

Raja Ampat, Halmahera & Lembeh, Indonesia

Trip Information

Flights and Transfers

The liveboard price includes transfers between the domestic arrival and departure airports or local hotels and the harbour on the day of embarkation and on the day of disembarkation. Please refer to your itinerary for full details on transfers.

Domestic flights to and from embarkation / disembarkation locations are not included.

When arriving on the day of embarkation, a Master Liveboards representative will welcome you at the local airport upon arrival of your domestic flight to assist with your luggage and arrange your transfer to the harbour and onwards to Indo Siren.

Sorong to Bitung itinerary

- **Arrival Airport:** Domine Eduard Osok (Sorong) Airport (SOQ)*
- **Departure Airport:** Sam Ratulangi International Airport, Manado (MDC)**

For embarkation in Sorong, we request that guests are required to arrive in Sorong before 12:00 (midday) on embarkation day.

PLEASE NOTE:

*Transfer from Sorong Airport to Sorong Harbour takes approximately 20-30 minutes.

Guests arriving in Sorong earlier than 12:00 will be met at Sorong Airport upon arrival of their flight, and transferred to Swiss-Belhotel to await transfer to the harbour. Guests staying in Sorong before the start of their liveboard will be picked up from their hotel around 12:00.

**Transfer between Bitung Harbour and Manado Airport is by minibus and takes approximately 1hr 45 minutes. Therefore an afternoon flight departure from Manado is recommended.

Please take note of the international and [domestic flight advice](#) on the following page.

Bitung to Sorong itinerary

- **Arrival Airport:** Sam Ratulangi International Airport, Manado (MDC)**
- **Departure Airport:** Domine Eduard Osok (Sorong) Airport (SOQ)

****We strongly recommend making arrangements to arrive in Manado the day before the start of your liveboard itinerary.** (Please take note of the domestic flight information below).

Guests arriving on the day of embarkation, will be met upon arrival at Manado Airport by a Master Liveboards representative who will assist with your luggage and arrange transfer to the harbour. Transfer time from the airport to Bitung Harbour takes approximately 1¾ hrs.

Advice on International Flights

We suggest booking your international flights into and out of Jakarta International Airport (CGK) for the easiest domestic connections to / from Sorong and Manado. We advise you to spend at least one day in Jakarta either side of your liveboard dates to allow for possible changes to flight schedules and to ensure you are on time for your connections.

Our reservations team can help to arrange hotel accommodation and your domestic flight connections between your arrival airport and embarkation point.

Domestic Flights

Sorong flights

There are several direct flights per day operating between Jakarta and Sorong. Flights from Bali to Sorong require a change of flight in either Jakarta or Makassar.

Manado flights

There are several direct flights per day operating between Jakarta and Manado. At the time of writing, there are no direct flights between Bali and Manado; All flights from and to Bali involve at least one flight change.

IMPORTANT: *Domestic flights in Indonesia are often subject to delays, schedule changes and cancellation at short notice which can result in missed connections and arriving at your embarkation location after the liveboard has already departed from port.*

In such an event, guests arriving after the boat has departed may be charged for the additional costs involved in arranging a speedboat transfer from the harbour to the liveboard, or for the extra fuel required for Indo Siren to return to port to pick them up.

With this in mind, *we strongly recommend* that you make allowances for such eventualities by *making arrangements to arrive the day before embarkation at your itinerary's starting location and booking a hotel for the night.* This will not only ensure that you are well rested before you commence diving, but will also allow time to make alternative flight arrangements should there be any changes to the ones you have booked.

Should you choose to arrange domestic flights to arrive at your liveboard start location on the day of embarkation, please ensure that your arrival time is as early as possible, and no later than 12:00 (midday).

For guests who have booked domestic flights through Master Liveboards, our ground handler will endeavour to find the best alternatives in the event that flights booked through us are affected by cancellations, or schedule changes.

Where flights that you, or your agent, have booked are cancelled or delayed, our ground agent can provide assistance with making alternative arrangements, although a \$25 USD fee will be charged for the service, in addition to the cost of any hotels and transfers that might be required.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have adequate travel insurance which covers any costs that may be incurred as a result of changes to flight arrangements, regardless of who they were booked through.

Visa and Passports

Your passport must have at least 6 months validity from the date of arrival into Indonesia.

