

Flores to Raja Ampat, Indonesia

Trip Information

Embarkation: Maumere, Flores

Disembarkation: Sorong Harbour

Arrival Airport: Maumere Airport (MOF)

Departure Airport: Sorong Airport (SOQ)

International Flight Recommendations

We recommend booking your international flights into and out of Jakarta (CGK) or Bali (DPS) International Airport. Our reservations team can help to arrange your domestic connections between your arrival airport and Maumere and return via Sorong. We advise you to spend at least one night in Jakarta or Bali at either side of your cruise to ensure you are on time for your flight connections and you are well rested before the cruise departs.

Optional Pre/Post Cruise Package

To extend your luxury feeling and pamper you a little extra, we can offer you the following package. You will be picked up from the international airport of arrival (Jakarta or Bali/Denpasar 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 Maumere airport.

After the cruise, we have made the same arrangements for you, so you do not need to worry about anything:

Transfer from Jakarta/Denpasar (Bali) international airport

1 night hotel prior to your cruise

Transfer to airport for domestic flight

Domestic flights (return)

Transfer to hotel

1 night hotel after your cruise

Transfer to Jakarta/Denpasar (Bali) airport for international flight

Of course, the offer can be tailored to your needs and/or combined with (one of) the following excursions. Please contact us for more information.

Excursion Examples

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

This tour starts and finishes in Jayapura airport where a tour guide will meet you for a short flight to Wamema, the largest town in the Baliem Valley. Baliem Valley lies 1800 m above sea level and is surrounded by a crest of mountains, some reaching up to 4500 m. The discovery of the Dani tribe in the Grand Valley came about by sightings from an airplane in 1938, as no one had yet been able to reach this Dani tribe before, due to its virtually impassable terrain and secluded location. On this tour you will be visiting the local market in Wamena Town, as well as the neighbouring Dani villages, to learn about their primitive traditions and to witness a completely different way of life compared to ours. The tour includes a visit to the 350 years old mummy in Aikima and to Kurima, where the

Dani and Yali tribes' way of life mixes into a unique combination. This exciting adventure will show you the unique and isolated way of life in the hidden valley. An unforgettable experience!

Bali Diving trip: 1-4 Days

Bali is often overlooked by divers and is sometimes regarded merely as a hub on the way to Komodo, Raja Ampat or other more exotic and hard-to-reach destinations in Indonesia. However, the diving in Bali is rich and diverse, offering everything from macro to massive. It is also one of the few places in the world where you can encounter mola mola (ocean sunfish/moonfish); mostly spotted during the months of August to October.

We can put together a unique itinerary from any dives around the coasts of Bali, from muck diving in Puri Jati, the wall and wreck dives of Tulamben and Nusa Penida where you have the opportunity to see mantas and mola molas.

These are just some of the many domestic travel options to choose from when you book with Divers Down. Prices for these add-ons vary; please contact us for further information..

Travel & Diving Insurance

Siren Fleet strongly recommend that all guests carry full travel and cancellation insurance, as we cannot be held liable for delays occurring during the cruise, any delays or cancellations of the flights, accommodations, or tours & transfers we organise on your behalf.

Please note that *diving* insurance is mandatory aboard all Siren Fleet yachts, irrespective of your destination. Your insurance must cover all of your scuba diving and snorkelling activities, including the costs for recompression chamber treatment and emergency air evacuation.

General Information

Visa and Passports

Passport holders of most Western countries can obtain a 30-day visa on arrival. Visa and passport regulations differ per country; therefore we do advise our guests to check for any updates or changes of visa procedures with their nearest embassy/consulate. Please make sure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months upon arrival into Indonesia. You may be required to show a confirmed return ticket to leave Indonesia within the maximum number of days you are allowed to stay in the country. For more information, please visit the Indonesian embassy website at the following link:

www.indonesianembassy.org.uk/consular/consular_visa_type_arrival.html

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

Time Zone

The time varies depending on your location in Indonesia;

Sumatra, Java and Western Borneo- GMT + 7 (West)

Sulawesi, Lesser Sunda Islands, Bali and Eastern Borneo - GMT + 8 (Central)

Papua and Maluku - GMT + 9 (East)

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 places might not. Guests are advised to exchange money upon arrival to ensure you have small denominations of Indonesian Rupiah at hand.

