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RAJA4DIVERS – PULAU PEF

“Arrive as a guest, feel like a king and leave as a friend”

Pulau = island
Pef = split

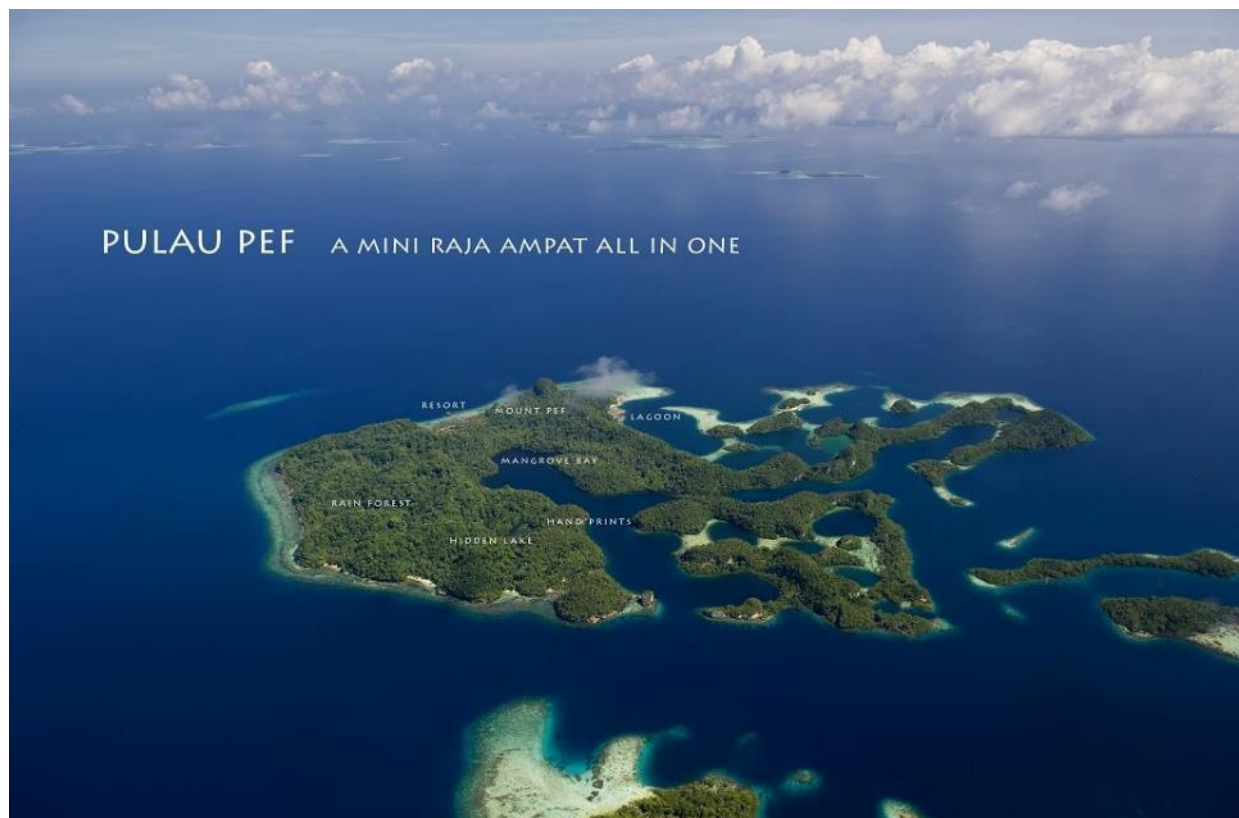
Raja4Divers is located on Pulau Pef, a scenic exclusive private resort island in remote central Raja Ampat, West Papua.

The resort is under Swiss management and open all year-round. With only 10 bungalows, the atmosphere is very warm and informal. Fostering co-operations with the surrounding villages in day-to-day activities, the operation supports the local economy by buying fresh fish, vegetables fruit and coconut oil and by using local materials, as well as employing and training many friendly Papuans from the nearby villages. Raja4Divers redefines your Raja Ampat diving holiday by offering an authentic Papuan experience, to be one with nature, but without compromising in quality, comfort and service.

