

# Raja Ampat Aggressor

## Itineraries:

*\*Derawan Islands \* Raja Ampat*

*Each area offers multiple itineraries and has a different embark/disembark location*

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Raja Ampat Aggressor

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## IMPORTANT PASSPORT INFORMATION

*The Indonesia National Park Authority requires each guest's passport information 7 days prior to departure to process a required diving permit. No name changes can be made less than 7 days prior to departure. Your passport information will be taken from the GIS (GUEST INFORMATION SYSTEM) and sent to the yacht. Failure to complete the GIS prior to the charter departure will result in being denied permission to board and dive on the charter start date.*

## ITINERARY

The Raja Ampat Aggressor offers 4 areas of itineraries with each departing from a different island/port. It is important to know which itinerary you have chosen and the embark/disembark locations. Guests are encouraged to arrive at least one day prior to the charter start date regardless of the trip you are on.

The Raja Ampat Aggressor has chosen the best time of year to be in Raja Ampat and Derawan Islands. On the charter start date, guests are met at the local airport or hotel and transferred to the yacht for boarding.

## ARRIVAL

Guests are highly encouraged to stay overnight one night prior to boarding the Raja Ampat Aggressor. Guests staying at a local hotel near where the yacht departs from will be picked up from the local hotel at 12pm (10am for Derawan Itineraries) and transferred to the yacht. Guests who will be met at the airport on the charter start day will be transferred to the lobby of the partner Hotel in the city, and then picked up at 12pm (10am for Derawan Itineraries) and transferred to the Raja Ampat Aggressor. After all guests are onboard, the yacht will depart. Transfers are complimentary on the charter start/end dates.

## THE RAJA AMPAT AGGRESSOR:

All staterooms are air-conditioned and fitted with private bathrooms and a porthole. Breakfast (cooked to order), buffet lunch and an elegant chef prepared dinner with tableside service are served in addition to mid-afternoon snacks. Beverages (soft beverages, local beer, and wine with dinner) are complimentary while onboard. The yacht is equipped with hairdryers and bathrobes in each stateroom. Linens are changed mid-week and fresh towels are placed in each stateroom as needed. Filled tanks, weights and weight belts are included.

## BOARDING/YACHT DEPARTURE/CHECK OUT TIMES

*(Know which itinerary you are traveling on due to embark/disembark locations)*

Sorong/Sorong:	Boarding 12 noon with yacht departure 4 pm; check out 8 am
*Tanjung Batu/Tanjung Batu:	Boarding 12 noon with yacht departure 1:30 pm; check out 8am
Bitung/Sorong:	Boarding 1:30 pm with yacht departure 4pm; check out 8 am
Sorong/Bitung:	Boarding 12 noon with yacht departure 4pm; Check out 8 am
*Tanjung Batu/Bitung:	Boarding 12 noon with yacht departure 2pm; Check out 8 am
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*\*Derawan Islands Itinerary (Tanjung Batu): Guests will fly into Berau Airport (BEJ). Tanjung Batu is approximately 2 hours by car from Berau airport and hotels, please plan arrival and departure flights accordingly. On the departure day, pickup from the from the local Berau hotels (listed below) will be at 10am. Guests arriving on the day of departure will also be picked up at 10am and the yacht departs at 1:30 pm. All guests must be on board by 1:30pm, the yacht departs at 2pm. The travel time to the Derawan Islands is 6 hours.*

## RECOMMENDED HOTELS

**Sorong** – Belagri Hotel/Convention Sorong and Swissbell-Belhotel Sorong is located 10 minutes from Sorong Harbor where you will board the Raja Ampat Aggressor. There are several reasonable hotels in Sorong should you wish to arrive early and overnight before your Raja Ampat cruise. **Pick up time is 12 Noon.** Sorong is a small city and the Domine Eduard Osok Airport (SOQ) and most of the hotels are located 10 minutes from the Sorong Harbor where you will board.