You can withdraw cash from ATM machines in larger and medium-sized cities, however, please note that there may not be (many) ATMs in smaller cities and villages, or the available machines may be out of order. The maximum amount of cash from the ATM varies between 1,250,000 and 2,500,000 IDR (80 – 160 Euro) per withdrawal, depending on the value of the bank notes dispensed. The maximum withdrawal per day is usually IDR 5,000,000 (320 Euro).

Airport Fees

Since February 2015, passengers travelling to, from and within Indonesia are no longer required to pay airport taxes; the fees are included in the ticket price.

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 make sure that their vaccinations are up to date. Please make sure you use insect repellent and cover exposed skin to prevent any insect borne diseases. We also recommend that travellers take regular precautions regarding (street) food in Indonesia and drink bottled water only, in order to prevent stomach upsets, and to drink bottled water only. Please consult your doctor or nearest health authorities for up-to-date medical travel information well before departure.

Language and Religion

The spoken language in Indonesia is Bahasa Indonesia; however, nearly all Indonesians involved in tourism industry will speak English.

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

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'. The east monsoon, from June to September brings dry weather while the west monsoon, from December to March, brings rain. The transitional period between these two seasons alternates between gorgeous sun-filled days and occasional thunderstorms. Even in the midst of the wet season temperatures range from 21°C (70°F) to 33°C (90°F), except at higher altitudes, where it can be much cooler.

The heaviest rainfalls generally occur during the months of December and January. Average humidity is usually between 75% and 100%.

Water Temperature and Exposure Suits

The water temperatures in the Flores Sea hardly vary, keeping to a nice: 26-28°C (79-83°F), with usually clear blue waters and great visibility.

The Savu Sea has an average temperature of 24°C (75°F) but can drop as low as 21°C (70°F).

The Banda Sea is slightly warmer than the Sumba Sea with average water temperatures of 26°C (79°F).

Raja Ampat, including Misool has year-round temperatures of 26-29°C (80-84°F).

For the majority of our guests a 3mm full wetsuit will suffice for the warmer water dives. A 5mm full wetsuit in combination with hood, gloves and booties is recommended for the cooler waters. Please note that onboard any Siren Fleet yacht, a 3mm shorty is always available to rent free of charge for all our guests.

Life on Board

Food and Drink

All Siren Fleet yachts provide their guests with a choice of international and Asian cuisine served buffet style in the outdoor dining area. We are happy to cater to special dietary requirements; please inform our reservations team about your requirements in advance of your trip to ensure that we have plenty of dishes to suit your needs. A well-selected range of carbonated soft drinks, fruit juices, black, green and herbal teas are available at all times, as well as instant and fresh brewed coffee. Moreover, a selection of fresh fruit and some tasty treats are available, should you feel peckish in between meal times. Local lager (beer) is provided free of charge but guests may also select wine or spirits from our cocktail bar for an additional fee.

Clothing and Footwear

Dress on board our yachts is very casual and most guests feel comfortable in little more than swim wear, shorts and t-shirts. A sweater is advised for cooler nights, particularly after multiple dives. Each Siren Fleet yacht is equipped with laundry facilities and our housekeeper is more than happy to launder your clothes during the trip. A nominal fee of 0.50 Euro is charged per item irrespective of size/weight. We do request that guests respect the wishes of others by donning clothing for meal times. Most guests prefer walking bare feet on board the yacht; however island visits may require sturdy sandals or cross-trainers.

Electricity

Both 220V and 110V with 2 round pin sockets, European style, are available and we have some universal adapters on board. Nevertheless, we do advise guests to bring their own to ensure you have the amount necessary.

Smoking

Smoking on board is permitted in designated (outdoor) areas. Guests are kindly requested to refrain from smoking in the outdoor dining areas during meal times.

Safety on Board

Emergency Management & Equipment

All Siren Fleet crew members have been extensively trained in emergency management procedures. A thorough boat safety briefing will be provided by your cruise director 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. Each yacht is

equipped with modern safety features such as automated life rafts, EPIRB, satellite communication and emergency pumps

First Aid

Siren Fleet yachts are equipped with a fully stocked medical first aid kit for treating minor injuries and ailments, as well as for assisting trained medical professionals in remote locations. Each yacht 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 on board an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), which has been proven to greatly increase the survival rate in the eventuality of cardiac fibrillation.

Our dive teams are all qualified emergency responders. Should you feel unwell at any point during your cruise, please seek the advice of your cruise director who will be able to assist you.