Visa Information

A visit visa is required for all travellers entering Indonesia for the purpose of tourism. Indonesia offers a Visa on Arrival (VOA) service for many nationalities which allows visitors to stay in the country for up to 30 days ([Visa Type B213](#)) and costs 500,000 IDR (approximately 35 USD).

A list of nationalities that are eligible for Visa on Arrival, and other information, can be found here: <https://molina.imigrasi.go.id/front/info/evoa>

We strongly recommend applying for an e-VOA via the Indonesian Government's [Official e-Visa Website](#) before travelling. Applications can be submitted via the portal 14 days before your planned date of arrival; however, we advise doing so no less than 48 hours before travelling. If you do not obtain an e-VoA before you arrive in Indonesia, you can purchase a Visa on Arrival at the VoA counter in the airport arrivals hall.

If you are not eligible for a Visa on Arrival, or are planning to remain in Indonesia for longer than 30 days, but no more than 60 days, you should apply for a Tourism Single entry Visitor Visa ([Type 211A](#)) either on-line through the Indonesian Government's [Official website](#) or the Indonesian Consulate or Embassy in your home country before you travel.

As visa and passport regulations and requirements differ per country, and can change at short notice, we advise checking your home country's government travel advisories (e.g. US <https://travel.state.gov>, UK <https://www.gov.uk>, AU <https://www.smartraveller.gov.au>, etc.) or your nearest Indonesian embassy or consulate for any updates or changes to visa procedures.

Proof of onward travel

Immigration officials may ask you to show a confirmed return ticket to leave Indonesia within the maximum number of days you are allowed to stay in the country. Please note that some airlines have refused to board passengers without evidence of onward travel.

If you are travelling with medication, please make sure to bring your physician's prescription with you.

Customs Declaration

All travellers to Indonesia must complete an [Electronic Customs Declaration](#) (e-CD) which is a **mandatory requirement** to go through customs clearance at all Indonesian airports.

There is no charge for the e-CD which can be completed on-line no more than 3 days before arrival via the official government website (<https://ecd.beacukai.go.id/>), or at your arrival airport; pre-registration is highly recommended to save time.

Once the electronic declaration form has been completed you will receive a QR code which must be presented to Indonesian customs officials after collecting your luggage. Paper customs declaration forms are no longer available.

Insurance

Insurance which covers scuba diving is mandatory.

All guests are required to carry full travel and cancellation insurance, in accordance with our [Terms and Conditions](#). Master Liveboards cannot be held liable for delays occurring during the cruise, nor any delays or cancellations of flights, accommodations or tours and transfers that we organise on your behalf.

Your insurance must cover all of your scuba diving and snorkelling activities, including the costs for recompression chamber treatment and emergency air evacuation. We therefore ***strongly recommend purchasing diving-specific insurance*** to cover any diving related eventuality.

Master Liveboards act as a referrer for DiveAssure who offer dive and travel insurance policies, including short term and multiple trip policies. Their comprehensive 'Dive & Travel Plus' plan has been specifically developed for diving liveaboard holidays and covers expenses in the event of missing your liveaboard departure due to flight delays or missed connections, and also provides cover for lost diving days if for any reason the boat is required to abort the cruise; for instance, due to a guest injury, mechanical breakdown of the ship, air supply failure, inclement weather conditions, etc.

Please consult our webpage for details and direct link to DiveAssure's booking portal: www.masterliveboards.com/insurance.

Diving Information

Some of the diving in Indonesia is not suitable for inexperienced divers due to depths and strong currents. Your Cruise Manager will be able to advise you whilst on board, and may recommend that guests with insufficient experience sit out certain dives.

Indo Siren has two RIHBs for transferring divers between vessel and dive sites. Our RIHB drivers are happy to provide assistance to guests who need help with their equipment and exiting the water. In addition to the cruise manager, we have 3 dive guides on board to allow small groups of 4-6 divers.

Guests' Level of Diving

It is recommended that guests wishing to participate in scuba diving aboard this Indo Siren itinerary have **PADI Advanced Open Water* certification, or equivalent**, with a minimum of **50 logged dives**. You will need to provide copies of your certification card(s) as part of your pre-embarkation [API](#), and may also be asked to show them and a record of your logged dives as proof of experience when you board.

