



## Raja Ampat Aggressor

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| <b>Itinerary:</b>           | Sorong / Halmahera / Lembah                                           |
| <b>Adventure Schedule:</b>  | 12 nights — Sorong (West Papua) to Bitung (North Sulawesi), Indonesia |
| <b>Yacht Local Name:</b>    | M/Y Raja Ampat Aggressor                                              |
| <b>Home Port:</b>           | Sorong Harbor, Sorong, West Papua, Indonesia                          |
| <b>Embarkation Port:</b>    | Sorong Harbor, Sorong, West Papua, Indonesia                          |
| <b>Disembarkation Port:</b> | Bitung Harbor, North Sulawesi, Indonesia                              |
| <b>Season:</b>              | Typically runs June through September/October                         |

### Aggressor Adventures Reservation Office

| Office                                          | Contact Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Reservation Office                              | Mon-Fri 8 am - 5 pm EDT<br>Sat/Sun 9 am - 5 pm EDT<br>1-800-348-2628 (USA) -or- +1-706-993-2531<br><a href="mailto:rajaampat@aggressor.com">rajaampat@aggressor.com</a><br><a href="http://www.Aggressor.com">www.Aggressor.com</a> |
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Yacht Contacts:

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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 — Sorong    Home Port: Sorong Harbor, Sorong,  
(West Papua) to Bitung (North                      West Papua, Indonesia  
Sulawesi), Indonesia

#### **Arrival & Transfers**

| <b>Item</b>                            | <b>Details</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Embark Airport                         | Domine Eduard Osok Airport, Sorong, West Papua, Indonesia (SOQ) — Approximately 10 minutes by car from Sorong Harbor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Disembark Airport                      | Sam Ratulangi International Airport, Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia (MDC) — Approximately 1 hour by car from Bitung                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Arrive By                              | All guests are strongly encouraged to arrive 1 day early (reaching Sorong typically requires multiple connecting flights). On embark day: arrive at SOQ before 11 am to allow time for hotel pickup at noon.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Check-In / Out Window (from the yacht) | Check-In: 12 noon at Sorong (charter start day)<br>Check-Out: 8 am at Bitung on the last day                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Transfers:                             | Included — Complimentary on charter start day (Sorong) and end day (Bitung to Manado airport) only. Start day: pickup from the partner hotel in Sorong at 12:00 pm, transfer to the yacht (~10-minute drive); same-day arrivals are met at SOQ and transferred to the partner hotel lobby, then picked up at 12:00 pm with the group. End day: disembark by 8:00 am, transfer to Sam Ratulangi International Airport (MDC) or to a local hotel if extending (~1 hour from Bitung Harbor). |

## Deadlines & Documents

| 60 Days Before Departure        | Review Diving Medical Form (if doing scuba training).<br>Make a doctor's appointment if needed.                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>14 Days Before Departure</b> | <b>Aggressor's Guest Information System registration due. Confirm any special requests.</b>                                                                                                                      |
| <b>7 Days Before Departure</b>  | <b>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.</b> |
| <b>3 Days Before Departure</b>  | <b>Submit the All-Indonesia Arrival Card online at <a href="http://allindonesia.imigrasi.go.id">allindonesia.imigrasi.go.id</a> (within 72 hours before arrival in Indonesia).</b>                               |
| Item                            | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Passport                        | Valid ≥ 6 months beyond trip.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Guest Info System (GIS)         | Complete all sections ≥ 14 days before departure.                                                                                                                                                                |
| All-Indonesia Arrival Card      | <a href="http://allindonesia.imigrasi.go.id">allindonesia.imigrasi.go.id</a> — within 3 days (72 hours) before arrival in Indonesia                                                                              |
| Diving Medical Form             | Required if doing any SCUBA training courses.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Dive Certification Card         | Required for all divers (+ Nitrox if applicable).                                                                                                                                                                |

## Fees & Payments

| Item                                                                 | Details                                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Port / Park Fee — Raja Ampat & Lembbeh (Sorong → Bitung) — 12 nights | \$260 USD per person                                            |
| Payment Methods                                                      | Cash (Indonesian Rupiah, Euro, or US Dollars), Visa, MasterCard |

## 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](http://www.travel.state.gov)
- Other countries: Contact your foreign affairs office or embassy

## All-Indonesia Arrival Card (Required)



Complete the All-Indonesia Arrival Card at [allindonesia.imigrasi.go.id](http://allindonesia.imigrasi.go.id) within 3 days (72 hours) before arrival in Indonesia.

## 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.



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- 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 your 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.

Get quotes: [www.aggressor.com](http://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 room.

