among stingless jellyfish.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
7 nights	Berau	Berau	Certified divers







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Meet and greet

Check dive and possible night dive

Meet and greet and transfer to the boat, then an afternoon check dive and a possible night dive.

DAY 2

Derawan Island

Dives

Potential sites include Turtle City, for green and hawksbill turtles, the Jetty, for macro species such as nudibranchs and frogfish, and Sponge Garden, with vibrant sponges and pygmy seahorses.

DAY 3

Sangalaki Island

Dives

Potential sites include Manta Point, with manta rays, Coral Gardens, with schools of fusiliers and butterflyfish, Sandy Ridge, with eagle rays and reef sharks, and a night dive at Lobster Lair.

DAY 4

Kakaban Island

Dives

Potential sites include Barracuda Point, with schooling barracuda visited by tuna and sharks, Gorgonian Wall, with giant sea fans and soft corals, and snorkelling in Jellyfish Lake with stingless jellyfish.

DAY 5

Maratua Island

Dives

Potential sites include Big Fish Country, with barracuda, trevally and hammerhead sharks, Turtle Parade, and The Channel, a drift dive with a chance of thresher sharks and eagle rays.
Gorgonzola and Lighthouse have pristine corals in the shallows.

DAY 6

Maratua Island

Dives

Deeper dives at these sites may bring encounters with sharks, especially whitetip, leopard and grey reef sharks.
Mid Reef is the best place to potentially see thresher sharks, and nurse sharks, eagle rays, giant stingrays and big schools of jackfish are common.

DAY 7

Sangalaki Island

Dives

A return to Sangalaki, with sites such as the Cleaning Station, where mantas are cleaned by smaller fish, and Shark Point, for grey reef and nurse sharks.

DAY 8

Berau

The crew arranges your transfer to the airport or your hotel.
Check out is between 7 am and 11 am, depending on your flight.







GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Jellyfish Lake

Snorkelling with stingless jellyfish.

Manta Point

Manta rays at Sangalaki.

Turtle City

Green and hawksbill turtles.

Maratua

Pristine corals in the shallows.

Check in

Guests are met at the airport or where they are staying. The ideal check in time is 9 am, the earliest is 7.30 am and the latest is 10 am. The check dive is normally on the day of boarding.

Check out

Check out is between 7 am and 11 am, depending on your destination and flight times, with a transfer to the airport or your hotel.

Last dive

Diving finishes at about 11 am on the day before check out, with two morning dives. 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, ferry terminal or hotel transfers at embarkation and disembarkation
- Air-conditioned en-suite cabin with hot shower, towels and toiletries
- Full board, with snacks, drinking water, soft drinks, tea and coffee
- PADI divemaster dive guides and all diving equipment
- Sea kayaks and stand-up paddle boards
- A multi-lingual cruise director
- Welcome drinks on arrival

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights, ferries and hotels before and after the cruise
- National park fees, paid on board
- Wine, spirits and beer
- Scuba courses
- Satellite phone use
- Crew tips, which are customary
- 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

This is a proposed itinerary for planning only, subject to the weather and the conditions on board and at each site

Good to know

The daily programme is discussed with guests each evening for the following day