*Guests with the minimum number of required dives but not certified as Advanced Open Water divers may be able to complete the course on board. Please contact our reservations team for further information.

Any guests who do not fulfil the recommended minimum requirements, or who the crew feel have insufficient experience in certain conditions, may be denied participation in some or all dives during the liveaboard.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the diving conditions please contact our reservations team directly.

Water Temperature and Exposure Suits

We dive on both sides of the Equator and cross two seas on this itinerary; The Halmahera Sea and the Molucca Sea. There is very little variation in water temperatures in both areas, which are generally between 26°C and 29°C (79°F - 84°F).

For the majority of divers a 3mm wetsuit will suffice while others find they are comfortable diving with just swimwear and a hooded vest or rashguard. However, those who are prone to feeling cold after prolonged or multiple dives may prefer a 5mm wetsuit, or to use additional thermal layers.

Rental wetsuits on Indo Siren are 3mm shorties. Rashguards and hoods are available to purchase onboard.

Fit to Dive

All divers are responsible for ensuring that they are fit to dive, and are required to provide a completed medical statement prior to their liveaboard departure. Guests who have any symptoms or medical conditions that could be restrictive to diving will need to obtain a doctor's note clearing them to dive, prior to travelling. The medical statement can be downloaded from our website at www.masterliveaboards.com/forms.

If you are unable to complete the statement as directed, or provide a current doctor's certificate (less than 1 year old) clearing you to dive, you accept that you will not be able to take part in certain aspects of the holiday you have booked with us.

Diving Safety

All guests are responsible for their own dive profiles and must stay within the limits of their certification and experience. Please note that the use of a dive computer is compulsory.

For your safety, we ask all guests to always remain well within the limits indicated by their dive computer, follow the instructions of the Cruise Manager and guides and make a safety stop at the end of each dive.

Flying after Diving

Current studies indicate that you should wait a minimum of 18 hours before flying after multiple days with repetitive diving and ideally 24 hrs between your last dive and flight departure. Please keep this in mind when you book your outbound domestic flights.

Diving Emergencies

Our diving locations within Indonesia are very remote and there are few hospitals that are able to deal with a diving emergency. The nearest recompression chambers are at hospitals in Manado (Sulawesi) or Denpasar (Bali). To reach either location, it requires the use of private emergency air evacuation. With this in mind it is mandatory that guests purchase dive specific insurance which covers all evacuation and treatment costs, prior to boarding Indo Siren.

As outlined in Master Liveboards' [Terms & Conditions](#), suitable dive insurance and travel insurance are mandatory.

Diving Equipment

A single 11 litre (80 cu ft) cylinder, weight belt and weights are provided free of charge.

Diving equipment is available to rent for an additional charge but is subject to availability and should be pre-ordered.

There are a limited number of 13 litre (100 cu ft) aluminium cylinders and 15 litre (120 cu ft) steel available, at an additional cost, by special request only and must be pre-booked.

Equipment rental and Nitrox costs can be viewed under 'Extras' on the Indo Siren page of our website: www.masterliveboards.com/boats/indo-siren.

Please pre-book rental equipment and cylinders at the time of confirming your liveboard holiday, as they are subject to availability.

Rebreather Diving

Indo Siren is equipped for rebreather divers but notice is required. Booster pumps are installed to ensure rebreather cylinders can be filled to 135 bars/ 2000 psi and we have stage tanks available for your use. We can also facilitate the purchase of sofno-lime scrubber although there are additional charges for both this and oxygen. Charges are dependent on quantities.

If rebreather diving is permitted on the trip which you have booked and you intend to participate in rebreather diving during your cruise, please complete the technical diving release form, which can be found at www.masterliveboards.com/forms and email it to dive@masterliveboards.com.

Pre-booking of all rebreather supplies is essential to guarantee availability. Please contact our reservations team well in advance of your liveboard departure to place your order and for up-to-date prices.

Underwater Photography and Videography

Indo Siren offers specialised features for underwater photographers and videographers which include:

- Indoor and outdoor work stations for the preparation and maintenance of cameras.
- Individual storage drawers for cameras and peripheral items.
- Large rinsing tanks with frequently changed fresh water.

Our crew are thoroughly trained in the handling of delicate camera equipment and will provide assistance when entering and exiting the water.

