



CENDERAWASIH BAY
from MANOKWARI
to NABIRE

12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS CRUISE

CALICO JACK Liveaboard

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Introduction

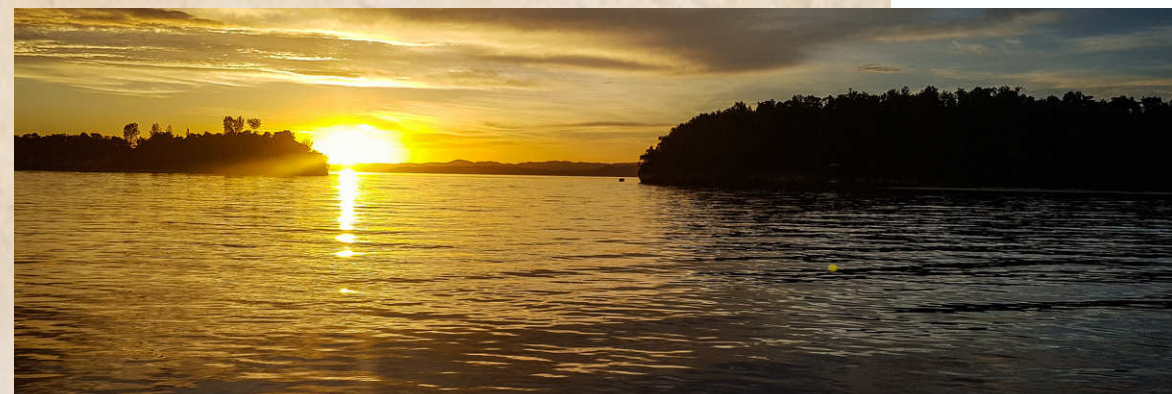
The sample itinerary below highlights what you can expect on one of our dive cruises to Cenderawasih Bay. Each cruise is unique; navigation and dive sites may vary slightly due to weather conditions and visibility.

The harbor of departure is Manokwari Harbor (West Papua, Indonesia).

The harbor of arrival is Nabire Harbor (West Papua, Indonesia).

We depart around noon time and arrive at the harbour on the late night of the day before last.





Destination - Cenderawasih Bay

Cenderawasih Bay is one of the only places in the world where it's possible to see such large numbers of Whale sharks so easily. Divers and snorkelers are treated to a unique experience as the sharks' circle floating fishing platforms (Bagans) that target small baitfish and squid.

The Whale Sharks are regular visitors to the Bagans and are hand-fed by the local fisherman who believes the whale sharks bring good luck. Interacting with Cenderawasih's resident giants is truly a lifetime experience.

Another highlight in the area is Manokwari Bay, which provided a safe anchorage for the Japanese during the second world war. Numerous wrecks are scattered around the bay.

Several wrecks are currently accessible to recreational dives, with many still to be discovered. The wrecks are covered in corals and home to a large variety of sea life. Some boats are still remarkably preserved, and you can still see ammunition, helmets, and cargo. Underwater exploration has only just begun, and we expect more surprises to emerge from these extraordinary seas.



Highlights

1. Diving with Whale Sharks
2. Well preserved WW2 shipwrecks and plane wrecks
3. Superb wall diving
4. Visit to local village
5. Deserted white sand beaches
6. Kayaking and wakeboarding
7. Beach BBQ
8. Total of 30+ dives



Daily Routine

Below is the approximate daily routine, which can change due to weather conditions, activities, and group requests.