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

The following devices are prohibited:

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)
- Wetsuit

## **Personal Equipment**

Mark each piece of your personal gear with waterproof paint or tape. Equipment can look similar — make sure yours is clearly labeled.

Guests should also consider additional personal safety equipment such as:

- Dive Alert
- Nautilus Rescue Radio
- Whistle
- Mirror
- Surface Marker Buoy (SMB) with reel

## WHY SMB & REEL ARE RECOMMENDED:

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



This trip includes Lembeh'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.

## 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**

Before departure: Share your itinerary with family

Emergency contact: +1-706-664-0111 available 24/7

In port (embarkation day/departure day): Most cell phones will work if they have international roaming or data.

At sea: SeaFi Internet is available for purchase

Cell phones will work sporadically based on distance from towers.

Return day: Most cell phones will work if they have international roaming or data.

Tip: Send a "heading out for 6 days" message embarkation day evening so family knows you may be offline by choice.

### **Green the Fleet**

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

| Airport                                                                | Code | Distance / Time                                    | Notes     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Domine Eduard Osok Airport, Sorong, West Papua, Indonesia              | SOQ  | Approximately 10 minutes by car from Sorong Harbor | embark    |
| Sam Ratulangi International Airport, Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia | MDC  | Approximately 1 hour by car from Bitung            | disembark |

#### Recommended Arrival Times

All guests are strongly encouraged to arrive 1 day early (reaching Sorong typically requires multiple connecting flights). On embark day: arrive at SOQ before 11 am to allow time for hotel pickup at noon.

#### Transfer Options

**Included** — Complimentary on charter start day (Sorong) and end day (Bitung to Manado airport) only. Start day: pickup from the partner hotel in Sorong at 12:00 pm, transfer to the yacht (~10-minute drive); same-day arrivals are met at SOQ and transferred to the partner hotel lobby, then picked up at 12:00 pm with the group. End day: disembark by 8:00 am, transfer to Sam Ratulangi International Airport (MDC) or to a local hotel if extending (~1 hour from Bitung Harbor).

| Pickup Point                | Time Window                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Partner hotel lobby, Sorong | 12:00 pm on charter start day |

## Recommended Hotels

| Hotel                                                | Address / Phone                               | Notes     |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Belagri Hotel & Convention Sorong                    | Sorong (pickup 12:00 pm on charter start day) | embark    |
| Swiss-Belhotel Sorong                                | Sorong (pickup 12:00 pm on charter start day) | embark    |
| Hotel Novotel Manado Golf Resort & Convention Center | Manado (1 hour drive to Bitung Harbor)        | disembark |

## Port and Dockage Details

Embark: Sorong Harbor, Sorong, West Papua. Formal marinas and docking facilities are not available — the yacht is moored or anchored offshore and diving tenders transfer guests to and from the vessel. Check-in 12 noon; yacht departs 4 pm.

Disembark: Bitung Harbor, North Sulawesi. The yacht arrives at Bitung Harbor the day before the end of the charter; check-out 8 am on the last day.

## 4. ON BOARD LIFE

### Accommodations & Services

| Room / Type      | Configuration                      | Bath             | Size             |
|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Master Stateroom | Queen bed OR queen bed + twin bunk | Private en-suite | Approx. 80 sq ft |
| Deluxe Stateroom | L-shaped twin beds                 | Private en-suite | Approx. 80 sq ft |

### Electricity

220V (Type C and F plugs) in common areas; 110V multi-use outlets in cabins; 110V camera/strobe charging station

### Meals

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. Snacks served mid-morning and mid-afternoon.

Complimentary beverages: fruit juices, soft drinks, iced water and iced tea, coffee, and a limited selection of local beer and wine. Bring preferred spirits from your home country (high duty on liquor in Indonesia). Due to local regulations, the bar is closed while the yacht is in port.

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.

Specialty dietary items may have limited availability on board. 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 with you or purchase locally before boarding.

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

## Communications / Internet

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, depending on your service provider and the yacht's location. All communication services are charged based on data usage (airtime). Email service (if available) is restricted to text-only messages.

## Ship's 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 [aggressorboutique.com](http://aggressorboutique.com).

## Fees & Taxes (Pay on Board)

| Fee                                                     | Amount               | Notes     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Port / Park Fee — Raja Ampat & Lembah (Sorong → Bitung) | \$260 USD per person | 12 nights |



USD bills must be crisp, undamaged, and recent-series; worn or older bills may be refused or surcharged.

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; otherwise 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 on board at the end of your trip during checkout. Prices subject to change by government authorities without notice. Travelers' checks and personal checks cannot be accepted.

