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Raja Ampat Aggressor

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Itinerary: Lembeh / Halmahera / Sorong
Adventure Schedule: 12 nights — Bitung (North Sulawesi) to Sorong (West Papua), Indonesia
Vessel Local Name: M/Y Raja Ampat Aggressor
Home Port: Bitung Harbor (Lembeh, North Sulawesi), Indonesia

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In an emergency, family and friends can contact the Aggressor Reservations Office. After hours, they may call the Aggressor emergency cell number.

Raja Ampat Aggressor Quick Reference Summary

Charter Schedule: 12 nights

Home Port: Sorong Harbor, Sorong, West Papua, Indonesia

Arrival & Transfers

Item	Details
Embark Airport	Sam Ratulangi International Airport (MDC), Manado — approximately 1 hour by car from Bitung
Disembark Airport	Domine Eduard Osok Airport (SOQ), Sorong, West Papua — approximately 10 minutes by car from Sorong Harbor
Arrive By	All guests are strongly encouraged to arrive 1 day early. On embark day: arrive Sorong by 11 am to allow time for hotel pickup at noon.
Check-In / Out Window (from the yacht)	Boarding: Charter start day 12:00 noon (pickup from Novotel Manado at 11:30 am) All guests must be on board by 1:30 pm; yacht departs at 2:00 pm Check-Out: Charter end day by 8:00 am
Transfers:	Complimentary on charter start day (Sorong) and end day (Bitung to Manado airport).

Deadlines & Documents

60 Days Before Departure	Review Diving Medical Form (if doing scuba training). Make a doctor's appointment if needed.
14 Days Before Departure	- Aggressor's Guest Information System registration due - Confirm any special requests
7 Days Before Departure	Aggressor must submit guest passport details to Indonesia National Park Authority for the diving permit. Final passport details and GIS must be complete by this date — no name changes after this point.
Within 3 Days (72 hrs.) Before Arrival in Indonesia	Submit the All-Indonesia Arrival Card online at allindonesia.imigrasi.go.id
Item	Details
Passport	Valid $\geq$ 6 months beyond trip.
Visa	See below. Most nationalities can use the Indonesia e-VOA (Visa on Arrival), about USD 35.
Guest Info System (GIS)	Complete all sections $\geq$ 14 days before departure. Final passport details must be submitted to Aggressor at least 7 days before departure for the Indonesia National Park diving permit.
Dive Certification Card	Required for all divers (+ Nitrox if applicable).
Diving Medical Form	Required if doing any SCUBA training courses. Print & bring. Doctor signature required for any "Yes" answers.

Fees & Payments

Item	Details
Port / Park Fee — Raja Ampat & Lembah (12 nights)	\$260 per person
Payment Methods	Cash (IDR, EUR, or USD), Visa, MasterCard. 2.5% surcharge on credit cards. USD bills must be brand new, unfolded, unmarked, crisp \$100 notes dated after 2006 — otherwise a 5% fee applies.
Fuel Surcharge	\$240 for a 12-night charter

On Board Highlights

- All rooms A/C with private bath.
- Power: 220V (Type C and F plugs) 110V multi-type plugs)
- Meals: Full breakfast, lunch buffet, dinner served. Snacks provided between dives.

- Beer & wine included. Bring preferred spirits from your home country.
- Smoking → bow of the yacht only. No smoking inside the yacht or on the dive deck.

Diving Essentials

- 12-night: 36–39 dives, including night dives
- Up to 4 dives per day. Recreational diving only.

- All dives are made from two dive tenders — drift diving is common.
- Tanks: 80 cu ft DIN/yoke adaptable provided. 100 cu ft tanks available by request.
- Nitrox available (extra fee).
- Nearest hyperbaric chambers: Waisai (Raja Ampat) and Manado (Lembeh).

1. BEFORE YOU GO

Passports

Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your trip ends.

Indonesia National Park Authority requires Aggressor to submit each guest's passport details 7 days before departure to process the diving permit. No name changes can be made within 7 days of departure. Passport details are taken from the GIS — failure to complete the GIS will result in denied boarding.