General Information

Advanced Passenger Information (API)

There are certain details that we require prior to travel for airlines and our own administrative purposes, including obtaining diver permits* for each trip. Guests can submit the required information via our secure online portal at www.masterliveboards.com/portal.

PLEASE NOTE: We require a copy of all guests' passports no later than 1 week before the liveboard departure for trip clearance from the local authorities.

****Raja Ampat entry cards are valid for 1 year (12 months) from the date of purchase.*** If you already have a card that will be valid for the duration of your liveboard itinerary, please send us a copy of it to avoid being charged for an additional one. You will also need to bring the card with you for additional verification on board.

Forms

It is a requirement for all guests to complete the following forms prior to commencement of the liveboard itinerary: medical statement, liability releases, and standard safe diving practices statement, which can be found at www.masterliveboards.com/forms.

To save time, and to ensure you have no pre-existing conditions that could affect your diving, please download the forms from the above link, fill in, and bring them with you. By completing and signing the forms, you are confirming that you have read, understood, and agree to the conditions outlined in the forms.

If you are unable to complete the forms as instructed, you accept that you will not be able to take part in certain aspects of the holiday you have booked with us.

Health

Health services in Indonesia are by no means up to Western standards, although there are hospitals in all major towns.

We advise all guests to ensure their routine vaccinations are up to date and to check with their doctor or local travel health clinic well before departure for the latest vaccination advice for the areas they will be visiting.

We also recommend that travellers take regular precautions with local food, and drink purified/ bottled water only to minimise the risk of stomach upsets, as well as using insect repellent and covering exposed skin to reduce the risk of Dengue Fever and other insect borne diseases.

If you are travelling with medication, please make sure to bring your physician's prescription with you.

Time Zone

There are three time zones in Indonesia so local time varies depending on your location. This itinerary covers areas in two time zones: Eastern and Central:

- West (Sumatra, Java/ Jakarta and West Borneo) GMT + 7
- *Central* (Bali, East Borneo, *Sulawesi*, and the Lesser Sunda Islands) *GMT + 8*
- *East (Papua and Maluku) GMT + 9*

Language and Religion

The spoken language in Indonesia is Bahasa Indonesia; however, nearly all Indonesians involved in the tourism industry speak some level of English.

88% of all Indonesians are Muslims and about 8% Christians. There are sizable minorities of Hindus and Buddhists.

Money Matters

The local currency is the Indonesian Rupiah (IDR). The majority of established hotels, shops, and restaurants accept major credit cards, but smaller family-run businesses might not. We advise bringing some local currency with you, or exchanging money upon arrival to ensure you have small denominations of Indonesian Rupiah at hand. Cash can easily be withdrawn from ATM machines at the international airports and in larger and medium-sized cities.

The maximum amount of cash from the ATM varies between 1,250,000 and 2,500,000 IDR (100-200 USD) per withdrawal, depending on the value of the bank notes dispensed. The maximum withdrawal per day is usually IDR 5,000,000 (around 370 USD).

Please be aware that, in smaller cities and villages, there may not be (many) ATMs, or the available machines may be out of order.

IMPORTANT: Money changers and banks in **Indonesia will not accept 2006 series USD notes or earlier.** If you are bringing cash with you in USD please make sure all notes are post 2006.

Climate and Weather

Indonesia is a tropical country and the climate is fairly even all year round, being roughly divided into two distinct seasons; 'wet' and 'dry' which vary depending on which region of the country you are in.

In the area covered by this itinerary, the rainy season is from May to October, while 'dry season' is from November to April with temperatures averaging around 32°C.

Life on Board

The main features of the vessel can be seen on the Indo Siren page of the Master Liveaboards website, here: www.masterliveaboards.com/boats/indo-siren/.

Accessibility

Due to the layout of the boat, Indo Siren may provide challenges, or be unsuitable for guests with limited mobility. Please contact us for further details if you have any concerns.

Accommodation

All cabins on board Indo Siren are twin or double occupancy. Single occupancy may be available on request and is subject to a supplemental charge.

Cabin Facilities

All cabins have individually controllable air-conditioning and private en-suite bathrooms with centrally heated hot water. Other facilities include biodegradable body & hair soap, towels, bathrobes and lockable safety-box.

Hair-dryers are available but, for safety reasons, they are not installed in the cabins. Please ask the Cruise Manager on board if you would like to use one.

