

Bitung, North Sulawesi, Indonesia

A working industrial port with remarkable rewards just beyond the gates — from the world's smallest primate in Tangkoko's rainforest to the critter-rich depths of Lembeh Strait.

- Docked (commercial pier)
- Typical call: 8-10 hrs
- Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)
- Indonesian / Manado Malay
- Top wildlife & diving port

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Cruise ships dock at Samudera Bitung passenger terminal — no tendering required

Best For: Wildlife trekking (Tangkoko), world-class muck diving (Lembeh Strait), volcano scenery

Walk to Center: Port area is industrial; taxis needed to reach Bitung city (~3 km) or any major attraction

Don't Miss: Spectral tarsiers at Tangkoko Nature Reserve — one of the world's rarest wildlife encounters

Getting around: **Taxi** IDR 50,000–100,000 (~\$3–\$7 USD)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Tangkoko Nature Reserve Trek** — Trek through lowland rainforest at Tangkoko Batuangus Nature Reserve, home to the spectral tarsier — one of the world's smallest primates — and...
- Lembeh Strait Diving & Snorkeling** — The Lembeh Strait — a narrow channel between Bitung and Lembeh Island — is the 'critter capital of the world' for muck diving.
- Mount Mahawu Crater Lake** — Drive up the flanks of Mount Mahawu (an active volcano near Tomohon) for a short walk to its scenic crater lake.
- Waruga Megalithic Stone Graves** — Visit the Waruga stone sarcophagi at Airmadidi village — ancient above-ground burial jars carved by the Minahasan people, some dating back over 1,000...
- Manado City & Tomohon Market** — Head to Manado, the provincial capital, for the 19th-century Ban Hin Kiong Chinese temple (the oldest in eastern Indonesia), Dutch colonial Sentrum...

BEST WALKS

- Bitung Waterfront & City Center Stroll** 1-2 hrs | Easy | Flat — Take a taxi to central Bitung and walk along the waterfront promenade near Pelabuhan Bitung, past fishing boats and small warung (food stalls).

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:35AM–5:43PM · Jun 5:34AM–5:45PM · Aug 5:39AM–5:48PM · Sep 5:31AM–5:38PM · Oct 5:22AM–5:27PM	
Apr	86°	77°	26d		
Jun	84°	77°	24d		
Aug	84°	77°	15d		
Sep	85°	77°	15d		
Oct	86°	77°	19d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Tangkoko early. It's the #1 excursion and fills fast — arrange through your cruise line or a reputable local operator before you arrive. Morning treks see macaques; dusk treks see tarsiers.
- Lembeh diving requires advance booking. Dive resorts on the strait need notice for equipment and boat allocation. Book 1-2 days ahead if not going through the ship.
- Bring IDR cash. ATMs are available in Bitung city and Manado, but smaller vendors and park entry fees (Tangkoko: ~100,000 IDR / ~\$6 USD) are cash-only. US dollars may be accepted at tourist facilities.
- Negotiate taxi fares before you ride. There are no meters — agree on the full round-trip price upfront. A private car with driver to Tangkoko runs roughly 500,000–800,000 IDR (\$30–50 USD) for the day.
- Dress for tropical heat and rain. Bitung is hot and humid year-round (28–32°C / 82–90°F). Wear light, long-sleeved clothing for the jungle, bring insect repellent, and pack a rain layer.
- The port area has nothing to walk to. Don't waste time at the terminal — head directly to your excursion. Even a quick city stroll requires a 3 km taxi ride into Bitung.

Bitung, North Sulawesi, Indonesia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1** **Lembeh Strait** World-famous muck-diving strait between Bitung and Lembeh Island known for rare, unusual marine critters.

- P** **Cruise port / terminal**