Children traveling: Some countries have special rules for children leaving the country. Check your government's travel website for requirements.

Visa

Indonesia requires all travelers to have a valid passport. Most nationalities can use the Indonesia Visa on Arrival (e-VOA), available online or at the airport. The e-VOA costs approximately USD 35, is valid for 30 days, and can be extended once.

This is a single-entry trip within Indonesia (Sorong to Bitung), so a single visa entry is sufficient. There is no need to exit and re-enter Indonesia during the trip.

You are responsible for:

- Getting the correct visa for Indonesia
- Having documents to re-enter your home country
- Checking visa rules for any connecting flights

Where To Check:

- USA citizens: www.travel.state.gov
- Other countries: Contact your foreign affairs office or embassy
- All travelers:



The [IATA Travel Centre](https://www.iata.org/en/your-travel/iata-travel-centre) is a helpful resource for travelers checking current travel, visa, and health requirements.

Questions? Contact the Aggressor reservations office.



Visa and entry requirements can change without notice. Always verify before traveling.

All Indonesia Arrival Card

All travelers entering Indonesia must complete the All-Indonesia Arrival Card online within 3 days (72 hours) before arrival. The form combines immigration, customs, and health declarations into one submission.

How to complete:

- Visit allindonesia.imigrasi.go.id
- Select "English" and "Foreign Visitor"
- Fill in personal, travel, transport, accommodation, and health/customs details
- Submit the form and save the QR code
- Present the QR code (printed or on your device) along with your passport upon arrival

Required Forms

You need two things before you can dive and a third if you plan to do scuba training:

1. GUEST INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

What: Aggressor's online cruise application forms, including waiver and travel details

When: Complete 14 days before departure

How: You'll receive a link by email. If you didn't get it, contact reservations.



Include your flight arrival time or hotel name in the GIS.

2. DIVE CERTIFICATION CARD (C-CARD)

What: Your diving certification card

Bring: The physical card or digital proof

Note: If diving with Nitrox, bring your Nitrox certification card as well.

3. MEDICAL FORM (RSTC) *(Only if doing scuba training)*

What: Diving Medical History Form

When: Required only if you plan to take a scuba training or certification course during your trip.

How:

- Download the form now at <http://www.aggressor.com/RSTCMedical.pdf>
- Answer all questions honestly
- The form will tell you if your answers require a doctor's approval.
- If no doctor approval is needed, you can sign it yourself
- Print it and bring it to the yacht



ALREADY HAVE ONE? If you have a medical form signed by a doctor in the last 12 months, you can use that instead.



There are no doctors once the yacht leaves the dock. If you need a doctor's signature and don't have it, you cannot participate in any SCUBA training classes.

What if I forget to complete these forms?

- An incomplete or missing GIS will result in denied boarding and possible trip cancellation without refund.
- You cannot dive without a certification card.
- You cannot participate in SCUBA training courses without a medical form.

Travel & Health Insurance

Aggressor Adventures strongly recommends all guests purchase insurance to protect their investment and health.

SUGGESTED COVERAGE:

- Travel Insurance (Trip Cancellation and Interruption)
- Dive Insurance (Dive Accident and Medical)
- Equipment Insurance

CONSIDER ADDING:

- "Cancel For Any Reason" (CFAR) upgrade – extends coverage beyond traditional policies without the constraints of “covered situations”.
- "Liveaboard Rider" upgrade - addresses liveaboard-specific issues such as missed dives due to illness, weather, or accidents to others, which impact your experience and more.

These policies provide financial security if unexpected events occur.

More information about DiveAssure or Divers Alert Network insurance is available on the Aggressor website.

Get quotes: www.aggressor.com → [Insurance](#) for options.

2. PREPARING FOR YOUR ADVENTURE (2-4 WEEKS BEFORE)

Recommended Packing:

Travel light. Space on the liveaboard yacht is limited.

