

RAJA AMPAT AGGRESSOR

Derawan Islands, 7 nights

Berau to Berau | Sangalaki, Kakaban, Maratua, Talisayan and Derawan

Small, remote atolls off the coast of Borneo, in what is considered the second most biodiverse place in the world.

Sangalaki is famous for its large population of turtles and manta rays all year round, with whale sharks often seen off the coast, and at Talisayan whale sharks swim under the fishing platforms of the local fishermen.

Maratua has tornadoes of barracuda, grey reef sharks, thresher sharks and schooling eagle rays, while around Derawan the macro life is a haven of the weird and wonderful, with Satomi pygmy seahorses and sea dragons.

Kakaban finishes with a non-stinging jellyfish lake in the middle of the island.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
8 days / 7 nights	Berau	Berau	Certified diver







Your route

STOP 1

Berau and the crossing

On the charter start date guests are picked up from one of the host hotels and taken to the Raja Ampat Aggressor.
Once all guests are on board the adventure begins towards the Derawan Islands, about 10 hours away.
There is no diving this day.

STOP 2

Sangalaki Island

Four dives at Sangalaki Island.

STOP 3

Kakaban Island

Four dives at Kakaban Island.

STOP 4

Talisayan whale sharks

Four dives at Talisayan, with whale sharks.

STOP 5

Maratua

Four dives at Maratua.

STOP 6

Maratua

Four dives at Maratua.

STOP 7

Derawan

Two dives at Derawan.

STOP 8

Disembarkation

Disembark and transfer to Berau International Airport or the partner lounge in the area.

THE ROUTE

Route map

The map shows the Derawan Islands off the coast of Borneo, with Sangalaki, Kakaban, Maratua Atoll, Pandjang and Derawan and the dive sites around them. The sample itineraries and maps are for illustration only. The exact route and sites visited depend on local regulations, guest experience, weather and logistics, and are at the Captain's discretion.



THE DIVING

Diving highlights

THE DERAWAN ISLANDS, KALIMANTAN, BORNEO

The Derawan Islands are part of the Coral Triangle, which has 872 species of reef fish, 507 species of coral and invertebrates including protected species such as five species of giant clam, two species of sea turtle and the coconut crab.

KAKABAN

Kakaban is known for its non-stinging jellyfish lake in the middle of the island, a brisk 15 minute walk. The jellyfish have lived in the lake for centuries because there are no known predators. The outer ring of the island has a wide variety of dive sites with corals, large pelagic fish and thrilling caves. The most famous is Barracuda Point, with schooling barracuda visited by large tuna and sharks.

SANGALAKI

This area is famous for its large population of turtles and manta rays all year round, and guests frequently see them feeding. The island has a turtle nursery run by the local government that can be visited, and whale sharks are often seen off the coast.

MARATUA ATOLL

The Raja Ampat Aggressor's favourite dives are The Channel and Big Fish Country, with tornadoes of barracuda, grey reef sharks, thresher sharks, lots of turtles and schooling eagle rays. Maratua has at least 13 caves, with hundreds more still to be explored.

PULAU PANJANG AND PULAU DERAWAN

An area known for amazing macro life, such as Satomi pygmy seahorses, sea dragons, ghost pipefish, frogfish, blue ring octopus, harlequin shrimp and tiger shrimp. It is a macro haven of the weird and wonderful.

TALISAYAN

A large population of whale sharks can be found here during the diving season. As in Cenderawasih Bay, the whale sharks swim under the fishing platforms of the local fishermen.







CONDITIONS

Temperature and dive organisation

Temperature

The water temperature averages 28 to 30°C (82 to 86°F), and a 3 mm wetsuit is recommended.

Currents

Strong currents are regular where the Pacific Ocean meets the Halmahera Sea, and big fish feel at home in them.

Dive tenders

All dives are made from two dive tenders.

ON BOARD

Service and cuisine

THE CUISINE

The menu on board is varied and plentiful, with a variety of Indonesian feasts and local cuisine. You wake up to fresh fruit, hot entrees, cereals and juices, lunches feature delicious local cuisine, and dinners are served each evening with salads, vegetables, seafood, beef or chicken and a fresh homemade dessert. Please note any special dietary requirements on your guest information form and speak to the chef about them once on board, as some special dietary and beverage requests may not be available because of the remote location.

DRINKS

The beverage selection includes fruit juices, soft drinks, iced water, iced tea and coffee, along with a limited selection of local beer and wine, all complimentary. Drinking and diving do not mix, and once you have a drink you are a sunbather until the next day.








INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Full board meals and snacks
- Juices, soft drinks, iced water, tea, coffee, local beer and wine
- Diving from two dive tenders
- Transfers on the charter start and end dates

NOT INCLUDED

- Park and port fee and fuel surcharge, paid on board at the end of the trip
- Spirits
- Equipment rental and courses
- Local currency for overweight baggage and incidentals
- Gratuities for the crew, which are optional
- Diving and travel insurance