## **Entertainment**

There are a variety of nightly entertainment options:

- Diving videos
- Movies
- 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 slideshow, 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 let the staff know so they can help celebrate.

Notify the reservations office before traveling so the staff can be informed 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 account on the final evening, the captain will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided equally among the staff
- Payment can be made by cash (USD or Cash (Indonesian Rupiah, Euro, or US Dollars), Visa, MasterCard), Visa, or MasterCard.

## Health & Medications

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

Motion Sickness: Consider bringing over-the-counter motion sickness medication if you think you may need it. Consult your doctor about prescription options such as the transdermal patch or Scopace tablets. Currents and winds can cause moderate movement of the yacht at times.

Medication Storage:

The yacht and its staff cannot accept any medication brought on board for safekeeping, including those requiring refrigeration. Guests needing temperature-sensitive medication should travel with a cooling case or a small cooler with blue ice packets. The staff will gladly store and recharge blue ice packs but cannot accept responsibility for proper care or storage of medication. Medication must be kept in your room.



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).

## 5. DIVING INFORMATION

### Diving Operations

All diving is recreational and non-decompression. 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 assist. Drift diving is common at Halmahera pinnacle sites; Lembah Strait sites are generally calmer, macro-focused dives. Every dive begins with a thorough briefing.

**36-39 (12-night), including night dives** total. Up to 4 (including night dives) per day. Night diving offered.

### Typical Schedule

| Day                  | Activity                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Charter Start Day    | 12 noon: boarding at Sorong Harbor; stateroom orientation, gear setup, safety briefing. 4 pm: 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          | Eat, Sleep & Dive — up to 4 dives per day (including night dives). Diving across Halmahera pinnacles, then transition into Lembah Strait macro/muck sites. Fresh snacks between dives and 3 hot meals daily |  |
| Day Before Departure | AM: 1-2 morning dives in the Lembah 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 rails and hangers for wetsuits.
- Freshwater showers are located on the back deck for post-dive comfort.
- Warm towels are provided after each dive.

## **Wetsuit Rentals**

Rentable — Standard tanks: 80 cu ft aluminum with DIN/yoke adaptable valves; air fills included. Large-capacity tanks (100 cu ft) available by request. Nitrox 32% available for certified divers (additional fee). Surface Marker Buoy (SMB) with reel is required equipment. A reef hook is recommended for the Halmahera pinnacle sites. You are strongly encouraged to bring your own wetsuit for fit and warmth; other rental equipment is readily available: mask, fins, snorkel, BCD, regulator system, dive computer, dive light, safety sausage (SMB), Nautilus Rescue Radio, wetsuits, U/W cameras, large-capacity tanks. If any of your dive equipment fails on board, the staff will lend you equipment free of charge.

## **Itinerary Details**

The Halmahera / Lembah crossing departs Sorong (West Papua) and travels 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:

- 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: 82–86°F (28–30°C); air 77–81°F (25–27°C) — 3mm wetsuit and hood recommended (a hood or 5mm option is recommended for the cooler Lembah waters July–August)

Visibility: Generally good, often 60–100+ feet (18–30+ meters); can vary at channel sites and macro/jetty sites

| Season                                    | Conditions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Peak Operating Window<br>(June–September) | Water 82–86°F (28–30°C); air 77–81°F (25–27°C).<br>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<br>(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.                                                                                             |

## 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 yacht offers photography coaching while on board. The Raja Ampat Aggressor has a camera table with low-pressure air hoses and a dedicated charging station for your camera and video equipment.

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](http://www.aggressor.com) for current pricing.

### Nearest Chambers

| Facility                   | Location / Notes                                           |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hyperbaric chamber, Waisai | Waisai (Raja Ampat region, near the early-itinerary dives) |
| Hyperbaric chamber, Manado | Manado (near Lembeh and the disembark port)                |

### Prohibited Diving Activities

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

- Use of Spear guns, Hawaiian slings or collecting of any kind are not permitted.
- Solo Diving
- Use of double tanks
- Decompression or Technical Diving
- Touching, chasing, or disturbing marine life of any kind.



Not supported / prohibited: spear guns, Hawaiian slings, or collecting of any kind; solo diving; double tanks; underwater scooters; decompression or technical diving; touching, chasing, or disturbing marine life. Underwater scooters and electric surfboards (e-foils, jetboards, powered surfboards) may not be brought aboard.

## 6. AFTER YOUR ADVENTURE

### Check-Out Time

8 am at Bitung on the last day

Check-out time is 8:00 am 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. If you are making your own transfer arrangements, please ensure that you are picked up at or before check-out.

### 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), or to 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 guests extending, the staff can organize tours (additional charge).

### 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 Aggressor 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 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**

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