

Derawan Islands – Berau to Berau

7 Night Itinerary

The Derawan Islands (Kepulauan Derawan) are located off the eastern coast of Borneo (East Kalimantan Province) in Indonesia, in the famous Celebes Sea.

Derawan is an archipelago with the main islands being Derawan, Maratua, Kakaban and Sangalaki, forming small and remote atolls with sandy banks. This special place is considered the second most biodiverse place in the world.

Derawan Islands are part of the Coral Triangle, which features 872 species of reef fish, 507 species of coral, and invertebrates, including protected species (5 giants clam species, 2 sea turtles, coconut crab, etc.).

Sample Seven Night Itinerary (22 Dives)

- **Day 1:** On the charter start date, guests will be picked up from one of the host hotels and transferred to the Raja Ampat Aggressor. Once all guests are onboard, the adventure begins to the Derawan Islands (approximately 10 hours). No diving this day.
- **Day 2:** 4 dives in Sangalaki Island
- **Day 3:** 4 dives in Kakaban Island
- **Day 4:** 4 dives in Talisayan Whale Sharks
- **Day 5:** 4 dives in Maratua
- **Day 6:** 4 dives in Maratua
- **Day 7:** 2 dives in Derawan.
- **Day 8:** Disembark and transfer to the Berau International Airport or partner lounge in the area.

Diving Highlights:

Kakaban: Kakaban is known for the non-stinging jelly fish lake, located in the middle of the island and a brisk 15 minute walk. The non-stinging jellyfish have inhabited the lake for centuries as there are no known predators. The outer ring of Kakaban island offers divers a wide variety of dive sites that includes corals, large pelagic and thrilling caves. The most famous area is Barracuda Point which has schooling barracuda which are visited by large tuna and sharks.

Sangalaki: This area is famous for the large population of turtles and manta rays year round and guests will frequently see them feeding. The island has a turtle nursery run by the local government which can be visited. Whale sharks are frequently seen off the coast of the island.

Maratua Atoll: The Raja Ampat Aggressors favorite dives are "The Channel" and "Big Fish Country" which has tornadoes of barracuda, grey reef sharks, thresher sharks, loads of turtles and schooling eagle rays schooling. Maratua Island has at least 13 caves with hundreds more that have yet to be explored.

Pulau Panjang & Pulau Derawan: This is an area known for amazing macro life such as satomi pigmys, sea dragons, ghost pipefish, frogfish, blue ring octopus, harlequin shrimp and tiger shrimp. This is a macro haven with the weird and wonderful.

Talisayan: A large population of whale sharks can be found here during the diving season. Similar to Cenderawasih Bay, the whale sharks can be found swimming under the fishing platforms of the local fishermen.

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 (Guest information sheet).

You will awaken to fresh fruits, hot entrees, cereals and juices. Lunches feature 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.

The Aggressor's beverage selection includes fruit juices, soft drinks, iced water, iced tea, coffee, and a limited selection of local beer and wine, which are complimentary.

Due to the high duty charged on liquor, we suggest you bring your own special brand.

Drinking and diving do not mix.

Once you consume alcohol, you become a sunbather until the next day.

The water temperature averages 82-86°F / 28-30°C

A 3mm wetsuit recommended

All dives are made from 2 dive tenders

Local Fees/Taxes

Each guest must pay a park and port fee and fuel surcharge onboard at the end of the trip by Visa, Master Card or in cash.

Fees are per person and in USD:

Derawan Islands: \$250 (park/port fee) + \$150 (7 nt) or \$200 (10 nt/12 nt) fuel surcharge

Rupiah (IDR) is the official currency. It is required for all guests to have some local currency as any 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.