6 am - Light Breakfast

7 am - First Dive

8 am - Breakfast

11 am - Second Dive

1.30 pm - Lunch

4 pm - Snack

5 pm - Third Dive

7 pm - Dinner and free time or

7 pm - Night Dive

8.30 pm - Dinner



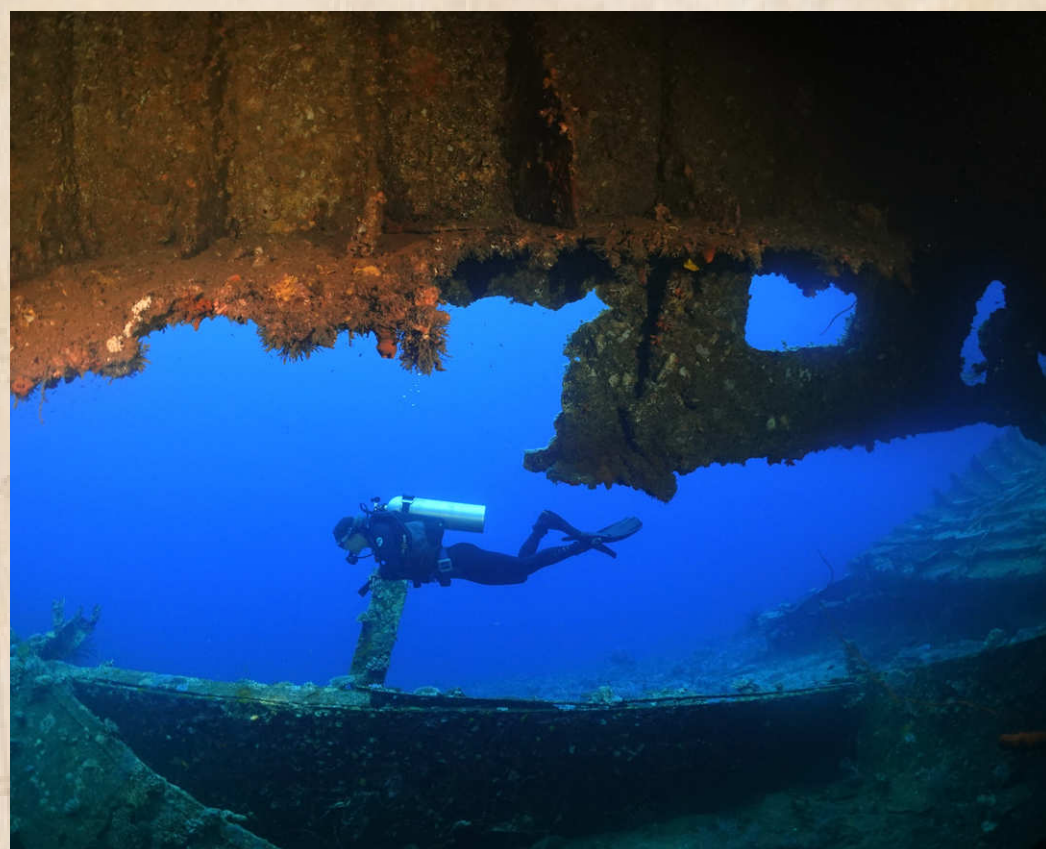
DAY 1 | Embarkation in *Manokwari*

1 Dive

We will pick you up at your hotel or Manokwari airport and take you to the harbour, where our crew will welcome you onboard Calico Jack.

Following refreshments and a short tour of the ship, you will be briefed on safety, diving operations, and life onboard.

After Lunch, we will make an afternoon check dive in the Manokwari area.



DAY 2 | Manokwari

3 Dives, WW2 wreck dives

During World War 2, Manokwari was a Japanese stronghold, and several outstanding wrecks lie within recreational diving depths. Bombed by the Americans in May 1944, these old warships are now the main attraction for divers in this part of Cenderawasih bay.

“Shinwa Maru” (The Good Ghost), is an imposing ship, resting port side up in 35m of water. It sank near the port of Manokwari after being hit by two bombs, leaving it with two holes in the bow. In one of the cargos are still cables and machinery once used to move bombs. The sides are nicely decorated in soft corals and hard corals.

“Cross Wreck” is a 35m former patrol boat lying off Mansinam Island, The patrol boat took a direct hit across its bow, and the wreck sits in about 20 m of water. Coral growth is impressive and colourful and is known for its critters, including leaf fish, juvenile batfish, octopus and mantis shrimp.

“Pillbox wreck” is a cargo ship that was carrying ammunition and is roughly 60-65 meters long. It is lying on its starboard side in around 16 meters of water, just off the Coast of Mansinam Island. It is in good condition and well preserved.



DAY 3| Numfoor & Manim Islands

3 Dives, Shipwreck diving

Pulau Numfoor is a wall and steep slope with good coral growth surrounded by clear, blue water and big fish. Baby Gray reef sharks, white tips, barracudas, tunas, big groupers, jacks, and snappers can easily be spotted. The fish life is particularly good with some current running.

On Manim Island are more than 7 landing crafts from the war. They all sit on a white sand slope and each one is decorated with colorful corals, at different depths between 40+ meters to a shallow 5 meters.