Food and Drink

Meals are provided on a full board basis including a light breakfast, full breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks with unlimited drinking water, tea, coffee, fruit juices and soft drinks.

Local lager (beer), wine and spirits from our cocktail bar are available for an additional fee.

We offer a choice of International and locally inspired cuisine and can cater to special dietary requirements with advance notice. Should you have any specific dietary needs, allergies, or special requests, please advise your sales consultant at the time of confirming your liveaboard trip to ensure we are able to make provisions for your needs.

Please note: It can be very difficult to find some products that are common elsewhere. While we always do our best to accommodate dietary requests, please consider bringing some of your own foods if the lack thereof may constitute a health risk or seriously compromise your enjoyment of your holiday.

Clothing and Footwear

For your time on board, we recommend casual and comfortable clothes; swimwear, shorts and t-shirts. A sweater is advised for the cooler night temperatures, particularly after multiple dives. Indo Siren is equipped with laundry facilities and our housekeeper is more than happy to launder your clothes during the trip for a small charge.

We do request that guests respect the wishes of others by donning clothing for meal times. Most guests prefer to walk barefoot on board our vessel; however, island visits may require sturdy sandals or cross-trainers.

Electricity

Power outlets on Indo Siren are 220V / 50 Hz, European style (2 round pin - Type F). All sockets are fitted with universal adapters to accommodate the majority of other plug types and some sockets also have USB outlets.

If your electrical items require a different voltage to charge or operate correctly, please bring a voltage adapter with you.

PLEASE NOTE: For safety reasons, *multi-plug adapters and extension cables are forbidden* on Indo Siren.

Staying Connected

We regret that we are unable to provide internet/ wifi service on board Indo Siren. Many of our trips are in remote locations and internet service is intermittent at best. Most cell or mobile phones that have 'roaming' will function during your cruise, however, service signal strength can be very weak and some areas of your cruise may not be covered at all. The cost of calls made is determined by your service provider.

We have satellite phone communication which can be used by guests in the event of an emergency. Our out of office contact numbers can be found below, should your family need to contact you during the cruise. As previously mentioned however, this number is reserved for emergencies only.

Smoking

Smoking on board is permitted in designated outdoor areas only.

Environmental considerations

Since August 2019 Indo Siren has been using 100% biodegradable soap/ shampoo which is safe for people and the environment. We also only use 100% biodegradable laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid and general cleaner on board, all of which are made in Bali. *Classic sunscreen is banned from being used on Indo Siren, unless it is marked as reef safe.*

Although there are recycling programs and facilities in place in Indonesia, they are limited and often not available in our operating ports. We therefore ask our guests to consider the following to help with our mission to reduce our environmental impact.

Batteries

If your electrical equipment may need a lot of replacement batteries during your trip please bring extras with you as we do not have any available to purchase on board. Alternatively, *consider using rechargeable batteries* as there are plenty of sockets to plug in a charger on board. We kindly request that you take spent batteries home so that they can be recycled or disposed of properly.

Water Bottles

We are dedicated to becoming single use plastic free across all of our fleets. Plastic straws and stirrers have been banned on all of our boats and we do not provide single use plastic bottles on board.

If you own a sports bottle, we simply ask that you bring it with you, or you can purchase one on board. If you don't have one and you don't want to purchase one, we have plenty of cups on board which you can use to ensure you remain well hydrated.

Plastic bags and wrappers

We do not provide plastic bags for purchases made on board, although reusable canvas bags are available for sale. Please help us minimise plastic waste by removing plastic wrappers and packaging from items before travelling. If you bring plastic bags with you, please reuse them, and take them home.

Toiletries

We kindly ask that guests consider the type and quantity of products they are bringing with them and, where possible, to bring only environmentally friendly toiletries or to use those that are available on board. Complimentary, 100% biodegradable liquid soap for body and hair is provided in all bathrooms on Indo Siren. We also ask that guests take their partially or unused products home with them.

Sun Protection

Indo Siren only allows use of sunscreens that are considered 'reef-safe' which generally contain mineral-based, not chemical, active ingredients.

To support this initiative and local businesses we have 100% natural, reef-safe sunscreen made in Bali available to purchase onboard.

We also suggest hats, sunglasses, protective clothing, and utilising shade as easy and environmentally-friendly ways to further protect yourself from sun damage.