LUGGAGE: Use soft luggage, such as duffel bags (not hard suitcases), for easy storage in your stateroom.

CLOTHING TO BRING:

- Lightweight, comfortable sportswear
- Swimsuits
- Light sweater or jacket for evenings
- Walking shoes for time ashore
- Sunglasses and hat

Dress code: Always casual and informal

ESSENTIALS:

- Sunscreen (reef-safe recommended)
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Walking shoes

PACKING CHECKLIST: Use this QR code to grab a free Packing Guide. It's a simple checklist that makes sure you bring everything you need for your adventure. No more forgotten essentials!

Electronic Devices

Personal Electronics are welcome:

- ✓ Cameras, phones, satellite phones, computers, tablets, and e-readers
- ✓ Drones are permitted in Raja Ampat for recreational use, subject to Indonesian regulations (max 150 m altitude, daylight only, at least 15 km from airports, and respect for local customary “sasi” zones).

The following devices are prohibited:

Prohibited Equipment	Notes
⊘ Underwater Scooters	Prohibited.
⊘ Electric Surfboards	Includes e-foils, jetboards, powered surfboards, and similar devices.



CHECK WITH AIRLINE: Some airlines have restrictions on lithium batteries in checked bags. Check your airline's rules before packing.

Required Dive Equipment

All divers are required to have the following equipment. You may either bring your own or rent on board.

- Mask
- Fins
- Snorkel
- Buoyancy Compensator (BCD)
- Regulator with an Alternate Air source and a visible pressure gauge
- Dive Computer
- Tank (*provided*)
- Weights (*provided*)

- Weight belt (*provided*)
- Surface Marker Buoy (SMB) with reel
- 3mm wetsuit (a hood or 5mm option is recommended for the cooler Lembbeh waters July–August)

Personal Dive Equipment

Mark each piece of your personal gear with waterproof paint or tape. Many pieces of diving equipment look similar, so make sure yours is clearly labeled.

Guests should also consider additional personal safety equipment such as:

- Dive Alert
- Nautilus Rescue Radio
- Whistle
- Mirror

MUCK DIVING NOTE:

This trip includes Lembbeh's famous muck diving sites. Macro photography enthusiasts may want to bring a focus light, magnifier lens, or spotting tools. The bottom is sand and silt, so excellent buoyancy control is important to avoid stirring up sediment.

WHY SMB & REEL ARE REQUIRED:

If you surface away from the dive tender, your surface marker helps the staff to track your location for pickup. You are encouraged to practice deploying yours before the trip or on the initial check-out dive.

Airline Travel & Checked Bags:

WHAT TO CARRY ON THE PLANE: Pack these in your carry-on bag (NOT checked luggage):

- Passport and travel documents
- Dive certification card
- Medical form
- Money and credit cards
- Prescription medications
- One change of clothes (including swimsuit)
- Basic toiletries

Why? If your checked bag is delayed, having essentials in your carry-on means you can still dive on Day 1. Once the yacht leaves port, it cannot receive deliveries until it returns.

CHECK YOUR AIRLINE'S RULES: Different airlines have different limits for:

- Number of bags
- Weight limits
- Size restrictions
- Extra fees

BUSY SEASON RESTRICTIONS:

- Some airlines reduce luggage allowance during high season (December - April).
- You might only get one checked bag instead of two.

DIVE GEAR FEES:

- Many airlines charge extra fees for dive equipment.
- Check if your airline offers a "sports equipment" allowance.

Communication with Home – Staying In Touch

Before departure:	Share your itinerary with family
Emergency contact:	+1-706-664-0111 available 24/7
In port:	Most cell phones will work if they have international roaming or data.
At sea:	Cellular signal is occasional, depending on the yacht's location and your service provider.
	The yacht has a satellite phone for emergencies. Email service (when available) is text-only.
Return day:	Most cell phones will work if they have international roaming or data.

Tip: Send a “heading out for the trip” message before departure so family knows you may be offline by choice.