*Sorong/Bitung (crossing trips Raja Ampat, Halmahera, Lembeh Itineraries)*

**Berau** – Hotel Bumi Segah (3 star), Grand Parama Hotel (3 star), Hotel Palmy Exclusive Hotel (2 star)– These are the best 3 choices of hotels in Berau and close to the Kalimantan Airport (BEJ), also known as Berau Airport (BEJ). **Pick up time from Berau is 10am.**

**Bitung** – Hotel Novotel Mando Golf Resort & Convention Center (1 hr to harbor) Sam Rafulangi International Airport (MDC) **Pick up 11:30 am.** *Bitung/Sorong (crossing trips; Raja Ampat, Halmahera, Lembeh Itineraries)*

## WELCOME

In the event of an emergency, family and friends may contact you at the above numbers. If you need to reach the yacht, please call, or e-mail the boat. There is a satellite phone onboard for emergency communication. We recommend you pack a swimsuit, a change of clothes, medication, and toiletries in your carry-on bag. Having these few items with you can make an unexpected luggage delay more bearable.

## PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION

Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months beyond your period of stay and you must have a return airline ticket. It is the travelers' responsibility to ensure they have the proper documentation to travel into each country on their itinerary and for re-entry and return to their country. Please check with the appropriate consulate to ensure you have the proper documentation. Always check your passport and visa requirements. US citizens may go to the US Department of State website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for more information. The website also has information for consulates by country to assist with requirements. There are specific requirements for children leaving the US, and many countries have adopted them for child protection. Since regulations vary by country, contact your consulate or embassy of your country for the requirement. *The Reservation Office and staff cannot assume responsibility for passengers not having correct*

*documentation.*

## **C-CARDS**

Remember to bring your c-card or proof of certification. The divemaster requires proof of certification before the first dive. If you are a repeat guest, you are automatically enrolled in the *Travel the World Club* and will receive onboard discounts. Your membership is indicated on the Captain's rooming list.

## **GIS (GUEST INFORMATION SYSTEM)**

The Reservations Office and the Raja Ampat Aggressor require each guest to complete an Application and Waiver form prior to departure and diving through our online GIS (Guest Information System). If you have not received a link to complete the online Guest Information System (GIS), please call an Aggressor Liveboards agent. ***Passengers who fail to complete it will be denied boarding.*** Many Aggressor destinations require passenger information for itinerary approval.

## **INSURANCE**

We strongly recommend each guest purchase comprehensive accident, medical, baggage and trip cancellation and interruption insurance when space is reserved. Trip insurance will protect you from financial disappointment if you are prevented from making your scheduled trip due to illness, family illness or if unforeseen circumstances prevent the airline or yacht from making it. In the event you cancel your trip, be familiar with Aggressor Liveboards cancellation policies, which can be found on [www.aggressor.com](http://www.aggressor.com). More information can be found on Dive assure or Divers Alert Network insurance on our website.

## **FEES & TAXES (per person)**

Each guest must pay a park/port fee onboard at the end of the charter by Visa, MasterCard which will occur a 2.5% surcharge or in cash. Cash accepted IDR, Euro or USD. See below listed by itinerary and per person in USD:

Raja Ampat:	\$250 (port/park)
Raja Ampat & Lembeh:	\$260 (port/park)
Derawan Islands:	\$250 (port/park)

Rupiah (IDR) is the official currency. **It is required for all guests to have some local currency as overweight baggage charges MUST be paid in local currency.** The airport departure tax is included in international and domestic airline tickets so should not have to be paid at the local airport. Many countries that accept USD cash require the bills to be in exceptionally good condition. Any that have excessive wrinkles, tears, wear marks and are old-style bills are not normally accepted.

If you have a valid Raja Ampat MPA, you must inform us at least 10 days before your trip. If we are not made aware within this time, you will be charged for this on board as part of the port fee.

## **HEALTH**

The Raja Ampat Aggressor has a first aid kit onboard, including oxygen and an AED. You may want to bring motion sickness medication if you feel you will need it. We suggest you bring over-the-counter motion sickness medication or consult your doctor about prescription brands, such as the trans-dermal patch or Scopace tablets. Currents and winds may cause moderate movement of the yacht at times. We recommend a complete physical before your trip. There is a recompression chamber in Waisai (Raja Ampat), in Manado (Lembeh) and in Balikpapan (Kalimantan, closest to Derawan Islands)

Aggressor yachts and their staff are unable to accept any medication brought onboard for safe keeping including those that require refrigeration. Should a guest have a medication requiring temperature control, they will need to travel with a travel cooling case or small storage cooler with several blue ice packets. The staff will be happy to store and recharge the blue ice but are unable to accept possession of or responsibility for the proper care and storage of medication. This should be kept in your stateroom. There is **NO** smoking allowed inside the yacht or on the dive deck. Smoking is only permitted on the bow of the aggressor.

