

# Raja Ampat, Halmahera & Lembah, 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 disembarkation only. 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 Master.

### 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 liveaboard 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 Liveaboards 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 liveaboard 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 liveaboard 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 liveaboard, or for the extra fuel required for Indo Master 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 liveaboard 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 be valid for at least 6 months from the date of arrival in 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 eEntry Visitor Visa ([Type 211A](#)) either online 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 online 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.

## Bali Tourism Levy

Commencing from 14th February 2024, a 150,000 IDR (approximately 10 USD) levy applies to all foreign tourists arriving in Bali. Travellers arriving in Bali via domestic flights from other parts of Indonesia are also subject to the new levy. This is a one-time fee (for each visit to Indonesia) and is part of Bali's ongoing commitment to preserving its natural and cultural heritage.

Payment facilities for this will be available at airports and seaports in Bali but, the fee can NOT be paid in cash. It is strongly recommended that travellers who are going to Bali pay the levy through the [Love Bali website](#) or mobile app.

Additional information can be found here: [https://lovebali.baliprov.go.id/gov\\_notice](https://lovebali.baliprov.go.id/gov_notice)

## 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 Liveaboards 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 Liveaboards 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 a direct link to DiveAssure's booking portal: [www.masterliveaboards.com/insurance](http://www.masterliveaboards.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 Master has two RIHBs for transferring divers between vessel and dive sites. Our RIHB drivers are happy to assist guests who need help with their equipment and exiting the water. In addition to the Cruise Manager, we have 3 local dive guides on board to enable small groups of 4-6 divers.

### Guests' Level of Diving

It is recommended that guests wishing to participate in scuba diving aboard this Indo Master 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.*

### 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](http://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.

### 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 Master are mostly 3mm, full-length although there are some shorties available too.

## Diving Equipment

### Use of a dive computer is compulsory.

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

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

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 Master page of our website: [www.masterliveaboards.com/boats/indo-master](http://www.masterliveaboards.com/boats/indo-master).

**Please pre-book rental equipment and cylinders at the time of confirming your liveaboard holiday.**

## Rebreathers

We are unable to support rebreather divers on Indo Master.

## Underwater Photography and Videography

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

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

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

## 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 equipped 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 Master.

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

## 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](http://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 before the commencement of the liveboard itinerary: medical statement, liability releases, and standard safe diving practices statement, which can be found at [www.masterliveboards.com/forms](http://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 sensible 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% are 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 ATMs at international airports and in large 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 Master page of the Master Liveboards website, here: [www.masterliveboards.com/boats/indo-master/](http://www.masterliveboards.com/boats/indo-master/).

### Accessibility

Due to the layout of the boat, Indo Master 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 Indo Master 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 shower gel and towels.

There are no hairdryers on Indo Master so, guests who think they may need one need to bring their own.

### 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 liveboard trip to ensure we can 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 food items 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.

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.

Indo Master is equipped with laundry facilities and our housekeeper is more than happy to launder your clothes during the trip for a small charge.

## Electricity

Power outlets on Indo Master are 220V / 50 Hz, European style (2 round pin - Type F). If your electrical items have a different plug type or require a different voltage to charge or operate correctly, please bring adapters with you.

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

## Staying Connected

Wifi is available free of charge on board Indo Master, although internet connectivity may be limited in some areas during the itinerary. Most cell or mobile phones that have 'roaming' will function during your cruise, however, service signal strength can be very weak and in some areas 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 in the event of an emergency.

## Smoking

Smoking on board, including the use of vapes/e-cigarettes, is permitted in designated outdoor areas only.

## Environmental considerations

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

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

## 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 that 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 of products they are bringing with them and, where possible, to only bring environmentally friendly toiletries for use on board, and to take partially or unused products home with them.

## Sun Protection

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

Marine park and port fees cover permits, local taxes and other charges for the areas which this itinerary visits, 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 Master before disembarkation.

### Optional Extras

Indo Master offers a range of services and optional extras to make your stay on board even more enjoyable. Full details of onboard extras and costs can be found on the Indo Master page of our website: [www.masterliveaboards.com/indo-master](http://www.masterliveaboards.com/indo-master).

All prices on board are quoted in USD; however, we are also happy to accept cash payment in GBP, EUR and AUD. ***We can only accept USD cash payments with bank notes that are dated later than 2006.***

We can accept payment by credit card onboard (Mastercard or Visa) for which there is a 3.5% surcharge. Extras that are paid in advance as part of your liveaboard booking do not incur additional charges. We regret that ***we can not add gratuities to debit or credit card payments.***

Please be aware that this itinerary covers remote locations where our credit card payment system, as well as ATM services, can be limited or unavailable. We, therefore, recommend paying nitrox and equipment rental costs in advance and withdrawing or exchanging local currency upon international arrival to cover incidental extras. In addition to marine park and port fees, we suggest around 250-400 USD (or equivalent currency) for any optional extras, and crew gratuities.

## 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 a sign of your appreciation and acknowledgement of their hard work. 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 Master 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 Master 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 Liveboards 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.

## 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 liveaboard.

### Optional Indonesia Package

To extend your Master Liveboards 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 Master
- 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 liveaboard 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](mailto: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 their 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 translates as 'Beautiful Indonesia Miniature Park' where you can get a glimpse of the diverse history and culture of Indonesia's provinces represented in individual pavilions spread around the 100-hectare (250-acre) park area. 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.

### **FAQs**

If you have any questions that have not been answered here, please visit the FAQs sections on our website <https://masterliveboards.com/faq/>, or email us at [dive@masterliveboards.com](mailto:dive@masterliveboards.com).

## Contact Information

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**Mobile:** +62 812 7395 0709 (Guislain)

**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.

**Mobile:** +44 7862 126398

## What to Bring

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

The following is a checklist of items that you should ensure you bring with you for your trip aboard a Master Liveaboards vessel.

### Passport

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

### Travel Documents

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Flight tickets - International & Domestic; hotel booking; excursions

### Cash & Credit Card for emergencies

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

### Diving Certification & Logbook

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Including Nitrox Card if certified & intending to use Nitrox

### Travel and Diving Insurance Documents

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To include emergency medical evacuation

### Essential Diving Items

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Dive computer with full battery

### Toiletries & Medications

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

### Essential Clothing Items

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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.*