

MALAILLO

Raja Ampat Central

Sorong to Sorong | Central Raja Ampat

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

Two of Raja Ampat's premier manta ray sites are here, and further south another famous manta aggregation site often allows prolonged encounters.

Vibrant coral growth and impressive fish biomass fill the reefs, with wobbegong sharks, Napoleon wrasse, giant trevally, reef sharks and turtles among the common sightings.

Penemu is home to one of Raja Ampat's finest hard coral gardens.

Topside, the Piaynemo viewpoint and the traditional village of Arborek give a taste of local Papuan culture.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
8 days / 7 nights	Sorong	Sorong	50+ dives suggested







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation (Sorong)

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

DAY 5

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 6

Arborek and 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 7

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 8

Disembarkation (Sorong)

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.

THE TRIP

About this trip

Beyond the diving, enjoy breathtaking excursions to the famous Piaynemo viewpoint and the traditional village of Arborek, offering a perfect blend of natural beauty and local culture. Combining world-class diving, spectacular scenery, thriving coral gardens, and unforgettable wildlife encounters, this itinerary showcases the very best of Raja Ampat.







FOOD AND SERVICE

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.

Water, coffee, tea and juices are always available at no extra charge, and guests have fresh towels, hot water and help with transfers on arrival and departure days.







DIVING

How the diving is organised

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.

Nitrox of around 32 percent is available free of charge to certified divers. Safety equipment on board includes a VHF radio, GPS, first aid and emergency oxygen kits and an AED, and the crew also look after spare gear on the dive deck.







GOOD TO KNOW

Worth knowing

- Flying After Diving: The last dive of the trip will take place on Day 7. Divers are strongly advised to observe a 24-hour surface interval before flying.
- This itinerary is a sample 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.