

## Malpelo Island Colombia

This is the most precious jewel within our scuba diving packages! Experienced divers think of it as one of the top diving spots worldwide. Malpelo is a volcanic island surrounded by 11 small islets. Its shorelines are cliffs that emerge from a depth of 4000 meters. The marine environment is strongly influenced by the currents and species coming from the Indian Pacific and the Tropical Eastern Pacific. Malpelo is an important place for the reproduction and dispersion of marine species.



**LOCATION:** The island's geographic coordinates are 3°51'07"N and 81°35'40"W, 490 kilometers West off the coast of Buenaventura in Colombia's Pacific Ocean. Maximum height: Sierra de la mona , 360 meters above sea level.

**CLIMATE:** Winds from the Northern Hemisphere and the winds from the Southern Hemisphere converge at what is called the Intertropical Convergence Zone. The wind's humidity condenses over the island and that's why it is covered by dense fog most of the time. Rains are frequent from December to March, that being the corresponding winter season.

**ECOSYSTEM:** Rocky coastlines and coral reefs.

**EXTENSION:** 1,20 sq.km or 120 ha of emerged surface and 38756 hectares of marine area.

## **INFORMATION FOR SCUBA DIVERS**

The whole year is considered convenient to enjoy scuba diving on the island, with temperatures ranging from 14°C in January and February to 28°C. There are approximately 20 dive spots. It's a paradise for shark lovers!!!

In Malpelo , we have one of the biggest Hammer Head shark population in the world, in addition to Silkies, White tips, whale sharks, and the famous "monster " shark (odontaspis ferox) , plus countless schools of fish , several Ray species , and the giant Manta. DEPTHS: 12m-50m/ 39 ft-169ft.

## **LIVE ABOARD PACKAGE**

Gorgona island and Malpelo the Sanctuary of flora and fauna.

Ship: Doña Mariela , accommodation capacity for 10 divers, 3 instructors, 1 physician.

See more details in the attached power point presentation.

Participation requirements:

- Divers must be certified at the Advanced level (the certificate will be requested by the Divemaster on board)
- Divers must have at least 20 logged dives (properly signed and stamped)
- Dive computer, flashlight, gloves, whistle and buoy.

## **LIVE ABOARD DONA MARIELLA 2009**

One day diving in Gorgona and three days diving in Malpelo

- MARCH 3 TO 10
- MAY 1 TO 8
- JUNE 8 TO 15
- JULY 18 TO 25
- AUGUST 28 TO 4 OF SEPT.
- SEPTEMBER. 18 TO 25
- OCTUBRE 18 TO 25
- NOVEMBER. 17 TO 24
- DECEMBER. 4 TO 11
- DECEMBER. 13 TO 20

For charter groups package extensions are possible.

Meeting place: Touristic Dock in Buenaventura

Meeting time: 17:45

Departure time: 18:30

**The package includes:**

- Buenaventura-Gorgona-Malpelo-Buenaventura marine transportation.
- 8-day-7night accomodation aboard the "Doña Mariela" in multiple cabins with air conditioning.
- 3 meals a day (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- Snacks (sweets, fruit, and drinks throughout the day)
- Tax payments for the Ministry of Environmental preservation
- One day on Gorgona island and three days in Malpelo.
- A talk on ecology at the "Casa Payan" on Gorgona Island.
- 4 dives in Gorgona (3 daytime and 1 nighttime)
- A visit to the former jail and museum.
- 4 daytime dives per day in Malpelo.
- A visit to the Navy's Military Station on Malpelo island.
- Boat services, tanks, air and weights.
- Dive Master services aboard the Zodiac boat.
- Cali-Buenaventura-Cali bus transportation ( 2 hours)

**The Package DOES NOT include:**

- Personal Diving gear
- Tips
- Unspecified services or expenses
- Flights to or from Cali and accomodation in Cali (In case it's required).

**REQUIREMENTS**

- Dive computer
- Main and auxiliary flashlights.
- Buoy
- Whistle
- Gloves, Scuba diving certificate and log book

## **Live Aboard Gorgona Maria Patricia**

- For your convenience the ship is equipped with: 2 cabins for 2 couples with private bathrooms, 2 cabins for 4 people each with a private bathroom, accommodation for 18 people on the lower deck with two bathrooms. All the cabins have air –conditioning. There is a restroom for common use on the main deck.
- The trip includes all meals on board, snacks between dives, air tanks and weights. We recommend you bring your own weight belt, blanket and personal towel.
- We have 4 Zodiac boats. There will be a guide or Divemaster who will help coordinate the dives.
- Buenaventura-Gorgona-Malpelo-Buenaventura marine transport.
- Accommodation aboard the “Maria Patricia” in multiple cabins with air conditioning.
- 3 meals a day ( breakfast, lunch , dinner)
- Snacks ( sweets, fruit , and drinks throughout the day)
- Tax payments for the Ministry of Environmental preservation
- A talk on ecology at the “ Casa Payan” on Gorgona Island.
- 4 dives in Gorgona ( 3 daytime and 1 nighttime )
- 4 daytime dives per day in Malpelo.
- A visit to the Navy’s Military Station on Malpelo island. Opcional.
- Boat services, tanks, air and weights.
- Dive Master services aboard the Zodiac boat.

### **The Package DOES NOT include:**

- Personal Diving gear
- Tips
- Unspecified services or expenses
- Diving insurance
- Flights to or from Cali and accommodation in Cali ( In case it’s required).
- Nearest Hiperbaric Chamber: Navy Hospital at Bahía Malaga Navy Base.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- Dive computer
- Main and auxiliary flashlights.
- Buoy
- Whistle
- Gloves, Scuba diving certificate and log book

### **PROGRAM MARIA PATRICIA**

#### APRIL

- 04 TO 12 4 DAYS MALPELO
- 17 AL 25 4 DAYS MALPELO

#### MAY

- 13 AL 23 7 DIAS MALPELO 1 GORGONA

#### JUNE

- 12 AL 19 4 DIAS MALPELO

JULIO

- 01 AL 10 7 DIAS MALPELO

- 12 AL 22 7 DIAS MALPELO

AUGUST

- 01 AL 09 7 DIAS MALPELO

-29-AL 06 Sep 7 DIAS MALPELO

SEPTEMBER

-16 AL 21 7 DIAS MALPELO

NOVIEMBRE

-03 AL 12 8 DIAS MALPELO

-28 AL 07 8 DIAS MALPELO

**All the trips have the option of one or more days in Gorgona.**

**Price per person land only from \$1,699.00**