## **FOOD**

Aggressor yachts, river cruises, signature lodges and floating resorts operate in remote locations which limits the availability of certain foods and edibles, which can be unavailable in grocery stores and markets. While our culinary teams strive to accommodate individual requests, it is important to recognize that they cannot guarantee it despite their best efforts. Guests with dietary restrictions and food allergies should be aware that the same meal is prepared for all guests, making cross contamination a possibility. Based on this, travelers should plan accordingly and bring pre-packaged goods if needed. The availability of fresh produce may vary weekly, and they may have a limited selection depending on the destination and availability. The concept of "organic" is infrequent, and items like "gluten-free" products are seldom found in these remote locations.

The menu onboard is varied and plentiful, with a variety of Indonesian feasts and local cuisine. If you have any special dietary requirements, please be sure these are noted when completing the GIS. You will awaken to fresh fruits, hot entrees, cereals, and juices. Lunches are buffet-style, featuring delicious local cuisine. Dinners are served each evening and include salads, vegetables, seafood, beef, or chicken with a fresh homemade dessert. Once onboard, please speak to the chef about any special needs. Certain special dietary and beverage requests may not be available due to the remote nature of this location.

## **BEVERAGES**

The Aggressor's selection includes fruit juices, soft drinks, iced water, iced tea, coffee, and a limited selection of local beer and wine (wine is served with dinner), which are complimentary. Due to the high duty charged on liquor, we suggest you bring your special brand from the U.S. Due to local regulations; the bar will be closed while the boat is in port. Drinking and diving do not mix. Once you consume alcohol, you become a sunbather until the next day.

## **CLOTHING**

Clothing should be lightweight, comfortable sportswear; sunscreen and swimsuits are necessary. A light sweater or jacket is ideal for evenings. The dress is always casual and informal. Additional items you may want to bring are sunglasses and walking shoes for your time on shore.

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

There is a variety of nightly entertainment, including diving, fish identification presentations, movies, games and more. If you have a favorite movie, digital presentation, or a video to share, we encourage you to bring it along. The staff especially loves new releases of movies, recent magazines, and books. A small library of books for exchange and fish identification books for reference is maintained onboard.

## **CELEBRATING A SPECIAL OCCASION**

Whether it is your anniversary, birthday, honeymoon, wedding, or you are celebrating a 100<sup>th</sup> dive, please let us know so the staff can celebrate your occasion. Kindly advise the US office prior to traveling so the staff is notified in advance.

## **DIVING CONDITIONS**

Each of the itineraries offers remote pristine diving with something a little different. The water temperature varies from 28 - 30C/82 -86F and air temperature 25 - 27C/78 - 89F. These unique itineraries offer diving on healthy and vibrant reefs, seamounts, sheer walls, caves, beautiful coral gardens and magnificent critter dives. A 3mm wetsuit and hood is recommended. All diving is from tenders.

## **DIVING**

The staff of the Raja Ampat Aggressor, with their unique combination of talents, offers the ultimate service. While onboard, you may pick a dive buddy of your choice. The yacht offers up to four dives per day (including night dives) and depends on the weather and itinerary.

The Raja Ampat Aggressor provides 80 cubic ft. tanks with DIN/yoke adaptable valves, weight belts and weights. (100 cu ft tanks are available by request) All dives will be made from two dive tenders. Enjoy freshwater showers on the back deck after your dives and dry off with a warm towel. All diving onboard the Raja Ampat Aggressor should be within the limits and standards of the training agency that certified you. All dives should be planned as no decompression dives.

## **DIVING SUPERVISION**

We understand that diving is not just an activity; it's a passion for exploring our underwater world. That's why we empower you and your buddy to take charge of your diving experience. While in the water, you and your buddy are in charge. Every dive begins with a comprehensive briefing from our experienced staff, providing you with the information you need. As certified divers, you and your buddy are responsible for planning and conducting your dives while respecting the limits of your experience and those set by the briefing and your certification agency.