DAY 4 | Purup Island

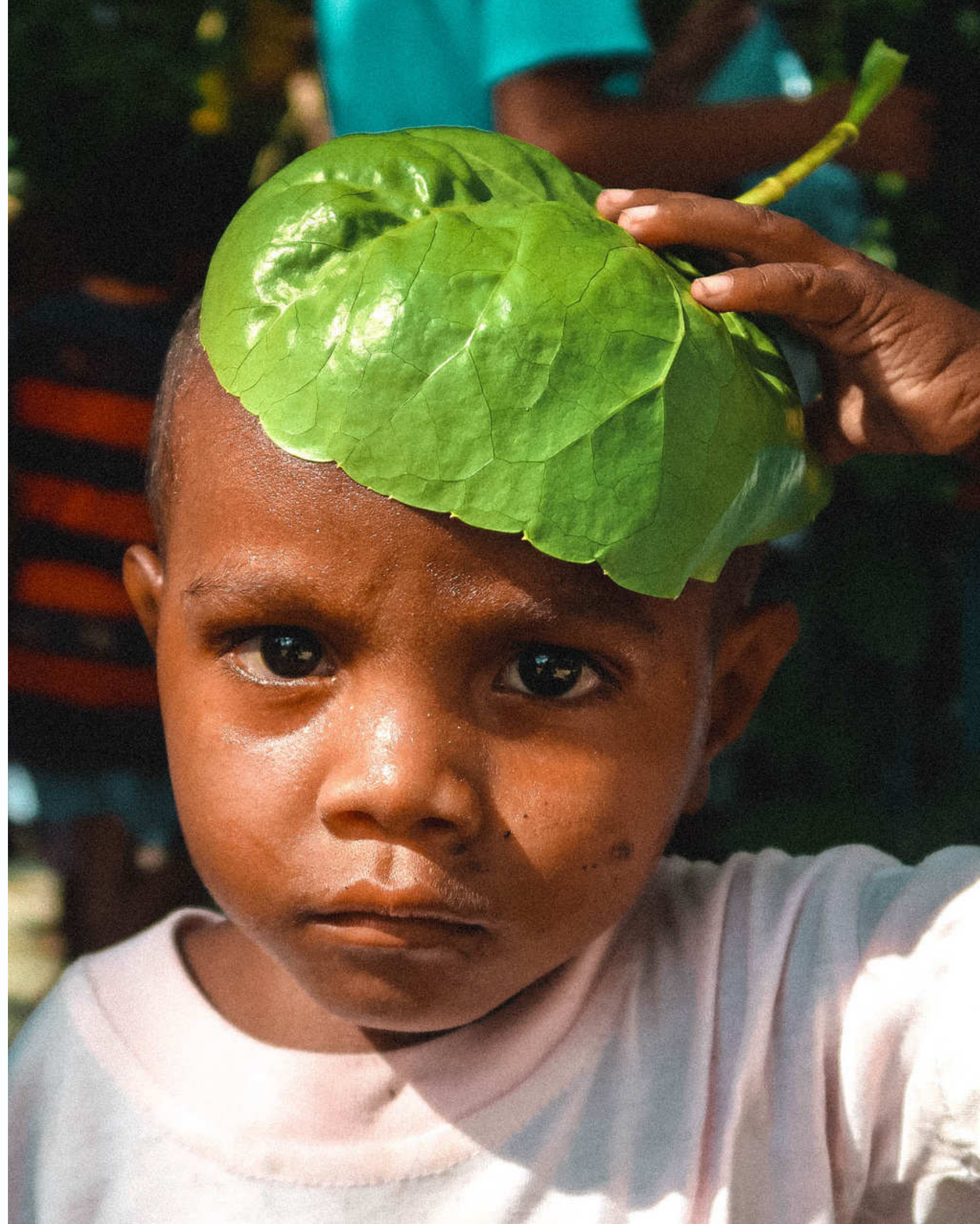
3 Dives an Night Dive, Visit to local village