The pristine beauty of Raja Ampat, both above and below the water, is truly unrivalled. Dramatic limestone island outcrops dot the azure ocean, while on the larger islands coastal mountain ranges punctuate the lush, verdant forest canopies that sweep downhill towards coconut palms on white sandy beaches. The incredible topside scenery is only the beginning - as soon as you drop beneath the water's surface, a fairy tale wonderland is awaiting you. Raja Ampat is deemed a 'species factory for marine life', with scientists proclaiming the region to be one of the earth's richest seascapes. These rich reefs are home to 75% of all known coral species and more than 3000 species of reef fish. Conservation is active in marine protected areas in Raja Ampat, and also in the area around Pulau Pef.

Pulau Pef is waiting to be explored, covered in lush virgin jungle, surrounded by spectacular bays, white sandy beaches, coconut palms, an array of world-class dive sites and snorkelling locations teeming with fish and critters, pristine blue water mangroves, hidden lakes, blue lagoons, limestone 'mushroom' islands, and ancient rock-art on karst cliffs, with incredible birds, wild orchids, monitor lizards, colourful butterflies and much more.

Pulau Pef in a nutshell is a 'Mini Raja Ampat all in one!'



WHERE IS PULAU PEUF?

Raja Ampat is located at the tip of the so-called Bird's Head Peninsula of West Papua in Indonesia.

Raja Ampat translates as 'four kings' and comprises the four islands Waigeo in the North, Batanta, Salawati and Misool to the South. Pulau Pef is located 110km (68 miles) from Sorong and 48km (30 miles) south of the equator, in central remote Raja Ampat.



THE RESORT – OPEN ALL YEAR-ROUND

The bungalows, built on stilts in authentic Papuan style, are located on the Western side of the island along the coconut palm beach. They are generously sized and offer a unique feeling of open space. The design is based on tried and tested traditional Papuan building methods, which guarantee a pleasant interior climate.

Each bungalow offers space for up to four people and luxurious comfort while keeping a rustic Papuan style: large beds, mosquito net, tablets & limited wifi, huge terrace with hammock, beanbags and loungers, water dispenser, tea and coffee making facilities, refrigerator, safe, fans, desk and various recharging stations including adaptor.

In the adjacent private indoor/outdoor garden bathroom, hot and cold water, bath towels, soap, shampoo and mosquito spray are provided.

The resort offers a conveniently located professional dive centre, an air-conditioned camera atelier, limited satellite wifi internet (but no telephone reception!), kayaks, a library, various board games, petanque, slack line, table tennis and chess.

The restaurant serves a delicious cuisine fusing local and international dishes, emphasizing on fresh produce and local flavours. The bar and the 'sunset lounge' are the place to meet and share the adventures of the day while enjoying a cold drink.

Besides the diving and snorkelling, beautiful Pulau Pef also offers a host of other exciting activities close to nature, such as kayaking, swimming, jungle trails, bird-watching, climbing the resort mountain for a spectacular view or just relaxing in the hammock, lounging on your private deck and enjoying the breeze.



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| 1. Main jetty and pier | 8. Trail to the lagoon |
| 2. Dive centre, reception and main office | 9. 'MOUNT PEF' viewpoint |
| 3. Restaurant, bar and sunset lounge | 10. Air-conditioned camera atelier |
| 4. Guest bungalows | 11. Jetty to mangrove bay / kayak starting point |
| 5. House reef: diving & snorkelling | 12. Jungle trails in the rain forest |
| 6. Work & staff area and logistic pier | 13. Hidden lake |
| 7. Lagoon | 14. Ancient rock art on karst cliffs |

A visit to the tropics during the European summer months may not be your first choice, but this time of the year definitely has its advantages. Raja Ampat is located in the so-called equatorial belt, which means that there is no typical wet or dry season, but simply a tropical climate - always warm, with plenty of sun, but also rain or wind now and again. In other areas of Indonesia, the wet season lasts from October to April. Liveaboards use this time to visit Raja Ampat. During the rest of the year, only guests of the local resorts dive the myriad of reefs in Raja Ampat. This results in fewer divers between May and October, which means we usually have the dive sites to ourselves!

DIVING & SNORKELLING

The dive centre is managed by a professional PADI instructor, backed up by valuable local knowledge and experienced dive guides. While the dive centre is situated in the main building at the beginning of the jetty, the wet and dry storage areas are conveniently located at the end of the jetty where dive briefings are held. It is also the departing point to board the boats or dive the house reef.

An air-conditioned camera room equipped with a 27" iMac is available free of charge for camera set-up and storage.

