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Swim with the Whalesharks Nabire Tour 4 Days 3 Nights

Did you know that Papua is one of the few places in the world where you can easily see and swim with whale sharks? These majestic, endangered animals can grow up to 12 meters! It is a special experience to get to swim with these rare, enormous creatures that are known to be very gentle and docile. This is one of Papua's most exclusive trips!

The mass presence of whale sharks on the coast of Papua can be explained by the activity of fishermen. Over the years, fishermen and whale sharks have gained a mutually beneficial relationship as the sharks are attracted by the fish that escape from the nets or are rejected by the fishermen. On the other hand, the whale sharks offer protection to the fishermen by keeping other predators away. During this tour you will stay with a friendly local Papuan family, giving you a good chance to see the local life style upclose!

We are well-aware that whale sharks are currently listed as a vulnerable species. They are continued to be hunted in other parts of Asia, even though it is now strictly illegal under the international law. In Cendrawasih bay, besides the fishermen, the local people have now also a chance to benefit from the tourism related to seeing these beautiful animals. We actively monitor the safety and professionalism of the swimming activities when we visit them.

Best time to visit the Whale Sharks is with new moon and from June to October.

Day 1: Arrival Nabire - City Tour Nabire (No Meals)

We will pick you up from the airport in Nabire. After check in to your hotel you will be introduced to the small and friendly town of Nabire. During this city tour you will visit a traditional market where you can see the Papuan woman sell home grown and possibly you can find beautiful traditional hand made bags that is called a 'noken'. You will visit 'tembok MAF' which is a popular hang out place for locals, especially during sunset. You can try some of the local food and fruits and there are several numbers of children attractions worth to take pictures from.

Day 2: Transfer to Sowa - Trip to Whale Sharks - Fish Barbeque (B.L.D.)

An early departure to Sowa. It is around 3 hours drive from which the last part goes over a bumpy road. You will have a short break before you continue by local boat in search of the whale sharks. The whale sharks feed at the bagangs which are traditional fish platforms. Be silent and careful in your first approach, else you might scare the whale shark away.

Sometimes up to 4 whale shark can be seen in one time. A late fish - barbeque will be served on a beautiful small island where you can swim and enjoy the last hours of day time. You will stay the night in the house of a friendly Papuan family. The facilities are very basic with mattresses on the floor.

Day 3: Second trip to Whale Sharks - Back to Nabire (B.L.)

In the morning you will have a second trip to the whale sharks. Lunch will be served at the family. After lunch you will drive back to Nabire.

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