

Lembeh/North Sulawesi/Derawan

12 Night Itinerary

North Sulawesi

The first 4 – 5 days will be spent diving in North Sulawesi then 2 – 3 days exploring new areas before crossing to the Derawan islands in Borneo and Kalimantan.

Lembeh Strait - Sulawesi

A Muck Diving Mecca and the Twilight Zone are just a few of the names that have been given to Lembeh over the years due to it's high density, and diversity, of rare and unusual marine life.

Diving in Lembeh is unlike diving anywhere else as every dive reveals countless species of critters which have made their homes here on Lembeh's famous muck diving slopes.

Lembeh isn't just home to frogfish, it's home to 8 different species of frogfish, 12 species of octopus, numerous crustacean species that cannot be found anywhere else on earth, 3 species of pygmy seahorse, countless numbers of nudibranch species.

Other critters frequently found here include the Hairy Frogfish, Pontohi Pygmy Seahorse, Wunderpus, Mandarin Fish, Mimic Octopus, Rhinopias Scorpionfish, Flamboyant Cuttlefish, Blue Ring Octopus.

Bangka Island area - Sulawesi

With more than 30 world-class dive sites, Bangka's archipelago offers several different diving spots, from richly-colonized volcanic pinnacles, beautiful pristine coral reef slopes to sandy slopes, mangroves and walls.

Bunaken National Park - Sulawesi

Often simply called Bunaken, the Bunaken Marine Park consists of five islands: Manado Tua, Siladen, Mantehage, Nain and Bunaken itself.

The dive sites around the islands are slopes, walls or sloping walls.

It features pristine hard corals, abundant reef fish, and larger pelagic species including reef sharks, eagle rays and tuna.

Derawan Islands – Kalimantan, Borneo

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.).

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.

Sample itineraries and maps are for illustrative purposes only. The exact route and sites visited are subject to change based on local regulations, guest experience, weather and logistics, and is at the Captain's discretion.

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:

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.