Green the Fleet Tips

Contribute to the Green the Fleet sustainability initiatives. Here are a few reminders to keep in mind as you get ready for your adventure:

- Avoid traveling with single-use plastics.
- Remove packaging from any new purchases before traveling.
- Travel with a refillable water bottle for hydration.
- Use rechargeable batteries whenever possible. Plan to bring home used batteries so they can be properly disposed of.
- Use an environmentally friendly or ocean-safe sunscreen.
- Be environmentally conscious in everything you do.

3. GETTING THERE

Arrival Airports — Bitung / Manado

- Sam Ratulangi International Airport (MDC), Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia
- Approximately 1 hour by car from Bitung where you will disembark the yacht.

- Manado is the gateway city for North Sulawesi and the Lembah Strait. International connections are available via Singapore, Bali (Denpasar), and Jakarta.

Departure Airport — Sorong

- Domine Eduard Osok Airport (SOQ), Sorong, West Papua, Indonesia
- Approximately 10 minutes by car from Sorong Harbor where you will board the yacht.
- Sorong is a small city. Domine Eduard Osok Airport (SOQ) and most hotels are 10 minutes from Sorong Harbor.

Recommended Arrival Times:

AGGRESSOR RECOMMENDS: Arrive one day early

- Flights can be delayed
- Luggage can be lost
- Reaching Sorong typically requires multiple connecting flights
- Better to arrive relaxed than stressed

If you arrive on charter start day:

- Arrive at SOQ before 11 am
- Boarding window: from 12 noon
- Yacht departs Sorong Harbor at 4 pm

Transfer Options:

Complimentary transfers are provided on the charter start and end dates only. As the destinations are away from typical tourist infrastructure, formal docking facilities and marinas are not available in the area. To ensure a seamless arrival experience, we provide complimentary transfers to the yacht directly from a local hotel or the airport.

On Charter Start Day (Bitung/Lembah):

- Pickup from the partner hotel in Manado at 11:30 am, transfer to Bitung Harbor (~1 hour drive).
- Guests arriving the same day will be met at MDC airport and transferred to the lobby of the partner hotel, then picked up at 11:30 am with the rest of the group.
- Airport and hotel transfers are complimentary on charter start (Manado airport / partner hotel → Bitung Harbor)

On Charter End Day: (Sorong):

- Disembark by 8:00 am.
- Transfer to Domine Eduard Osok Airport (SOQ) approximately 10 minutes by car.
- Sorong is a small city. Domine Eduard Osok Airport (SOQ) and most hotels are 10 minutes from Sorong Harbor.

Port and Dockage Details

EMBARK PORT:

Bitung is the major seaport of North Sulawesi, located on the eastern side of the island opposite Lembah Island.

As we explore some of the region's most remote and unspoiled destinations, formal marinas and docking facilities are not available. The yacht will be moored or anchored offshore, and our diving tenders will be on hand to transfer you comfortably to and from the vessel.

Check-In: 1:30 pm (charter start day)

Yacht Departs: 4 pm



DISEMBARK PORT:

The yacht returns to Bitung Harbor in North Sulawesi the day before the end of the charter.

Check-Out: 8 am on the last day at Bitung



All guests must be on board at Sorong by the boarding window close. The yacht departs Sorong Harbor at 4 pm to begin the crossing. Please plan flight arrivals accordingly.

4. ON BOARD LIFE

Accommodations & Services

All rooms are air-conditioned and equipped with:

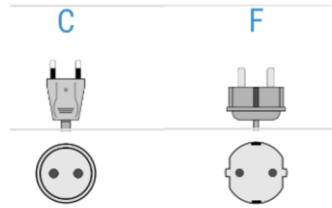
- Private toilet, shower, and sink
- Hair dryer
- Bathrobe
- Towels changed as needed - hang to dry and reuse to support Green Fleet
- Linens (changed mid-week)

STATEROOM SIZE:

