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Raja Ampat Aggressor

Itineraries:

Derawan Islands & Raja Ampat

Each itinerary has a different embark/disembark location

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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 and sent to the yacht. Failure to complete the GIS during this time frame will result in being denied permission to dive on the charter start date.

ITINERARY

The Raja Ampat Aggressor offers **3 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.

LAND EXCURSIONS WHILE ONBOARD

Raja Ampat - A hike through the wooded forest of Penemu is offered to enjoy a scenic view of the islets and lagoons with an occasional visit to the village of Sawandarek where you can dive from the Village Pier. In **Misool (South Raja Ampat)** there is a visit to the island of Yellit, where the Rangers Station is located. Often there are baby sharks swimming around the shallow waters. The **Derawan Islands** offers a visit to the non-stinging jellyfish lagoon and turtle nursery is offered.

ARRIVAL

Guests are encouraged to overnight one night prior to boarding the Raja Ampat Aggressor. Guests who are staying at a local hotel in the vicinity of where the yacht departs from, will be picked up from the local hotel at 12 pm and transferred to the yacht. Guests who will be met at the airport on the charter start day

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will be transferred to the lobby of the partner Hotel in the city, and then picked up at 12 pm and transferred to the Raja Ampat Aggressor. After all guests are onboard, the Raja Ampat Aggressor will depart. Transfers are complimentary on the charter start/end dates.

RAJA AMPAT, BANDA SEA & THE DERAWAN ISLANDS

Located off the northwest tip of Bird's Head Peninsula on the island of New Guinea, in Indonesia's West Papua province, Raja Ampat, or the Four Kings, is an archipelago comprising of over 1,500 small islands, cays, and shoals surrounding the four main islands of Misool, Salawati, Batanta, Waigeo and Kofiau. The Derawan Islands are located off the eastern side of Borneo in Indonesia.

THE RAJA AMPAT AGGRESSOR INCLUDES:

All staterooms are air-conditioned and fitted with private bathrooms and a porthole or picture window. 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 1:00pm with yacht departure 4 pm; check out 8 am
Sorong/Ambon:	Boarding 12 noon with yacht departure 4 pm; check out 8 am
Berau/Berau:	Boarding 12 noon with yacht departure 1:30 pm; check out 8 am
Bitung/Sorong:	Boarding 1:30 pm with yacht departure 4pm; check out 8 am
Sorong/Bitung:	Boarding 1 pm with yacht departure 4pm; Check out 8 am

***Derawan Islands Itinerary (Berau):** On the departure day, the yacht departs the dock at 1:30 pm. All guests must be onboard. The travel time to the Derawan Islands is 6 hours.*

RECOMMENDED HOTELS

Sorong – Belagri Hotel and Convention 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) (5 minutes to harbor), Grand Parama Hotel (3 star) (10 minutes to harbor), Hotel Palmy Exclusive Hotel (2 star) (10 minutes to harbor) – 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 is 11:30am.

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

WELCOME

The enclosed information will assist you. Please download the most recent “Know Before You Go” before your vacation from www.aggressor.com. The Reservations Office and the Raja Ampat Aggressor are in constant communication. 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, 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 his or her itinerary as well as 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 for more information. The website also has information for consulates by country to assist with requirements. There are special requirements for children leaving the US and many countries have adopted requirements for the protection of children. 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 *Dive 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 Liveaboards 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 in the event that unforeseen circumstances prevent the airline or yacht from making its scheduled trip. In the event you cancel your trip, be familiar with Aggressor Liveaboards cancellation policies, which can be found on www.aggressor.com. More information can be found on Diveassure 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, which can be paid by Visa, MasterCard or in cash. List of port and park fees by itinerary:

Raja Ampat:	\$250 USD per person
Raja Ampat & Lembah:	\$260 USD per person
Derawan Islands:	\$250 USD per person

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.

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 staffs 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.