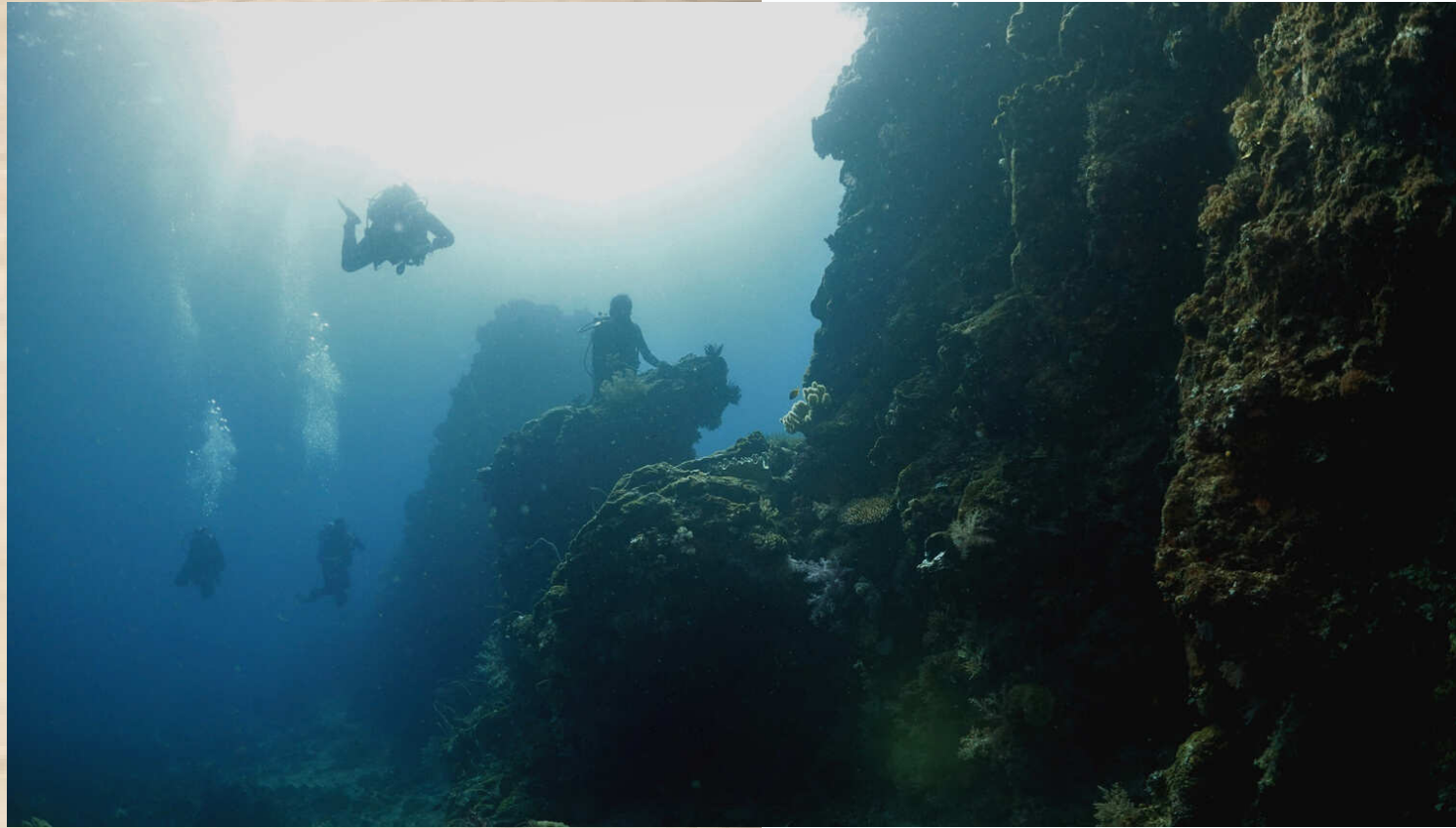
Pulau Purup has 3 great diving sites offering a little something for everyone. A combination of beautiful sloping walls decorated with soft and hard corals, sea fans and elephant ear sponges.

There is an abundance of fish life in the area, schools of barracuda, trevally, several species of fusiliers and a mix of reef sharks.

Afternoon there is a possibility to go to the local village and visit some nice local rock art in the area.

Evening night dive in the area.