- Rooms are compact (approximately 80 square feet) but comfortable. The Raja Ampat Aggressor has 8 staterooms accommodating 16 guests.
- Master Stateroom: queen bed; Deluxe Staterooms: queen + twin bunk OR L-shaped twin beds
- All staterooms have a private bathroom, individual climate control, TV with media player, and hair dryer
- All staterooms have a porthole
- The rooms are designed for divers who spend most of their time on deck or underwater
- Guests store soft luggage under their beds
- There is limited storage – so travel light

Electricity

- The yacht uses 220V outlets, plug types C and F (European-style two-pin).
- Bring a plug adapter if your devices use different plug types.
- Most phone chargers and laptop adapters work with 110V or 220V — check yours to be sure.
- The camera and strobe charging station provides 110V outlets for photo and video equipment.



Reference: www.worldstandards.eu/electricity/plugs-and-sockets

Meals

The culinary team prepares a variety of Indonesian feasts and local cuisine alongside international dishes.

- Breakfast: Cooked-to-order hot entrees, fresh fruit, cereals, and juices
- Lunch: Buffet-style with homemade soups, breads, salads, and sandwiches
- Dinner: Elegant plated service featuring seafood, beef, or chicken, paired with fresh vegetables and homemade desserts
- Snacks: Served mid-morning and mid-afternoon

Dietary Medical Restrictions:

If you have special medical dietary restrictions, please note them in your GIS reservation and discuss them with the yacht chef upon boarding so they can properly prepare to meet your needs.

The destination's remote location means limited access to specialty items. For strict dietary needs:

- Bring critical items with you (gluten-free pasta, specific protein powders, etc.)
- Discuss options with chef on Day 1
- Be flexible - ingredients may not match exactly what you eat at home.

Beverages

Complimentary beverages include:

- Fruit juices
- Soft drinks
- Iced water and iced tea
- Coffee
- Limited selection of local beer and wine

For other alcohol and spirits, you are encouraged to bring your special brand from your home country. Due to the high duty charged on liquor in Indonesia, this is the best option. Due to local regulations, the bar will be closed while the yacht is in port.



Drinking and diving do not mix. Once you consume alcohol, you become a sunbather until the next day.

Communications / Internet



There is an onboard satellite communications device for emergencies. The yacht is in cellular range occasionally, where cellular-based WiFi Internet (3G and above) connectivity (email) becomes available. This will depend on your service provider and the yacht's location. If you need to contact the outside world, please ask the staff in what areas a signal might be available. All communication services the destination provides are charged based on data usage (airtime). Email service (if available) is restricted to text-only messages.

Ships Boutique

- There is a small on board boutique offering assorted t-shirts and other items.
- Your bill for on board services and boutique items will be settled on the last day of diving.
- After returning home, if you still want boutique items, please visit the Aggressor online boutique at www.aggressor.com.

Fees & Taxes (Pay on Board)

Each guest will pay a port fee at the end of the charter. These fees support local port services, environmental permits, and government assessments.

Itinerary	Per Person
Raja Ampat & Lembbeh (Sorong → Bitung, 12 nights)	\$260 USD

Note: Prices subject to change by government authorities without notice.

The yacht accepts cash (Indonesian Rupiah, Euro, or US Dollars) or Visa/MasterCard. Credit cards incur a 2.5% surcharge. USD bills must be brand new, unfolded, unmarked, crisp \$100 banknotes dated after 2006 — otherwise a 5% fee applies.

If you already hold a valid Raja Ampat Marine Park Entry Permit (the “MPA tag,” valid 12 months from purchase), you must inform the reservations office at least 10 days before your trip and bring the permit on board. If the office is not notified within this time, the standard port fee will be charged on board. Bring some Indonesian Rupiah (IDR) — overweight baggage charges at the airport must be paid in local currency.

Fees are paid onboard at the end of your trip during checkout. Travelers' checks and personal checks cannot be accepted.

Smoking / Vaping Policy

- **Smoking and vaping are strictly prohibited anywhere inside the yacht or on the dive deck.**
- Smoking and vaping are only permitted on the bow of the yacht.