Staying Connected

We regret that we are unable to provide internet/wifi service on board Siren Fleet yachts. 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 do 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.

Payments On Board

Marine and Port Fees

The marine park and port fees for this trip are 100€ per person and are to be paid on board the Indo Siren.

Optional Extras

Siren Fleet yachts offer a range of services to make your luxury stay on board even more enjoyable. We offer the use of kayaks and land excursions throughout your cruise free of charge. The following services are also available for an additional fee:

1 Hour Thai style or Oil Relaxation Massage

Wine (750ml bottle)

Selection of Spirits and Cocktails

Laundry

Dive Courses

Torch & Dive Computer Rental

Exclusive Siren Fleet Merchandise; T-shirts, polo shirts, rash guards, caps, nudi pointer, cargo shorts, etc.

All prices on board are quoted in Euros, we are happy to accept cash payment in GBP, USD, AUD, and IDR as well. We are also able to accept payment by credit card (Mastercard or Visa) for which there is a 3% surcharge.

Please be aware that our Indonesia cruises finish in remote locations, where our credit card payment system, as well as ATM services, can be limited. We therefore recommend guests withdraw or exchange money upon international arrival. In addition to park & port fees, guests are advised to bring around 200-300€ (or equivalent currency), for any optional extras.

Tipping

At Siren Fleet we believe that tipping is a matter of personal choice. Should you feel that your crew has made your holiday extra special, they would certainly appreciate a tip. Please note we are only able to accept tips in cash. For this purpose, you can use the envelope provided by the cruise director. He/she will make sure the tips are divided equally amongst all crew members, including the captain and dive guides.

Diving Information

Guests' Level of Diving

Siren Fleet welcomes everyone on board; from non-divers to seasoned divers. Each destination has different diving conditions based on the season and time of the trip. Whilst all of our trips are suitable for each and every experience level, there may be some dives offered that are not suitable for beginners. Your cruise director will be able to advise you whilst on board. However, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the conditions of the destination you are planning to visit; please contact us directly.

Diving Equipment

Since some of the domestic airline carriers in the countries of our destinations have strict check-in luggage limits, all Siren Fleet liveaboard yachts provide most rental equipment free of charge. Please pre-book rental equipment upon booking your cruise, as it is subject to availability. All trips include:
Aqua Lung Wave BCD – not weight-integrated
Aqua Lung Calypso Regulator - complete with alternate air source and depth/pressure gauge console
Wetsuits - 3mm shorty
Mask
Fins - full foot or open heel and boots depending on destination
12 litre tanks (15 litre tanks by special request and depending on availability)
Weight belt and weights
SMB

The following equipment is available for rent at an extra charge of 5€ per day.
Underwater torch/flashlight
Dive computer*

* Please note that the use of a dive computer is compulsory on our yachts. For your safety, Siren Fleet asks all guests to always dive well within the limits of their dive computer and make a safety stop at the end of each dive.

Underwater Photography and Videography

Our yachts offer specialised features for underwater photographers and videographers. These 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 fresh water; changed frequently

Our crews are thoroughly trained in the handling of delicate camera equipment and will bring your cameras to/from the tenders for you.

Diving Health

Flying after Diving

Current studies show that you should wait at least 24 hours after multiple days with repetitive diving before flying. Please keep this in mind when you book your onward international or domestic flights.

Diving Insurance

Please note that diving insurance is mandatory aboard all Siren Fleet yachts, irrespective of your destination. Your insurance must cover all of your scuba diving and snorkelling activities, including the costs for recompression chamber treatment and emergency air evacuation.

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 our guests purchase dive specific insurance prior to boarding the Indo Siren yacht.

What to Bring

Below you will find a check list of items that are required to bring with you on your cruise on a Siren Fleet Liveaboard yacht:

Passport

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

Travel Documents

Flight tickets- International & Domestic; hotel bookings; excursions

Cash & Credit Card for emergencies

Recommended amount (additional to park & port fees): 200-300 Euro

Diving Certification & Logbook

Including Nitrox Card if certified & intending to use Nitrox

Travel and Diving Insurance Documents

To include in case of emergency medical evacuation

Essential Diving Items

Dive computer with full batteries

Toiletries & Medications

Including sunscreen & insect repellent

Inform booking team of pre-existing medical conditions

Essential Clothing Items

Swim wear, hat and lightweight jacket

Guests are strongly advised to carry essential items in their hand luggage in case of lost or delayed luggage through international or domestic flights.