

SCUBASPA ZEN

Cenderawasih Bay

Manokwari to Nabire | Cenderawasih Bay National Park

Cenderawasih Bay is one of the few places in the world where you can swim with whale sharks all year.

At Whale Shark Bay, the local fishing platforms attract ocean giants for close encounters, and two full days are spent among the resident whale sharks.

The still, coral covered bay is a diver's paradise of coral gardens and deep drop offs, with schooling blackfin barracuda among sponges and soft corals.

Wartime history lies underwater too, with a sunken American Thunderbolt fighter and Japanese Zero fighters among the reefs.

Above the water are rainforest, mangroves and white sand beaches.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
8 days / 7 nights	Manokwari	Nabire	All levels







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrive and board

Guests are greeted by the crew at the airport and taken to the harbour to board.
After settling into the suites there is an introduction to the crew and fellow travellers led by the Cruise Managers, followed by a buffet welcome dinner in the open air restaurant.

DAY 2

Manokwari and Manim Island

WWII wrecks

Waking at Manim Island, the dives explore the wartime history of Cenderawasih Bay, with a sunken American Thunderbolt fighter and Japanese Zero fighters off Manokwari, a former Japanese stronghold, among vibrant reefs and sandy slopes at depths of 4 to 25 metres.

DAY 3

Outer atolls

Reef dives

The outer atolls of the national park, with some of the most spectacular diving, at sites such as Wild Fish Ridge and Spag Point, full of endemic species, and a hidden island where downed American fighter aircraft lie under the water for divers and snorkellers to explore.

DAY 4

Roon

Critter diving

Colourful critters such as boxer crabs, Notodoris nudibranchs and popcorn shrimp, and a tridacna clam in the sandy patches.
In the afternoon a visit to a local village, and two more dives where you may spot pygmy seahorses or a downed Japanese fighter aircraft on the reef.

DAY 5

Tanjung Manguar and Nusir Island

Wall dives

A wall adorned with vibrant corals and diverse marine life, unique endemic fish species and schooling blackfin barracuda among sponges and soft corals.

DAY 6

Teluk Wororomi

Whale sharks

Teluk Wororomi, also known as Whale Shark Bay, where the local fishing platforms attract ocean giants for close encounters.
After a short briefing divers and snorkellers can explore at their leisure among the resident whale sharks.

DAY 7

Teluk Wororomi

Whale sharks

A second day swimming with whale sharks, with time between dives for kayaking, canoeing or paddleboarding in the bay and the five star services on board.

DAY 8

Departure

As the adventure ends, guests are escorted to Nabire airport and helped with check in.

THE BAY

Whale sharks, wrecks and birds of paradise

Cenderawasih Bay is a diver's paradise of coral gardens, deep drop offs and wartime wrecks, and one of the few places in the world where you can swim with whale sharks all year. Above water the bay has rainforest, mangroves and white sand beaches, and the Bird of Paradise gives it its name. The week is a mix of world class diving and quiet moments, with early yoga on the top deck, quiet beaches, mangroves and the sound of birdlife at sunrise before a day of diving.

THE DIVING

How the diving is organised

The dive centre is a dedicated dive boat with plenty of room, well equipped dive stations, several entry points, a toilet and shower and a sun deck platform. Dives are tailored to each diver's level, with beginners and experienced divers both looked after, and up to four dives a day are possible. Courses run from introductory dives to advanced and Nitrox certification, with multilingual instructors.

Dives are limited to 40 metres. A dive computer is compulsory, diving alone and decompression dives are not allowed, and night dives and dives deeper than 18 metres are for advanced certified divers. Many sites have strong currents, so good buoyancy control is needed.







THE SPA

Treatments at the quiet end of the boat

The five star spa sits at the stern, the quietest part of the yacht, and welcomes couples as well as solo guests. The menu offers Balinese, Swedish, Shiatsu, sports, hot stone and Hawaiian Lomi Lomi massage, aromatherapy, foot reflexology, a back and shoulder massage, facials, body scrubs and masks, an after sun aloe vera treatment, a foot scrub, and a Dive Delight massage designed for after a dive.

The products are made exclusively in Bali for the boat, from organic ingredients, botanical extracts and essential oils. Yoga is held every morning on the sun deck.







ON THE TABLE

Food, drink and celebrations

Breakfast and lunch are buffets, and dinner is an à la carte menu served in the al fresco restaurant on the main deck. Live cooking evenings blend Asian, Mediterranean and Continental cuisine, and the chefs share the recipes so you can recreate them at home. Special diets are looked after.

The bar, next to the restaurant with views from the bow, serves wines, champagnes and handcrafted cocktails, with a happy hour every day. Beach barbecues are held on a deserted island, and the team plans birthdays, engagements and anniversaries, from a private dinner under the stars to sunset cocktails.







PACKAGES

Choose how you spend the cruise

Every guest chooses one of three packages. Dives cannot be swapped for spa treatments, and the dive package is for certified divers only.

Scuba

Up to 19 dives over the cruise, with spa treatments bookable on board for an extra charge when there is space.

Scuba and spa

10 dives and 5 spa treatments over the cruise.

Spa and active wellness

8 spa treatments and guided snorkelling. A Discover Scuba Diving course can be added if you would like to try diving.

CONDITIONS

Season, water and what to expect

Cenderawasih Bay, the Bird of Paradise Bay, is a still, coral covered bay on the north coast of West Papua with several wartime wrecks and the chance to swim with whale sharks around the traditional fishing platforms, the bagans, all year round.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Suite accommodation with three meals a day
- Welcome drink, drinking water, coffee and tea
- Airport transfers at the start and end of the cruise
- Yoga classes every morning
- Snorkelling, with equipment included
- A barbecue on a deserted island and the excursions in the programme
- The diving or spa treatments of the package you choose
- Wi-Fi, with a 1 GB allowance per person

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights
- Service and administration charge and the national park and port fees, shown on our trip listings
- Dive and travel insurance
- Dive equipment rental
- Drinks from the bar and extra spa treatments
- Crew gratuities, which are optional