

## 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.



## WHERE IS RAJA AMPAT, TRITON BAY, BANDA SEA & 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 **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. **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 **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.

## 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.

The Raja Ampat Aggressor has chosen the best time of year to be in Raja Ampat, Triton Bay, Banda Sea and Derawan Islands. 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. 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 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 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.

## **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  
Sorong/Ambon: Boarding 1 pm with yacht departure 4 pm; Check Out 8 am  
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  
Tarakan/Tarakan: Boarding 1 pm with yacht departure 6:30 pm; Check Out 8 am

***Derawan Islands Itinerary (Tarakan):*** On the departure day, the yacht departs the dock at 6:30 pm. Guests arriving after that time will be transferred to the yacht by speedboat at guests expense.

## **RECOMMENDED HOTELS**

**Hotels recommended are:**

- **Sorong** – Belagri Hotel and Convention Sorong is located 5 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.
- **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.

• **Tarakan** - Swiss-Bel Hotel - Tarakan is a four star hotel that offers 82 well-appointed rooms with a full range of amenities such as telephone lines, satellite TV, free wifi in public areas, pool, restaurant and bar. Conveniently located less than 10 minutes from Juwata Airport and close to attractions such as Amal Beach and mangrove forests.

## **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. More information can be found on Diveasure 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 & Banda Sea: \$260 USD per person

Banda Sea & Triton Bay: \$260 USD per person

Triton Bay & Raja Ampat: \$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 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.



There are no 110v outlets in the staterooms, only in the large station. Attached is a copy of the outlets onboard.

## 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, 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.

## **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. We 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.

## **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.

## **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. Many credit card companies are charging a conversion fee. If this happens to you, please contact your credit card company.

## **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. 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, or the Sorong MEC restaurant/café resting place. The MEC (Misool Filling Station) offers to the guests a complimentary snack, drink, luggage storage and portage from and to taxi, comfortable chairs in an ac room and Wi-Fi.

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.

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