

# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

## *Raja Ampat Aggressor*



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## IMPORTANT PASSPORT INFORMATION

The Indonesia National Park Authority requires each guest's passport information 2 weeks prior to departure to process a required diving permit. Your passport information will be taken from the GIS and sent to the yacht. Failure to complete this could result in being denied permission to dive on the charter start date.

*The Raja Ampat Aggressor is only able to accept cash for taxes, fees, boutique and any services or rentals onboard.*

## WHERE IS RAJA AMPAT, CENDERWASIH BAY, BANDA SEA AND TRITON BAY?



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 the smaller island of Kofiau.

The **Banda Sea** is in the Maluku Islands of Indonesia, connected to the Pacific Ocean and surrounded by hundreds of islands, as well as the Halmahera and Ceram Seas.

**Cenderawasih Bay** is a large bay in the northern Province of Papua and West Papua, New Guinea, Indonesia. The western part of the bay was declared a marine national park in 2002. **Triton Bay** is the name given to the coastal region east of Kaimana, a small harbor town on the southwest coast of West Papua.

## 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.

## SINGLE TRAVELERS & SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

All rates are quoted on a share basis; therefore you will be roomed with another person of the same gender. If you would like a private room, the cost is a 65% surcharge and will guarantee you a private room.

## ITINERARY

The Raja Ampat Aggressor offers **4 different 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. Be sure to remember the suggested 24-hour no-fly rule when planning your departure.

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

## **WELCOME**

As you prepare for your diving adventure onboard the Raja Ampat Aggressor, we extend a most hearty welcome. It is important to notify our office of last minute changes concerning your airline arrival and departure times or any changes in your address and telephone numbers. The enclosed information will assist you. Please download the most recent "Know Before You Go" before your vacation from [www.aggressor.com](http://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. Don't forget to use your Aggressor luggage tags. They will help the crew identify your bags at the local airport/hotel.

We recommend you pack a regulator, mask, fins, and 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](http://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.*

## **ARRIVAL**

Guests are encouraged to overnight one night prior to boarding the Raja Ampat Aggressor. Guests will be met at the airport on the charter start day and transferred to the Raja Ampat Aggressor. If guests are staying at a local hotel in the vicinity of where the yacht departs from, guests will be picked up from the local hotel at 12 pm and transferred to the yacht. After all guests are onboard, the Raja Ampat Aggressor will depart. Transfers are complimentary on the charter start/end dates.

## **BOARDING/YACHT DEPARTURE/CHECK OUT TIMES**

*(It is important to know which itinerary you are traveling on due to embark/disembark locations)*

Sorong/Sorong: Boarding 1 pm with yacht departure 4 pm; Check Out 8 am  
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Sorong/Biak: Boarding 1 pm with yacht departure 4 pm; Check Out 8 am  
Ambon/Sorong: Boarding 3 pm with yacht departure 4 pm; Check Out 8 am  
Biak/Biak: Boarding 1 pm with yacht departure 4 pm; Check Out 8 am  
Nabire/Biak: Boarding 3 pm with yacht departure 4 pm; Check Out 8 am

## **RECOMMENDED HOTELS**

**Hotels recommended are:**

• **Sorong** – Marina Mamberamo 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. Sorong is a small city and the airport and most of the hotels are located 10 minutes from the Sorong Harbor where you will board.

- **Ambon** - Maluku Divers Resort and Dive Into Ambon Dive Resort are located 10 minutes from the airport and guests can embark and disembark safely from there. Dive Into Ambon is located 40 minutes away.
- **Biak** - Hotel Asana Biak Papua is the best hotel in town. It is located 3 minutes from the airport. The hotel is located 15 minutes from where guests will board the Raja Ampat Aggressor. Biak is a small town with no tourism or resorts and is connected daily with direct flights from Jakarta and Makassar.
- **Kaimana** - Kaimana Beach Hotel is new and the only hotel in town. It is located 45 minutes from the airport and 30 minutes from where guests will board the Raja Ampat Aggressor. For Kaimana trips, it is recommended to overnight in Ambon. There are daily morning flights from Ambon to Kaimana.

## C-CARDS & DIVE THE WORLD CLUB

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 a Cruise 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 Fleet 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 Fleet's cancellation policies, which can be found on [www.dancerfleet.c](http://www.dancerfleet.c) 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. **These must be paid by cash.** List of port and park fees by itinerary:

- Raja Ampat: \$250 USD per person
- Cenderawasih: \$250 USD per person
- Raja Ampat & Cenderawasih: \$260 USD per person
- Raja Ampat & Banda Sea: \$260 USD per person
- Banda Sea & Triton Bay: \$260 USD per person
- Triton Bay & Raja Ampat: \$260 USD per person

Rupiah (IDR) is the official currency. **It is required for all guests to have some local currency as departure taxes and overweight baggage charges MUST be paid in local currency.** Each passenger is required to pay an airport tax at check in. Payment can only be made in local currency. The Bali Airport Domestic Tax (DPS) is 40,000 Rupiahs; Bali Airport International Tax is 200,000 Rupiahs.

Aggressor guests are provided complimentary entrance to the Sorong Airport Lounge when departing.

## **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 located in Bali.

Aggressor Fleet 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 crew 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 sun deck.

## **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-volt power 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.

## **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**

Please plan to travel light, as on all live-aboard dive yachts, space is limited. We recommend that you pack your gear in soft luggage such as a duffel bag for easy stowage and to add to your comfort in your cabin. 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 crew especially loves new releases of DVD's, movies, CD's, 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 100<sup>th</sup> dive, please let us know so the crew can celebrate your occasion. Kindly advise the US office prior to traveling so the crew is notified in advance.

## **DIVING CONDITIONS**

Each of the four itineraries offer 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 crew 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 crewmembers. 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.

## **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. 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.

## **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](http://www.aggressor.com) for detailed information and costs of rental*

*equipment, certification courses, and photo/video equipment.*

## **UNDERWATER VIDEO/DVD**

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 crew) are USD \$65 per person.

## **SHIPS BOUTIQUE & CREDIT CARDS**

There is a mini-boutique onboard, which sells a selection of logo clothing including t-shirts, caps, CD's and miscellaneous items. One day during the week, the crew 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. The yacht processes credit cards using Paypal so charges will appear this way on your statement. 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, feel free to visit [www.aggressor.com/shop](http://www.aggressor.com/shop).

## **GRATUITIES**

Crew gratuities are not included in the charter. We believe gratuities should be voluntary and based upon the quality of service the crew has provided. When settling your account the Captain will have an envelope for gratuities that will be divided equally among the crew. Payment can be made by cash or credit card.

## **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 or to a local hotel if guests are extending their stay. If necessary, additional transfers from the Bali airport to your hotel can be purchased ahead of time by our Liveaboard Vacations Travel Department.

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.

## **CAPTAIN'S LOG**

Each week we post the Captain's log of the previous charter on facebook and the website. Please feel free to visit [www.aggressor.com](http://www.aggressor.com) and go to the Captain's log to find out water temperature, visibility, and sightings.

**Wishing you a wonderful vacation. Please don't hesitate to call or email us if you have any questions.**