- Please respect non-smoking guests.

Entertainment

There are a variety of nightly entertainment options:

- Diving videos
- Movies
- Games
- Marine life identification and destination presentations

The yacht offers a collection of movies and TV shows that can be watched in the salon or in your room. If you have a favorite movie, digital slide show, or video to share, bring it along!

A small library of marine life identification books is also available for reference.

Special Occasions

If you will be celebrating a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, honeymoon, wedding, or your 100th dive, please notify the staff so they can help celebrate your occasion.

Kindly inform the reservation office before traveling so they can notify the staff in advance.

Gratuities

- Staff gratuities are not included in the charter.
- Gratuities are voluntary and should be based on the quality of service provided by the staff.
- When settling your bill, the Captain will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided equally among the staff.
- Payment can be made by cash (Indonesian Rupiah, Euro, or US Dollars), Visa, or MasterCard. Sorry, no personal checks or traveler's checks.

Health & Medications

The Raja Ampat Aggressor has a first aid kit on board, including oxygen and an AED.

Motion Sickness: You might want to bring motion sickness medication if you think you'll need it. There are several over-the-counter brands for motion sickness medication. You can also consult your doctor about prescription options, such as the transdermal patch or Scopace tablets.

Currents and winds may cause moderate movement of the yacht at times.

Medication Storage:

Aggressor yachts and their staff cannot accept any medication brought on board for safekeeping, including those that require refrigeration. Guests needing temperature-sensitive medication should travel with a cooling case or small cooler with several blue ice packets. The staff will gladly store and recharge the blue ice but cannot accept responsibility for the proper care or storage of medication. This should be kept in your room.

5. DIVING INFORMATION

Diving Operations

All diving on Aggressor Liveboard yachts is recreational and non-decompression. Aggressor Liveboards do not support technical diving, rebreathers, or diving with double tanks.

All dives on this itinerary are conducted from two dive tenders. The yacht anchors or moors near the dive sites, and tenders ferry small groups to and from each site. A staff member accompanies each tender group and stays in the water to offer assistance and keep the group together. Every dive begins with a thorough briefing from the staff.

You and your buddy control your dive plan while following the briefing and your certification agency's limits. Guests are not required to follow the staff in the water. If a buddy team needs to surface early, the entire group is not required to abort the dive — the buddy team should follow the briefing and signal the tender driver that everything is OK once on the surface.



All dives must remain within recreational limits. No decompression diving is permitted.

Typical Schedule

- Up to 4 dives per day (including night dives)
- No decompression dives (recreational limits only)
- Night dives available on several evenings

Day		Activity
Charter Start Day	12 noon 4 pm	Boarding at Sorong Harbor; stateroom orientation, gear setup, safety briefing Yacht departs Sorong Harbor and begins the crossing toward Halmahera
Day 2	AM	Initial dive briefing Check-out dive followed by additional dives at Halmahera
Middle Days	All Day	Eat, Sleep & Dive Up to 4 dives per day (including night dives) Diving across Halmahera pinnacles, then transition into Lembeh Strait macro/muck sites Fresh snacks between dives and 3 hot meals daily
Day Before Departure	AM	1–2 morning dives in the Lembeh area

	Evening	Yacht returns to Bitung Harbor in the early evening Farewell cocktail party and dinner on board
Charter End Day	8 am	Continental breakfast Check-out and complimentary transfer from Bitung to Manado (MDC) airport (~1-hour car transfer)

Dive Supervision

- Diving is not just an activity; it's a passion for exploring the underwater world. That's why the dive program is built around empowering you and your buddy to take control of your diving experience.
- While in the water, you and your buddy are in charge.
- Every dive starts with a thorough briefing from the dive staff, covering site conditions, points of interest, and safety procedures.
- As certified divers, you and your buddy are responsible for planning and carrying out your dives while respecting your experience limits and those set by the briefing and your certification agency.
- Divers are not directly supervised - each buddy team manages their own dive.
- If you surface early, only your buddy team surfaces – other divers may continue their dive per the plan and briefing.

