

Agats, South Papua, Indonesia

Rising from tidal flats on a network of wooden boardwalks, Agats is the administrative heart of the Asmat people — one of the world's great woodcarving cultures. Few cruise itineraries reach here; those that do offer something genuinely rare.

 Tender port (no cruise pier)

 Typical call: 6-8 hrs

 Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)

 Indonesian / Asmat

 Expedition ships only

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender only; conditions depend on tides and weather **Walk to center:** Boardwalks from tender landing lead directly into town

Best For: Indigenous culture, woodcarving art, remote adventure **Don't Miss:** Asmat Museum of Culture and Progress

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  Negotiable ·  **Rideshare**  Maxim

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Asmat Museum of Culture and Progress** — Founded in 1973 by missionary Father Frank Trenkenschuh, this world-class collection holds over 1,200 Asmat artifacts...
- Asmat Woodcarvers Workshop Visit** — Watch master carvers shape canoes, bisj poles, and ceremonial figures from ironwood.
- Asmat Village River Expedition** — Zodiac or speedboat trip through mangrove-lined channels to outlying villages like Syuru.
- Boardwalk Town Walk** — Wander Agats's own streets — which happen to be elevated wooden walkways suspended above tidal mud.

BEST WALKS

- Agats Boardwalk Loop** ~1.5 km · 45 min · Easy — From the tender landing, follow the main boardwalk north past the local market and tribal monument, then turn toward the Diocese of...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		85°	76°	27d
Jun		84°	75°	26d
Aug		83°	74°	22d
Sep		84°	74°	24d
Oct		86°	75°	25d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 5:48AM–5:46PM · Jun 5:54AM–5:41PM · Aug 5:54AM–5:49PM · Sep 5:40AM–5:44PM · Oct 5:26AM–5:39PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring IDR cash. There are no ATMs in Agats and no card acceptance. Stock up before arrival — the ship's currency exchange is your best option.
- Always ask before photographing people, especially children and elders. The Asmat are gracious hosts but privacy matters — a nod and a smile go a long way.
- Wear grippy closed-toe shoes. The boardwalks can be wet and uneven. Flip-flops are risky; sandals with ankle straps are the minimum.