

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 — ancestor poles, ceremonial...
- 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 Agats cathedral and on to the Asmat...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	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	
Apr	85°	76°	27d		
Jun	84°	75°	26d		
Aug	83°	74°	22d		
Sep	84°	74°	24d		
Oct	86°	75°	25d		

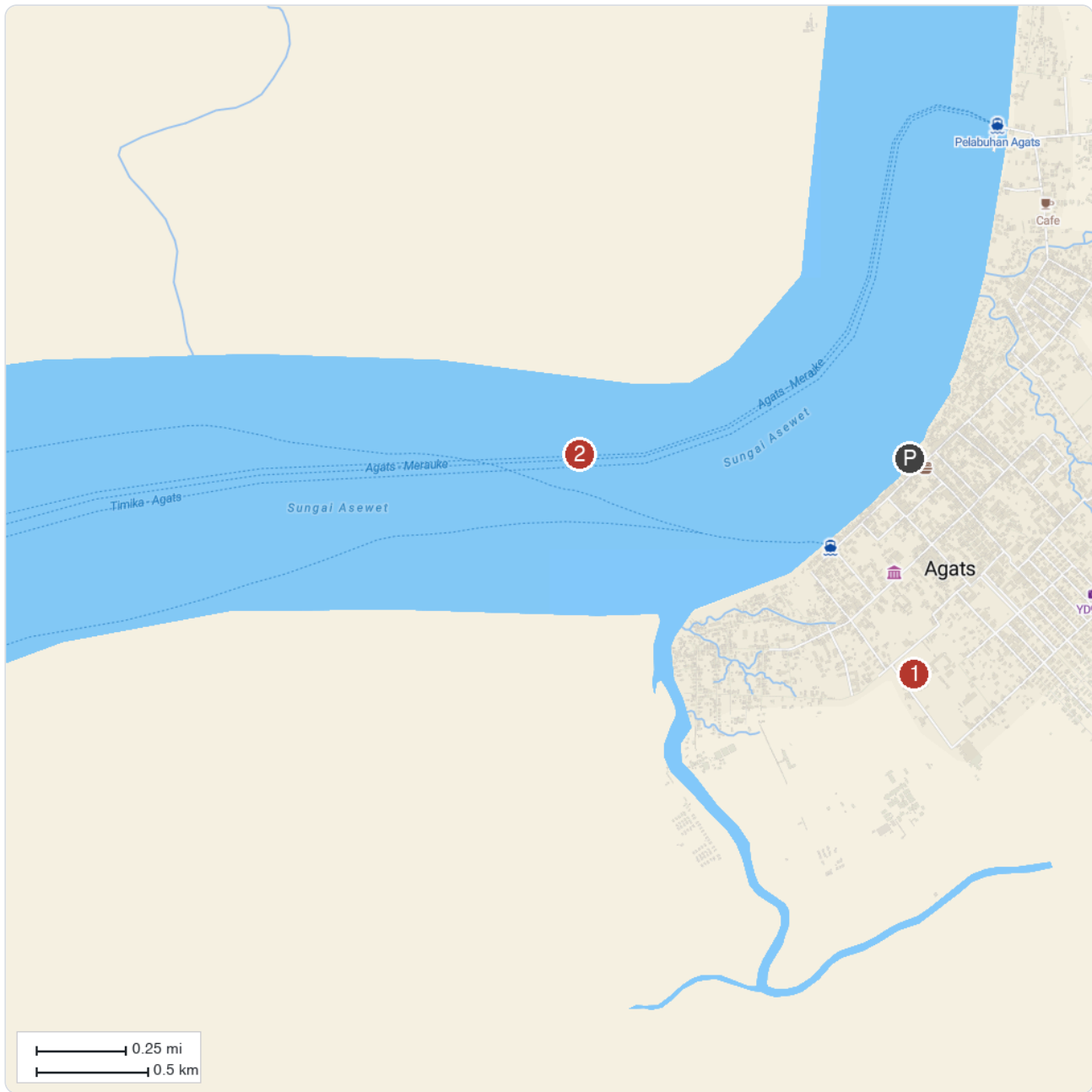
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- 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.
- Expect humidity and rain. Agats sits in a tropical rainforest climate. A light rain jacket and insect repellent are worth packing ashore.
- Tender queues can be long. Agats sees few ships and local tender infrastructure is basic. Head ashore in the first wave if you want maximum time at the museum or a village trip.
- Buy carvings directly from artists for the best quality and to ensure money reaches the maker. The Asmat Museum can help point you toward reputable carvers.

Agats, South Papua, 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 Asmat Museum

Renowned collection of Asmat woodcarving art and ceremonial artifacts.

2 Agats Boardwalk Town

Remote swamp town built entirely on wooden boardwalks over water.

P Cruise port / terminal