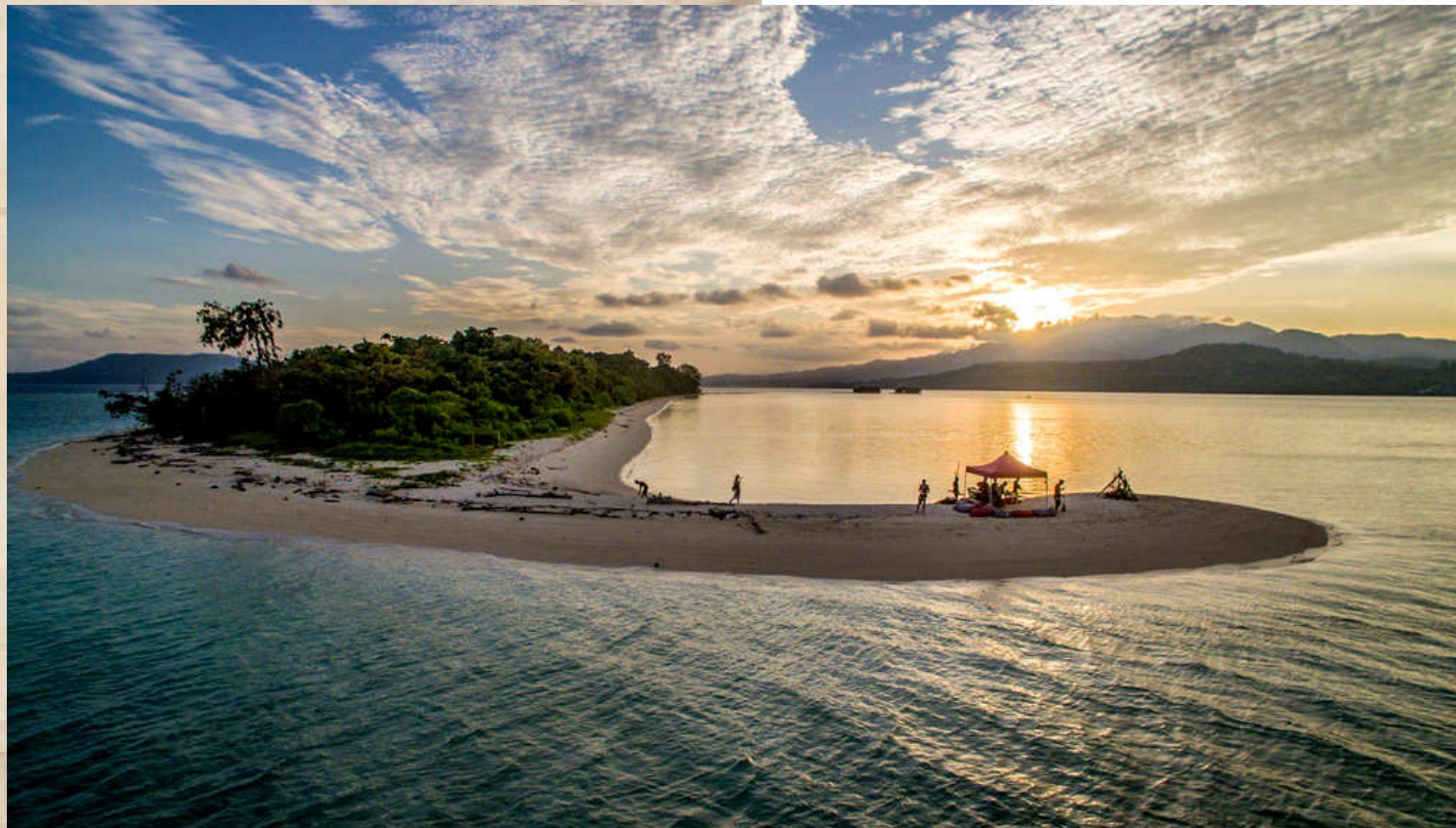
DAY 5| Mioswar & Roon Islands

3 Dives, Beach BBQ

Three dives in the area with large rocks and boulders covered in both soft and hard coral. Some of the most prolific green Tubastrea hard corals of Cenderawasih grow here.

Schools of Fusiliers along with bump head parrotfish or the occasional small grey reef shark can be seen here. Tanjung Ayami is a nice boulder dive with good coral growth and lots of Fusiliers and Barracudas.

Evening we will enjoy one of Calico Jack's famous beach BBQ parties, where you witness a magnificent sunset on our giant bean bags whilst being served up our chef's delicious BBQ dinner.





DAY 6 | Roon & Ribbon Islands

3 Dives, Plain wreck dive and a Night dive

These islands are covered with masses of lovely soft corals, sea fans, whips and elephant ear sponges. Hawksbill, green turtles, barracuda and surgeonfish, can be seen cruising along the oasis of coral.



Just off Pulau Rippon is a downed aircraft from World War 2 resting in 12m on a hard-coral slope. The wings and some of the fuselage are still intact. Nice sea fans and soft corals can be found as the slope steepens.