Payments on Board

Marine Park and Port Fees

Marine park and port fees are dependent on the duration of your trip and the areas covered, and may be subject to change; please refer to your booking and itinerary details for further information.

The applicable amount at the time of departure will be added to your invoice to be paid on board Indo Siren before disembarkation.

Please note that these fees are obligatory and cover not only the cost of Raja Ampat entry permits, but also other local fees and taxes. If you already have a valid Raja Ampat entry card the cost may be deducted from the amount payable on board.

Optional Extras

Indo Siren offers a range of services and optional extras to make your stay on board even more enjoyable. We offer the use of kayaks and some land excursions during your cruise free of charge. Full details of onboard extras and costs can be found on the Indo Siren page of our website: www.masterliveboards.com/indo-siren.

All prices on board are quoted in USD; however we are also happy to accept cash payment in GBP, EUR and AUD. We can accept payment by credit card (Mastercard or Visa) for which there is a 3.5% surcharge. Please note: ***we can not add gratuities to debit or credit card payments.***

Extras that are paid in advance as part of your liveaboard booking do not incur additional charges.

Please be aware that this itinerary covers remote locations where our credit card payment system, as well as ATM services, can be limited.

We therefore recommend paying nitrox and equipment rental costs in advance and withdrawing or exchanging local currency upon international arrival to cover other on board, and incidental extras.

In addition to park & port fees, guests are advised to bring around 250-400 USD (or equivalent currency), for any optional extras and crew gratuities.

We can only accept USD cash payments with bank notes that are dated later than 2006.

Tipping

We believe that tipping is a matter of personal choice. Should you feel that the team on board has made your holiday extra special, they would certainly appreciate a tip as an acknowledgement of their hard work. For this purpose, an envelope will be provided by the Cruise Manager to leave gratuities for the crew, which we can only accept in cash.

All tips are divided equally amongst all crew members, including the captain and dive guides.

Safety on Board

Emergency Management & Equipment

All Indo Siren crew members have been extensively trained in emergency management procedures, and the vessel is equipped with modern safety features such as automated life rafts, EPIRB, satellite communication and emergency pumps.

A thorough boat safety briefing will be provided by your Cruise Manager, in English, at the start of your trip, during which all guests will be requested to participate in a life jacket drill. Further practice scenarios may be performed during your cruise to assist our crew in keeping their skills sharp.

First Aid

Our dive teams are all qualified emergency responders and there is a fully stocked medical first aid kit on the boat for treating minor injuries and ailments, as well as for assisting trained medical professionals in remote locations. Additionally, Indo Siren has a full complement of medical grade oxygen which can be administered to divers through DAN kits or unit specific attachments.

You will also find an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on board, which has been proven to greatly increase the survival rate in the eventuality of cardiac fibrillation. Should you feel unwell at any point during your cruise, please seek the advice of your Cruise Manager who will be able to assist you.

CCTV on board

As part of our commitment to the safety and security of our guests and crew members, all Master Liveaboards vessels are equipped with CCTV cameras which are located in the following areas on each vessel:

- Engine room
- Dive platform
- Dive deck
- Sun deck
- Lower deck corridors
- Galley (kitchen)
- Communal indoor area(s), i.e. salon, camera prep area

We wish to assure all guests that the placement of all CCTV cameras is for the safety of all on board and that they are not set up or intended to invade privacy in any way.

FAQs

If there are any questions that have not been answered, please visit the FAQs sections on our website <https://masterliveaboards.com/faq/>, or email us at dive@masterliveaboards.com.

Extending your holiday

Travelling within Indonesia can be made exceptionally easy when you book with Master Liveboards. As well as a range of domestic flights, we can offer hotels, excursions and tour packages, which can be arranged for before and/ or after your liveboard.

Optional Indonesia Package

To extend your Siren Fleet holiday experience, we can offer you the following supplemental, domestic package. (Cost depends on hotel choice and flight prices at the time of booking)

- 1 night in hotel pre- and post-cruise
- All transfers from/ to airports and to/ from Indo Siren
- Domestic flights to and from embarkation and disembarkation locations.

You will be picked up from your international arrival airport and transferred to a hotel where you can enjoy a good night's sleep.