THE YACHT

The Raja Ampat Aggressor is a 100' steel ship. Built and powered for comfort, safety and stability, she cruises at 8 knots and has 220 and 110-volt power plugs for US and EU connections onboard. Accommodations include 1 Master stateroom with queen bed, 2 Deluxe staterooms with one queen bed and one twin bed, and 5 Twin staterooms each with 2 twin beds in an L shape. All staterooms have portholes or picture windows, climate controls, TV's with movies and private bathrooms.

The Raja Ampat Aggressor sleeps 16 guests in privacy and comfort. She features a roomy, air-conditioned salon and dining area, and shaded sun deck complete with lounge and deck chairs. The Raja Ampat Aggressor has a TV, DVD player and stereo in the main salon. Diving amenities include Nitrox (\$150 per 10 night charter), camera table, and fresh water showers. The yacht is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items. We highly recommend extreme caution and care be taken if you plan to travel onboard with electronic equipment. This equipment should always be stowed after use to avoid the risk of damage.



There are no 110v outlets in the staterooms, only in the large station. This is what the outlets look like.

FOOD

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 snorkeler until the next day.

CLOTHING

Clothing should be lightweight, comfortable sportswear; sunscreen and swimsuits are a must. A light sweater or jacket is ideal for evenings. Dress is always casual and informal. Additional items you may want to bring are sunglasses and walking shoes for you 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 is maintained onboard as well as fish identification books for reference.

CELEBRATING A SPECIAL OCCASION

Whether it's your anniversary, birthday, honeymoon, wedding or you are celebrating a 100th 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 four itineraries offers remote pristine diving, each 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 buddy of your choice, or dive with one of the staff. The yacht offers up to four dives per day (including night dives) and depending 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 tank are available by request) All dives will be made from two dive tenders. Enjoy fresh water 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

You've chosen a liveaboard vacation for the diving freedom that it offers. While in the water, you and your buddy are in charge. Every dive starts with a dive briefing from our staff. However, as a certified diver, you and your buddy are responsible for planning and conducting your own dives within the limitations set forth by the briefing. The staff will be on the dive deck providing surface support for divers. They will also have staff in the water offering support, u/w photography and videography, and critter spotting services as well. On some dive sites a staff member will offer to lead a group and assist them in locating specific points of interest. However, the does not offer direct supervision of dives. If you start out with a group, as long as you and your buddy remain in contact with each other and are ok – you may follow your own dive plan. Divers who desire more personal attention and structured/supervised dives should consider taking one of the numerous specialty courses. An underlying skill featured in all of specialty training is planning, executing, and debriefing after your dive in order to build a more confident diver.

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.

REEF SAFE SUNSCREEN

Some sunscreen ingredients are not safe for corals; these include oxybenzone, octinoxate, octocrylene, 4MBC, or butylparaben. Research indicates that these chemicals can cause DNA damage to corals, promote viruses in corals, and contribute to the bleaching of corals. So that we can help protect our reefs, and

because some dive destinations have banned these chemicals, we encourage our guests to choose and use a sunscreen that is "coral safe".

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 final destination, we recommend renting your dive equipment onboard. The yacht offers a full Aqualung rental program onboard.

CERTIFICATION & SPECIALTY COURSES

Several diving specialty courses are offered onboard including Nitrox, Advanced Open Water, UW Photography and more. Checkout dives are offered as well. A list of available courses and prices are available on our website.

PHOTO/VIDEO EQUIPMENT

The Raja Ampat Aggressor offers a complete digital photo department. The photo pro is available for free coaching with equipment rental. The Raja Ampat Aggressor 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. *Please refer to our web site www.aggressor.com for detailed information and costs of rental equipment, certification courses, and photo/video equipment.* Our Video Professional can capture your diving adventure onboard the Raja Ampat Aggressor to share with family and friends. Video of the week/DVD (includes all guests and staff) are 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 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.aggressor.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 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.aggressor.com to find out water temperature, visibility, and sightings.