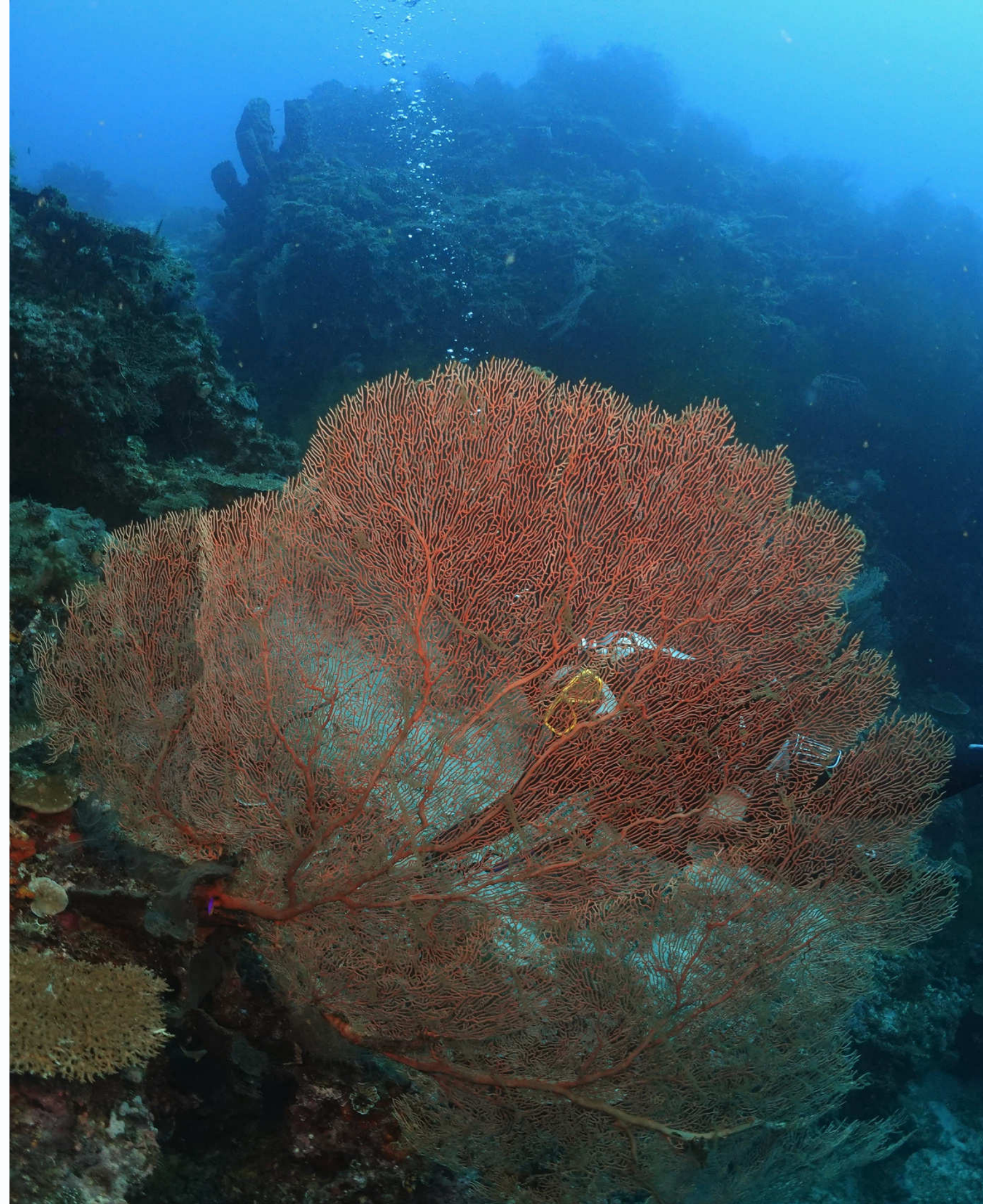
Possible night dive in the area.

DAY 7 | Sodompari Island & Wandammen Peninsula

3 Dives

A half kilometer-long reef runs west of Pulau Sodompari. A lovely mini wall with flourishes of sea fans and soft coral. Good fish life in the area when the current is running.

Wandammen Peninsula good variety of pelagic and critter action with ridges of rocks and bommies covered in colorful sea fans and soft corals, schooling barracuda, giant trevally, fusiliers and plenty of critters to be found in the area



DAY 8 | Tridacna Atoll

3 Dives

Tridacna Atoll is a patch of reefs and atolls named after the many Tridacna giant clams that colonized the area. The area is well known for fantastically clear water, excellent diving and stunning white uninhabited white sand beaches.

An impressive amount of marine life congregates around these reefs. Schooling barracuda, trevallies, sweetlips, groupers and lots of little critters call these waters home.



DAY 9 | Tanjung Mangguar

3 Dives and a Night dive

Tanjung Mangguar is one of the beautiful and interesting dive areas in Cenderawasih . Huge soft coral and sea whip colonies adorn this reef which attracts a large number of fishes including barracudas, rainbow runners, jacks and even sharks, manta rays and mobula rays can be spotted regularly!

Huge barrel- and elephant ear sponges, giant clams, gardens of Acropora hard corals and lots of fish, all-in crystal-clear water.

Possible night dive in the area.