Equipment Storage:

- Each guest will be assigned a designated seat on the dive deck and a personal locker or cubby to store items.
- There are also rails and hangers for your wetsuits.
- Freshwater showers are located on the back deck for post-dive comfort.
- Warm towels are provided after each dive.

Tanks & Fills & Nitrox

- Standard tanks: 80 cu ft aluminum tanks with DIN/yoke adaptable valves.
- Fills: Air included.
- Nitrox: A 32% blend is available for divers who are Nitrox certified for an additional fee. Please see www.aggressor.com for pricing.
- Large-capacity tanks (100 cu ft) are available by request for guests who want extra capacity.

Equipment Rentals:

The following dive equipment is available for rental:

Item		Item		Item	
Mask	✓	Fins	✓	Snorkel	✓

BCD	✓	Regulators System	✓	Dive Computer	✓
Dive Light	✓	Safety Sausage (SMB)	✓	Large Capacity Tank (15L, 100 cu ft, or similar)	✓
Nautilus Rescue Radio	✗	Wetsuits	✓	U/W Cameras	✗

Please visit Aggressors' website at www.aggressor.com for detailed information on the cost of dive equipment rentals, certification courses, and large tanks.

If any of your dive equipment fails while on board, the staff will lend you equipment free of charge.



Wetsuit Rentals:

You are strongly encouraged to bring your own wetsuit to ensure optimal comfort and thermal protection during your dives. Since wetsuit fit is highly individual and vital for both comfort and warmth, bringing your personal wetsuit will provide the best diving experience. Surface Marker Buoy (SMB) and reel sets are available on board for rent (\$20 per week) or purchase (\$65). Other rental equipment is readily available.

Consult the Adventure Logs on www.aggressor.com for current water temperatures.

Itinerary Details:

The Halmahera / Lembah crossing departs Sorong (West Papua) and travels east-to-west across the heart of Indonesia's coral triangle, ending in Bitung (North Sulawesi) — gateway to the Lembah Strait. The 12-night route showcases three very different diving environments: pristine reefs and pinnacles in Halmahera, where massive schools of barracuda, bumphead parrotfish, and mantas patrol the seamounts, followed by the world-famous muck diving of the Lembah Strait, where macro photographers find rare critters such as pygmy seahorses, mimic octopus, frogfish, ghost pipefish, and exotic nudibranchs. All diving is from two dive tenders, with a mix of drift dives, wall dives, caves, and macro sites. Highlights include:

- Halmahera Pinnacles: Massive schools of barracuda and bumphead parrotfish patrol exposed seamounts and pinnacles, with mantas regularly cruising the cleaning stations.
- Halmahera Reefs & Walls: Pristine, less-visited reef systems with healthy hard and soft corals, sheer walls, and excellent visibility.
- Lembah Strait — Northern Sites: World-famous muck diving on volcanic black sand. Macro highlights include hairy frogfish, mimic and wonderpus octopus, ornate and robust ghost pipefish, and rare nudibranchs.
- Lembah Strait — Southern Sites: Continued macro paradise. Pygmy seahorses, blue-ring octopus, harlequin shrimp, mandarin fish at dusk, and a high concentration of rare critters in a small area.
- Bonus crossing dives: Several stops along the way between Halmahera and Lembah add variety, weather permitting.

12-night trip: 36–39 dives, including night dives.

Average dive estimates depend on weather conditions and crossings.

Diving Conditions

- Water temperature: 82–86°F (28–30°C)
- Air temperature: 77–81°F (25–27°C)
- Wetsuit: 3mm wetsuit and hood recommended
- Visibility: Generally good, often 60–100+ feet (18–30+ meters); can vary at channel sites and macro/jetty sites
- Currents: Variable. Halmahera pinnacle sites can have moderate to strong currents (drift diving common); Lembah Strait sites are generally calmer and ideal for slow, photography-focused macro dives. A reef hook is recommended for the pinnacle sites.
- Operating season: The 12-night Halmahera / Lembah crossing typically runs June through September/October. Outside these months the yacht repositions to other Indonesian regions.