Equipped with a Bauer Mariner 320-E and a Bauer M250B compressor, as well as a Nitrox membrane system, Raja4Divers offers unlimited diving - up to three guided boat dives daily plus a night dive and unlimited diving at the house reef. The use of Nitrox 32 is encouraged and offered free of charge to certified Enriched Air Divers. In order to become Nitrox certified, ask about completing the PADI Enriched Air Specialty course during your trip. Other courses are available on request.

Diving and snorkelling conditions are good year-round, with the water temperature at a constant 28-30°C (82-86°F) and visibility averaging 10-20m (32-65 ft). Water visibility in Raja Ampat generally seems a little 'reduced' due to large amounts of food particles present, which in turn nourish these rich reefs via tidal currents. Currents converging around a reef point tend to attract a stupendous diversity of fish schools, a phenomenon that has made Raja Ampat famous all over the world.

Non-diving guests will also be able to enjoy the rich underwater world of Raja Ampat. The house reef is waiting to be explored directly from the resort and close by reefs can be reached comfortably by kayak. Snorkellers are also welcomed on the boat trips for divers and our snorkelling guides will find and point out many hidden treasures of the sea.

Whether you prefer a thicker neoprene wetsuit or simple lycra skin is up to you. We strongly advise divers and snorkellers to wear a full suit as a barrier against hydroids on the abundant reefs and the possibility of marine 'stingers' in the water. The use of gloves is discouraged to enforce protection of the reef.

In order to maximise comfort and convenience we highly recommend bringing your own soft-gear: wetsuit, mask, snorkel, fins and booties. Limited rental gear is available: BCD, regulator, dive computer, and dive torch. However, please make sure to reserve items at the time of your booking to avoid disappointment.

The three dive boats are equipped with built-in sun protection and are powered by twin Yamaha 50hp 4-stroke outboard engines, which makes them fast, quiet and fuel-efficient. They have been especially custom fitted for maximum comfort with a ratio of one dive guide to four divers and a maximum of eight divers per boat. Each dive boat is equipped with standard safety equipment on all trips - first aid kit, emergency oxygen, tools and anchor, as well as a padded camera crate, drinking water and towels.

A dedicated diving insurance such as DIVERS ALERT NETWORK (or similar), which covers emergency evacuation, is mandatory, since Raja Ampat is extremely remote. Conservative diving and safe practices are strongly encouraged, dive computers are mandatory, and the focus is strictly on non-decompression diving, with slow controlled ascents. An SMB (Surface Marker Buoy) is mandatory and will be issued - if required - to all divers for the duration of their stay.



GETTING THERE AND AWAY

Arrival

- **Friday** arrival in Indonesia
- **Saturday morning before 9.30am** arrival in Sorong
- Meet & greet by Raja4Divers at the airport Sorong
- Breakfast buffet in a hotel in Sorong
- 10am departure from the hotel to the harbour by taxi (approx. 15 minutes)
- Boat transfer to Pulau Pef (approx. 3 ½ hours).

Departure

- **Friday afternoon** at around 3pm departure from Pulau Pef to Sorong (approx. 3 ½ hours)
- Taxi transfer from the harbour to the hotel in Sorong (approx. 15 minutes)
- Check-in at the hotel
- Dinner (at your own expense)
- **Saturday:** taxi transfer from the hotel to the airport Sorong (approx. 10 minutes)
- Departure from Sorong

Raja4Divers works with a partner travel agency that can book your international flights. Please let us know if you wish to use this service.

Sorong in West Papua, Indonesia, is the gateway city serving the Raja Ampat archipelago. No international flights currently arrive at or depart from Sorong, and all connections must be made from within Indonesia, typically requiring an overnight flight from Jakarta. It is also possible to reach Sorong via Denpasar (Bali), Ujung Pandang (Makassar), Manado, Ambon, etc., although connections can be rather complicated.