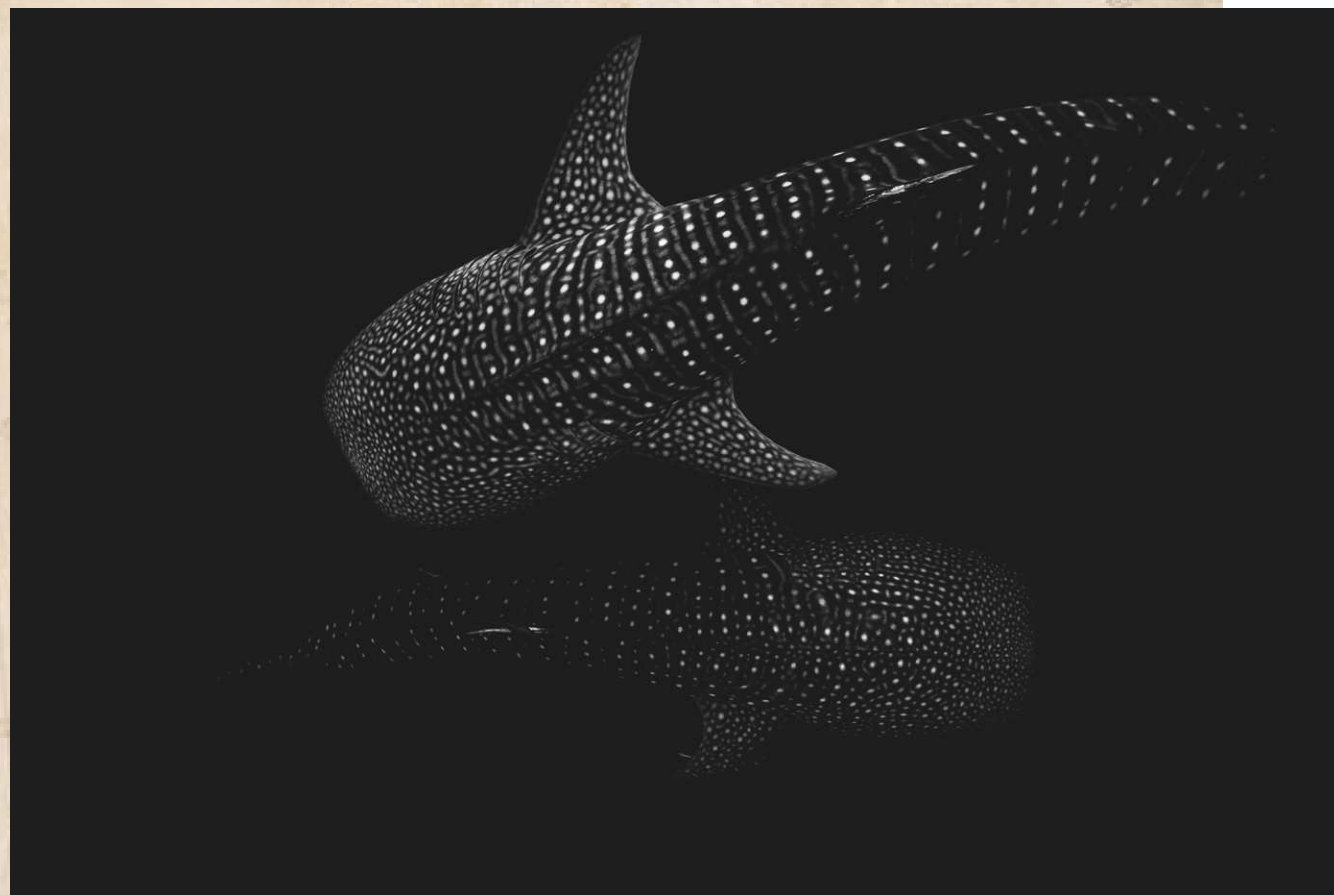


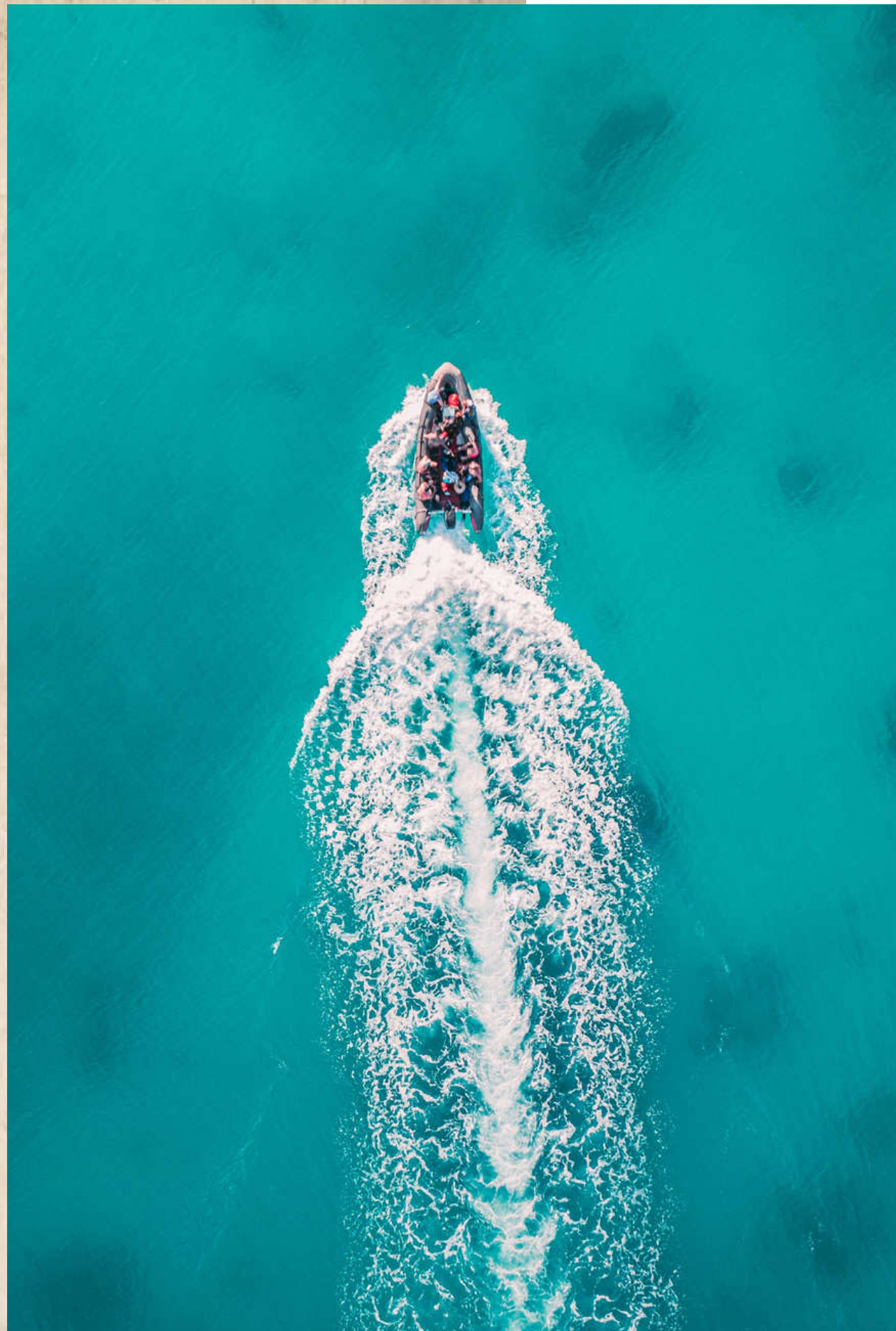
DAY 10 – 11| Kwatisore Bay

6 Dives, Diving with Whale Sharks

Kwatisore Bay is home to the majestic and beautiful Whale shark. This once in a lifetime experience to dive or snorkel with these gentle giants is what really makes Cenderawasih Bay so unique. This year-round playground for whale sharks is an everyday occurrence.

Cenderawasih Whale sharks are thought to bring good luck to the fisherman who live on the Bagons (floating fishing platforms). The fisherman toss handfuls of baitfish to the whale sharks so they stay close to the bagans.





DAY 12 | Disembarkation in Nabire

After breakfast and the last exchange of photos and memories, the crew and Calico Jack will say our fondest farewell and transport you either to your hotel or Nabire airport.

