

RAJA AMPAT AGGRESSOR

Lembeh, North Sulawesi and Derawan, 12 nights

Bitung and Berau | Lembeh, Bunaken, Bangka and the Derawan Islands

Diving in Lembeh is unlike diving anywhere else, a muck diving mecca where every dive reveals countless critters on famous muck slopes.

Frogfish, octopus, pygmy seahorses, nudibranchs, wunderpus, mandarin fish and flamboyant cuttlefish all live here.

Bunaken has pristine hard corals on walls and slopes, with reef sharks, eagle rays and tuna passing by.

Then the Derawan Islands bring turtles and manta rays, whale sharks swimming under fishing platforms and tornadoes of barracuda.

A non-stinging jellyfish lake finishes it off.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
13 days / 12 nights	Bitung	Berau, or Berau to Bitung	Certified diver







Your route

STOP 1

Start: Bitung or Berau

The cruise starts in Bitung, or in Berau when sailing the other way.

STOP 2

North Sulawesi: Lembeh, Bangka and Bunaken

The first 4 to 5 days are spent diving in North Sulawesi, around the Lembeh Strait, the Bangka Island area and Bunaken National Park.

STOP 3

Crossing: New areas

Two to three days exploring new areas before crossing to the Derawan Islands in Borneo and Kalimantan.

STOP 4

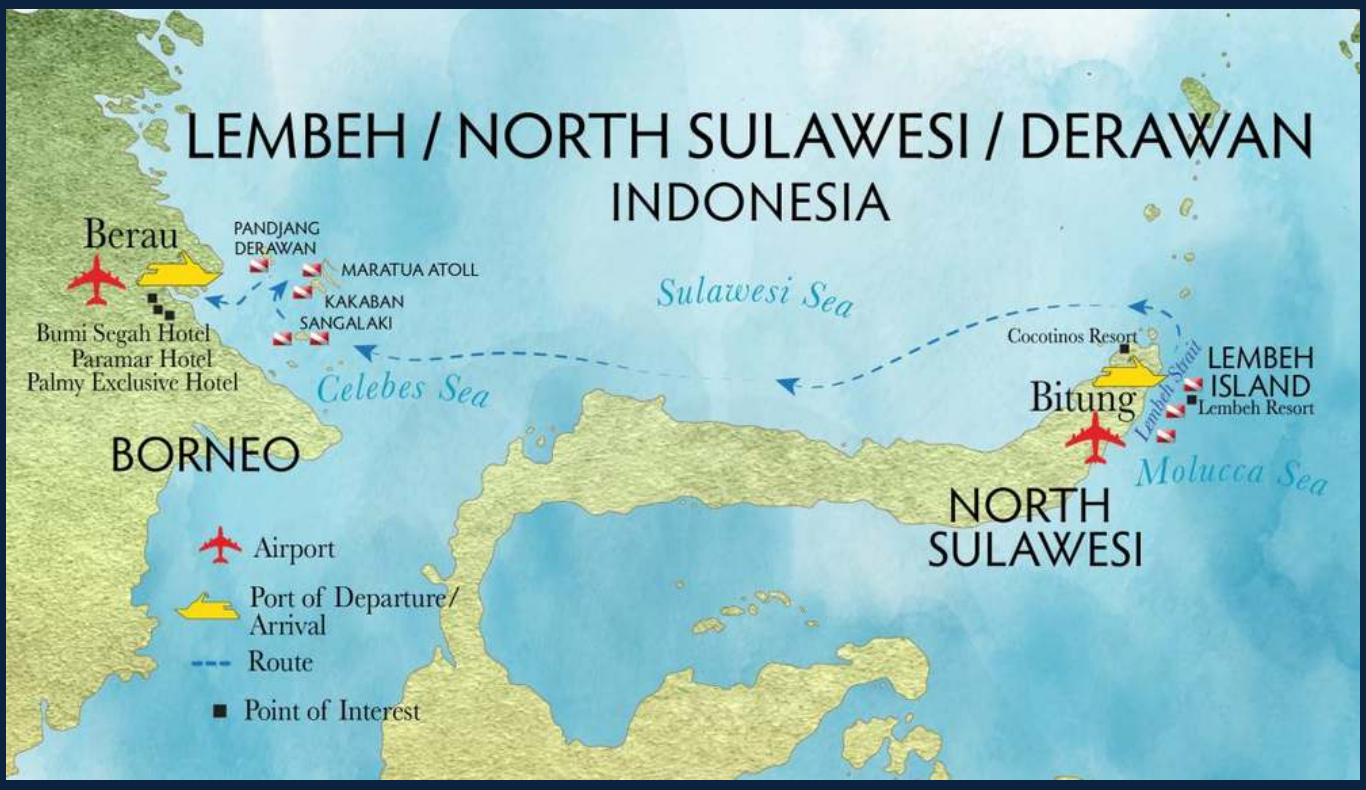
Derawan: Kakaban, Sangalaki, Maratua and Talisayan

Diving around Kakaban, Sangalaki, Maratua, Pulau Panjang and Derawan, and Talisayan.

THE ROUTE

Route map

The map shows the route between Bitung in North Sulawesi and Berau in East Kalimantan, with the Derawan Islands: Pandjang, Derawan, Maratua Atoll, Kakaban and Sangalaki. 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

LEMBEH STRAIT, SULAWESI

A muck diving mecca and the Twilight Zone are just two of the names Lembeh has been given because of its 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 on its famous muck diving slopes. Lembeh is home to 8 species of frogfish, 12 species of octopus, 3 species of pygmy seahorse, countless nudibranchs and numerous crustaceans that cannot be found anywhere else on earth. Other critters often found here include the hairy frogfish, Pontohi pygmy seahorse, wunderpus, mandarin fish, mimic octopus, rhinopias scorpionfish, flamboyant cuttlefish and blue ring octopus.

BANGKA ISLAND AREA, SULAWESI

With more than 30 world-class dive sites, the Bangka archipelago offers several kinds of diving, from richly colonised volcanic pinnacles and pristine coral reef slopes to sandy slopes, mangroves and walls.

BUNAKEN NATIONAL PARK, SULAWESI

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







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