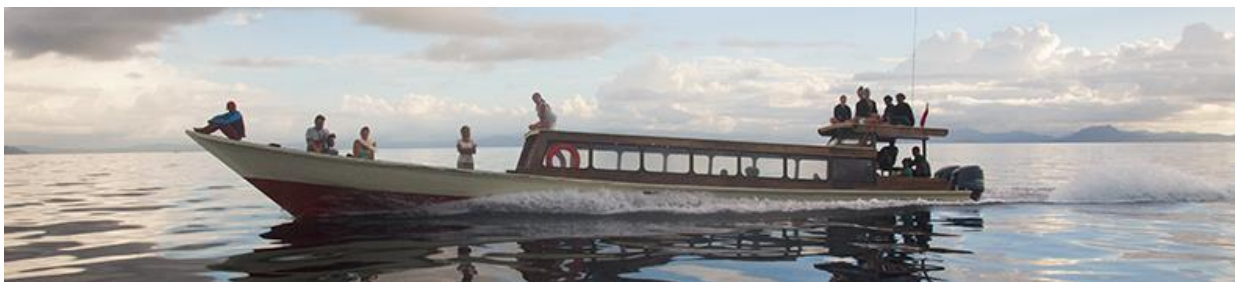
On the website <http://www.nusatrip.com/en/flights> you will find domestic flights and rates for the dates you are planning to book. Direct reservations can be made online via the NusaTrip website and paid by credit card.

We recommend the following airlines for domestic flights: **Garuda Indonesia** and **Batik Air**.

Important: Arrival in Sorong must be **before 9.30am on Saturday**.

The Raja4Divers transfer boat to Pulau Pef will wait until 12pm at the latest in case of delayed flights, which, according to the flight timetable, should have landed before 9.30am.

Important: When making flight reservations, please note that some domestic flights to Sorong leave on Friday evening, others after midnight (Saturday morning), and land in Sorong before 9.30am – so make sure to check both dates! Please also ensure that you plan enough time between the domestic and international flight, in general at least 5 hours!



RATES

Rates on request

Discounts

We grant the following discounts at booking time:

- 10% repeater discount starting with your second stay on the pre-paid resort package.
- for repeating guests, bringing friends or family who are visiting Raja4Divers for the first time, we offer a 15% discount for the repeater and a 5% discount for their friends on the pre-paid resort package.

Groups

1. 7 paying guests + 1 person (group leader) free of charge in a double, triple or quadruple room
2. Resort charter for max. 18 divers by arrangement

A group comprises of 8 or more people, whereby one person will be our contact and responsible for the reservation, payment and to pass on all information to other group members.

Marine Park Entry of Raja Ampat

All visitors must purchase the Raja Ampat Marine Park entrance tag, whether diver or non-diver. The tag (valid for one year) will be organized by the resort and handed out upon arrival. The fee is IDR 1'000'000 per person (approx. € 65) or IDR 500,000 for Indonesian citizens and can be paid while checkout in IDR, EUR, CHF or USD.

Please Note:

Your booking is subject to the **cancellation policy** and our **terms and conditions** available [HERE](#).



INCLUSIONS / EXCLUSIONS

Included

- Accommodation, all meals, extra snacks and fruits
- Tea, coffee, syrup, drinking water
- Kayak rental
- For snorkellers: boat trips with divers to various dive sites for snorkelling
- Papua registration with local authorities
- Last night in Sorong hotel
Breakfast included
- Airport transfers and airport porter fees in Sorong
- Limited wifi, iPad and 27" iMac
- Laundry service on Pulau Pef
- Shampoo, conditioner, soap, mosquito repellent, adaptors and towels are provided
(bath, beach and diving towels)

Included in the dive packages

- Dive trips by boat
NO fuel surcharge for longer trips
- Tanks, weights, weight belts
- Nitrox 32
NO surcharge, Enriched Air certification card required
- Unlimited diving
Up to 3 guided boat dives daily plus an optional night dive, house reef dives

Excluded

- All international and domestic flights
- Travel expenses such as
 - Transit hotel package
 - Dinner in Sorong (return journey)
Estimated costs for dinner in Sorong: IDR 250'000
 - Excess baggage charges
Estimated cost for excess baggage on domestic flights per kilogram: up to IDR 350'000, depending on airline and aircraft
 - Personal expenditure
 - Boat transfer: € 300 per person return
SATURDAY: Sorong – Pef
FRIDAY: Pef – Sorong
- National Park Admission fee of IDR 1'000'000 (approx. € 65) per person. The card is valid for one year.
IDR 500'000 for Indonesian citizens.
- Government taxes
- Rental dive gear: BCD, regulator, dive computer, dive torch.
Limited rental stock: please make sure to reserve items at the time of booking. For your own convenience, we highly recommended bringing your own soft gear: wetsuit, mask, snorkel, fins and booties.
- Private dive guide
- Dive courses
- Massages
- Alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, spirits), canned soft drinks and bar refreshments (e.g. soft drinks €2, beer €5, long drinks €10)
- Souvenirs from the island shop
- Special excursions, specialised services and all other expenses.
- Tips are optional
*If you would like to leave a gratuity, there is a tip box available in the main office during checkout. Tips are collected and divided fairly amongst all staff.
Please refrain from handing tips directly to staff members.*

HEALTH, SAFETY AND LIABILITY

Due to the remote location and the limited infrastructure in West Papua, all guests will have to sign a liability waiver upon arrival.