We are looking forward to welcoming you aboard.

Please contact for more info: calicojackbookings@gmail.com

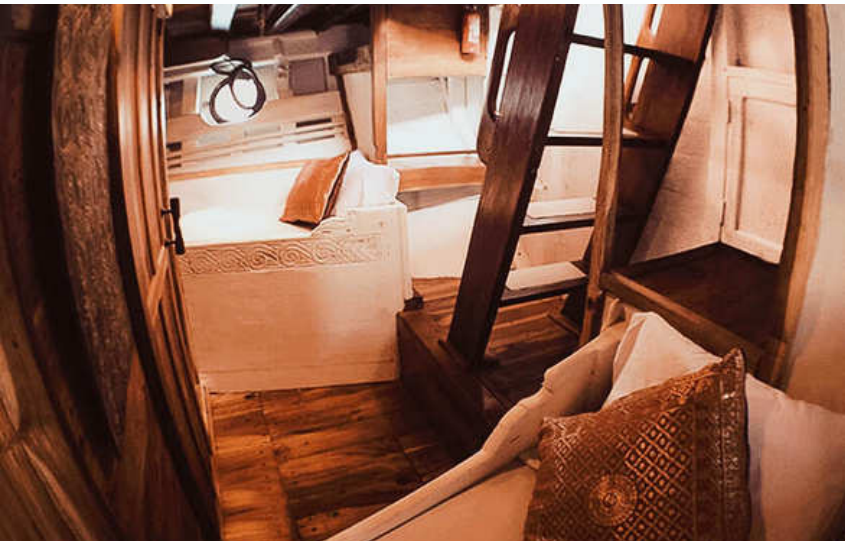
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Calico Jack Photo Gallery



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A wide-angle photograph of a tropical bay at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, pink, and blue, with a few wispy clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the water. In the foreground, there are several small, rocky islands with lush green vegetation. A small boat is visible in the middle ground. The text "Welcome onboard!" is overlaid in a large, elegant, serif font across the center of the image.

Welcome onboard!