When diving is directly off the yacht, at least one staff member will be in the water offering support, underwater photography and videography, and critter spotting services. On select dive sites, a staff member may assist a group in finding specific points of interest. However, we do not directly supervise dives, and guests are not required to follow the in-water staff member. In some destinations, especially those with tender diving, a staff member will accompany each tender group and be in the water to offer assistance and ensure the group stays together. However, buddy teams can operate independently. If a buddy team needs to surface early, the entire group is not required to abort the dive and follow. The buddy team should follow their training procedures for surfacing from a dive and signaling the tender driver or yacht staff that everything is OK once on the surface.

## **DIVE GEAR SUGGESTIONS**

We suggest you pack the following: mask, fins, snorkel, regulator with pressure gauge, depth gauge, buoyancy compensator, dive computer, dive light, mirror, safety sausage, Dive Alert and/or other safety devices. Although not required, a reef hook is suggested for occasional dives. Dive computers are mandatory for each guest. Each piece of gear should be marked with waterproof paint or tape.

## **CONSERVATION LAWS**

Conservation laws do not permit spear fishing or collecting. Drones are allowed.

## **RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT**

A full line of rental gear is available aboard including regulators, BCs, dive computers, and night-lights. Due to the numerous connecting flights and excess baggage charges to arrive at your destination, we recommend renting your dive equipment onboard. The yacht offers a full rental program onboard.

## **CERTIFICATION & SPECIALTY COURSES**

Divers can further their education while onboard an Aggressor yacht. The following courses are offered onboard: SSI Adventurer Course or the PADI equivalent Advanced Open Water Diver Course, and SSI or PADI Enriched Air / Nitrox Courses. Course fees are payable once onboard and the instructor confirms the course. The training agency utilized to provide your course will vary based on your instructor's affiliations. Other specialty courses may be available onboard and will be presented to you after your arrival as part of your initial briefings.

## **PHOTO/VIDEO EQUIPMENT**

The Raja Ampat Aggressor offers free coaching. She has a 110-volt strobe charging station and a large camera table available for your camera and video equipment. Guests should bring their own battery chargers.

## **UNDERWATER VIDEO**

Our Video Professional can capture your diving adventure onboard the Raja Ampat Aggressor to share with family and friends. The video for the week (including all guests and staff) is USD \$65 per person.

## **SHIPS BOUTIQUE & CREDIT CARDS**

There is a mini boutique onboard, which sells a small selection of logo clothing including t-shirts, caps, and other items. One day during the week, the staff will have a 'boutique day.' The Raja Ampat Aggressor accepts cash, Visa & MasterCard. Sorry, no personal checks, Travelers Checks, Amex, or Discover Cards. Credit card payments made on board the yacht incur a 2.5% service charge. Many credit card companies

are charging a conversion fee. If this happens to you, please contact your credit card company. If you would like to purchase additional boutique items after your trip, visit [www.aggessor.com](http://www.aggessor.com).

## **GRATUITIES**

Staff gratuities are not included in the charter. We believe gratuities should be voluntary and based upon the quality of service the staff has provided. When settling your account, the Captain will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided equally among the staff. Payment can be made by cash or credit card. Sorry no personal checks or travelers' checks.

## **RETURN TO PORT**

The day before departure at the end of the trip, the yacht will return to the port early evening. Guests will not arrive back to port in time to fly out this day. A cocktail party and dinner will be held onboard the last evening of the charter.

## **CHECKOUT**

Final disembarkation will occur the morning of the last day of the charter. Guests will be transported to the airport for a domestic flight back, to a local hotel if guests are extending their stay.

For any guest choosing to extend their stay our staff will be happy to organize tours to give you time to off-gas and enjoy the land sites. All tours are at an additional charge and are highly recommended.

## **ADVENTURE LOGS**

Each week we post the Adventure Log of the previous charter on Facebook and the website. Please feel free to visit [www.aggessor.com](http://www.aggessor.com) to find out water temperature, visibility, and sightings.

**Wishing you a wonderful vacation. Please call or email us with any questions.**