The next day, you will be transferred back to the airport for your domestic flight to your liveboard embarkation point. We make the same post-cruise arrangements for you, so you do not need to worry about anything.

The package can be tailored to your needs and preferences and can also be combined with the following excursions; please contact our reservations team at: dive@masterliveboards.com.

North Sulawesi Discovery: 4 Days / 3 Nights

Commencing from Manado, this 4 day tour takes you through the Minahasa Region of North Sulawesi. Highlights include exploring the lowland rainforest of Tangkoko Nature reserve, home to many endemic species, and the beautiful highland areas with its active volcanoes, stunning views, lakes, waterfalls and traditional craft villages.

Sorong Birdwatching: Full day

This walking tour takes you into secondary lowland forest which supports a well-diversified and colourful avifauna. The day starts early with a one hour, pre-dawn drive to an area where, not long after the crack of dawn, you can witness the display of the Bird of Paradise as well as observe other avian species that reside in the wider vicinity. After lunch, move into the surrounding foothills to spend the afternoon in search of more elusive species before returning to your hotel at dusk.

Papua (Irian Jaya) Trip: 5 Days / 4 Nights

This exciting adventure allows a glimpse into the unique and isolated way of life of the Grand Valley Dani tribe, whose existence was only discovered in 1938.

The tour starts from Jayapura with a short flight to Wamena, the largest town in the mountainous Baliem Valley. Visit the local market in Wamena Town, as well as the neighbouring Dani villages, to learn about the primitive tribal traditions and witness a completely different way of life compared to ours. Visit the centuries-old mummies of village elders in Aikima and Kurima where the Dani and Yali tribes' way of life mixes into a unique combination. An unforgettable experience!

[Borneo, Orangutan Discovery Tours: 3 or 4 Days](#)

Starting from Pangkalan Bun in the Central Kalimantan region of Borneo, cruise along the Kumai and Sekonyer Rivers on a Klotok houseboat through Tanjung Puting National Park. These tours offer the opportunity to encounter the critically endangered Bornean orangutans and learn about the measures being taken to protect them and conserve their natural habitat.

Whether you choose to spend the nights on the boat in a comfortable, private air-conditioned cabin, or opt for a room at an eco-lodge close to the river, surrounded by rainforest, this truly is an experience that should be on everyone's bucket list.

Jakarta - Full / Half day tours

While it is true that, as the capital of the Republic of Indonesia, Jakarta is a hectic, sprawling metropolis, there is more to the city than just shopping malls and high-rise buildings. Take a tour of West Jakarta and its surrounding Kota Tua district to discover the city's origins and amazing historical heritage.

In East Jakarta, visit Taman Mini Indonesia Indah, which literally translates as 'Beautiful Indonesia' Mini Park, where you can get a glimpse of the diverse culture of Indonesia's 37 provinces, each of which are represented in individual pavilions around the park. You can also view the entire Indonesian archipelago, in miniature, situated in the middle of a lake.

In the neighbouring areas beyond the outskirts of the city, you can visit an active volcano, rice fields, hot springs, tea plantations, and much more.

If you would like further details of these, or other tours, please contact our reservations team who will be more than happy to help make reservations on your behalf.

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Master Liveboards 24hr emergency number (calls only):

Please, only use the Master Liveboards 24 hr emergency number if you are unable to get a response from the local numbers listed above. Please do not SMS this number.

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What to Bring

Our blog, [Packing for a Scuba Diving Liveboard](#) provides useful tips on what to pack.

The following is a check list of items that you should ensure you bring with you for your trip aboard a Master Liveboards vessel.

Passport

6 month validity & at least 2 empty pages for visa stickers and stamps

Travel Documents

Flight tickets - International & Domestic; hotel booking; excursions

Cash & Credit Card for emergencies

Recommended amount (additional to park & port fees): 250 - 500 USD

Diving Certification & Logbook

Including Nitrox Card if certified & intending to use Nitrox

Travel and Diving Insurance Documents

To include emergency medical evacuation

Essential Diving Items

Dive computer with full battery

Toiletries & Medications

Including insect repellent and *Reef-safe sunscreen*
Inform booking team of medical conditions

Essential Clothing Items

Swimwear, hat and lightweight jacket

Guests are strongly advised to carry essential items in hand luggage in case of lost or delayed luggage through International or Domestic Flights.