All diving guests must be certified Scuba Divers and present a **valid Scuba Certification Card** upon arrival.

Divers using Nitrox must present a **valid Enriched Air Certification Card** upon arrival.

Dive computers are mandatory.

Raja Ampat is a remote area and the nearest hyperbaric chambers are located hours away. Diving is non-decompression and conservative diving practices are strongly encouraged. An SMB (Surface Marker Buoy) is mandatory, and will be issued - if required - to all divers for the duration of their stay.

A dedicated diving insurance is mandatory (such as Divers Alert Network / DAN), which covers emergency evacuation. A valid proof or membership is required upon arrival. Travel and accident insurances do not always provide enough coverage or don't include emergency evacuation in the case of diving accidents. Please also keep in mind that your diving insurance covers accidents only within the depth limit of your certification. For Open Water Divers (max. 18 m) we offer the PADI Adventure Diver course that will allow you to dive to 30m.

For your protection as well as ours, we appeal to all divers to undergo a medical examination and to present a **certificate of diving fitness** upon arrival at Raja4Divers. The pandemic has caused lung problems in some people infected by the virus, and some even suffer from permanent lung damage. In this context, it is important to note that Pulau Pef is a remote island with only very limited medical care in Sorong, the closest town of a certain size.

Oxygen is available on the island and on all dive boats.

A travel insurance is strongly recommended for situations beyond the guest's or operator's control. It should include ill health, inclement weather, airline strikes, flight cancellations, trip cancellations, delays, and other unpredictable mishaps.

There are no recommended vaccinations for Indonesia but please consult your doctor for advice.

Malaria is present in Papua, but there are ways to protect yourself.

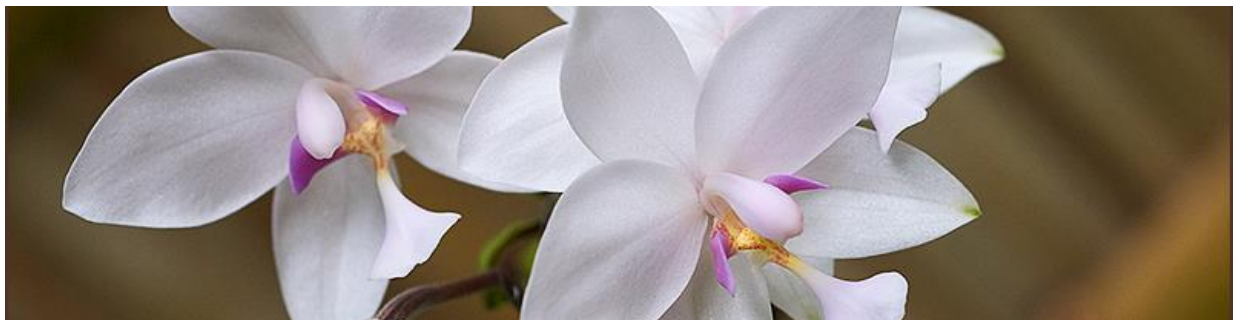
Although there are surprisingly few mosquitos on the island itself, we recommend you take care and exercise common sense, particularly at dawn and dusk. The liberal use of mosquito repellent is recommended, especially when passing through populated areas such as Sorong, Jakarta, etc.

Please bear in mind that some malarial prophylactics may cause adverse reactions in divers, e.g. Lariam (Mefloquine). We therefore recommend you discuss your travel plans with your doctor.

At night, between 0:00 and 05:00, the electricity on Pulau Pef is turned off for environmental reasons. For guests who need electricity during the night for medical reasons, it is possible to run it. If necessary, please inform us on site.

Guests can be reached via resort@raja4divers.com, from where the message will be passed on.

Please note that there is no phone reception on Pulau Pef, but we provide free limited satellite wifi in all bungalows.