Seasonal Breakdown:

- Peak Operating Window (June–September): Water 82–86°F (28–30°C); air 77–81°F (25–27°C). Generally calm seas across the eastern Indonesia route, with good visibility on Halmahera reefs and the famous low-visibility but critter-rich conditions of the Lembah Strait. 3mm wetsuit and hood recommended.
- Late Season (early October): Water and air temperatures hold steady. Conditions remain favorable as the yacht wraps the crossing season. 3mm wetsuit recommended.
- Off-Season (October/November–May): The Halmahera / Lembah crossing does not operate during these months. The yacht runs different itineraries (such as 7 and 10-night Raja Ampat trips) during this window.
- Please see the “Adventure Logs” on www.aggressor.com for current diving conditions.

Scuba Training:

Enhance your education while on board an Aggressor yacht!

The courses available include:

- Advanced Open Water Diver (SSI or PADI)
- Enriched Air / Nitrox Courses (SSI or PADI)

Course fees are due once on board and after the instructor confirms your course. The training agency providing your course will depend on your instructor's affiliations.

A diver participating in scuba training will need to complete a medical history form. Please be sure to review the form prior to traveling and ensure you do not need a physician's signature.



Photo & Video

Photography: The Raja Ampat Aggressor offers free photography coaching. The yacht has a 110V strobe charging station and a large camera table for camera and video equipment. Guests should bring their own battery chargers.

As a safety precaution, all lithium-ion batteries must be charged outside at the camera station and cannot be charged inside the yacht.

Video Service: The Video Professional can capture your diving adventure on board the Raja Ampat Aggressor to share with family and friends.

The video of the week (including all guests and staff) is available for an additional fee. See www.aggressor.com for current pricing.



Nearest Chamber

The nearest hyperbaric chambers are in Waisai (Raja Ampat region, near the early-itinerary dives) and in Manado (near Lembeh and the disembark port). You are encouraged to have a full physical exam before your adventure if you have any concerns, and always dive conservatively.

Prohibited Diving Activities:

The following diving activities are not supported and are prohibited on Aggressor Liveboards:

- Use of spear guns, Hawaiian slings, or collecting of any kind
- Solo diving
- Use of double tanks
- Use of underwater scooters
- Decompression or technical diving
- Touching, chasing, or disturbing marine life of any kind

6. AFTER YOUR ADVENTURE

Check-Out Time:

Check-out time is 8 am on the last day of the charter for all guests. At this time, all guests and their luggage must be off the yacht so staff have adequate time to prepare for new guests arriving in just a few hours.

Departure Schedule:

Complimentary transfers are provided on the charter end day to:

- Sam Ratulangi International Airport (MDC) in Manado for guests with departing flights (~1-hour car transfer from Bitung)
- A local Manado hotel for guests extending their stay

Plan departure flights from MDC accordingly — allow extra time for the 1-hour transfer from Bitung to Manado.

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

Guest Surveys

You will receive a detailed survey via email three days after your adventure ends. (If you've completed back-to-back adventures, you'll receive one survey for each.) Aggressor Adventures truly values guest feedback and integrates it into the continuous improvement of its programs.

Many amenities and experiences you enjoyed during your adventure were inspired by guest suggestions. Your feedback is sincerely appreciated, as it helps Aggressor enhance operations and exceed future guest expectations.

Your survey also offers a valuable opportunity to recognize exceptional staff performance. These evaluations directly influence staff recognition programs, awards, and promotions. The staff is dedicated to making your adventure memorable, and your feedback helps Aggressor celebrate their outstanding service. The time you take to provide thoughtful responses is greatly appreciated and helps maintain the highest standards of the Aggressor experience.

Stay Connected

Each week, the previous charter's Adventure log is uploaded to the website. Feel free to visit www.aggressor.com and check the Adventure log for water temperature, visibility, and sightings.