TRAVEL TIPS

GENERAL

Money: IDR (Indonesian Rupiahs) are required for travel money, excess baggage charges, dinner in Sorong at the end of your stay and other personal expenses. You can change cash into IDR with a money changer in the international arrivals hall at the airport.
Please note: There is NO exchange bureau in Sorong!
At the resort all prices are in Euro.
You can settle your bill in Euro, USD, CHF and IDR or by wire transfer.
Please note that unfortunately we are not able to accept payment by credit card or traveller's cheques at the resort.

Indonesian Immigration Laws:

The visa-on-arrival (VoA) is available at IDR 500'000 (approx. USD 35) when you enter Indonesia or can be ordered in advance:

<https://molina.imigrasi.go.id/front/login>

Your passport must be valid until at least 6 months after your departure from Indonesia.

e-custom declaration: Travellers to Indonesia are requested to complete the electronic Customs Declaration (eCD) on <https://ecd.beacukai.go.id/>.

This will generate a QR code which must be presented upon arrival.

The form can be completed a maximum of 4 days before departure.

Certain airlines already require the QR code at check-in.

Hand luggage: Please carry a pullover or warm jacket in your hand luggage. It can be very cold in the air-conditioned airports and on domestic flights - don't risk CATCHING A COLD!

Luggage: It's always a good idea to label and lock your check-in luggage items.

TIME

To benefit from more daylight, we have our own 'island time' on Pulau Pef, so the sun only sets at 7.30pm instead of 6.30pm.

PULAU PEF – TIME:

GMT +10



Eastern Indonesian time:

GMT +9

Sorong, Ambon, Raja Ampat

Central Indonesian time:

GMT +8

Ujung Pandang (Makassar) Bali, Manado, Singapore

Western Indonesian time:

GMT +7

Jakarta

OUTWARD JOURNEY

Jakarta

- Friday and early Saturday:
- Arrival at Jakarta International airport, passport control, baggage collection.
 - Possible change of terminal for the onward journey to Sorong. Transfer between terminals by sky train, taxi or bus takes about 15 minutes.
 - We recommend you book a hotel room if you have several hours in Jakarta. It feels good to take a break from your journey, rest and have a shower.
- FM7 Hotel Jakarta: The FM7 Hotel Jakarta is located about 15 minutes from the international airport (depending on traffic). The hotel shuttle is free of charge and can be booked in advance. To return to the airport, please book your shuttle or taxi at the reception. www.fm7hotel.com or www.agoda.com
- **Check-in two hours prior to departure**

Please note:

Construction work is currently being carried out at Jakarta airport which is why arrival and departure terminals may change at short notice. Please consult one of the information desks regarding the current situation, as well as the location of the sky train or transfer bus.

Ujung Pandang, Makassar

- Friday/early Saturday:
- Arrival at the international airport in Ujung Pandang/Makassar, passport control, baggage collection
 - We recommend you book a hotel room if you have several hours in Ujung Pandang/Makassar. It feels good to take a break from your journey, rest and have a shower.
- Ibis Budget Hotel: the Ibis Budget Hotel is located directly outside the arrivals hall on the right-hand side. It offers simple rooms with a shower and a toilet: [Ibis Hotel](#)
- **Check-in two hours prior to departure**

Please note:

Announcements are typically difficult to understand in the airport building and departure gates may change at the last minute, so keep an eye on the monitors. For more detailed information, ask one of the airport staff to make sure you are at the correct gate.

Manado

There is no hotel at Manado airport but there are some nearby. Please arrange your own hotel bookings, wake-up calls and check the latest international flight information.

- **Check-in two hours prior to departure**

Arrival in Sorong

- Luggage:** After picking up your luggage in Sorong, the baggage is collected by representatives of Raja4Divers and taken to the transfer boat at the harbour.
- Money:** There is no exchange bureau in Sorong. You will find ATMs at the airport. Please note that only limited amounts can be withdrawn.
- Breakfast:** Representatives of Raja4Divers will accompany you to the hotel by taxi where an extensive breakfast buffet awaits you. You will then be transferred from the hotel to the harbour around 10am.
- Boat transfer:** The boat trip from Sorong to Pulau Pef takes approx 3.5 hours, depending on weather conditions. Water and small snacks are provided on board and there are mats to sleep on if you would like to take a rest.

Please note:

The Raja4Divers transfer boat to Pulau Pef will wait until 12pm at the latest in the case of delayed flights, which according to the flight timetable, should have landed before 9.30am.

In case of flight cancellations or longer delays, you will have to organise a private boat transfer or take the next ferry to Waisai (capital of Raja Ampat), from where Raja4Divers can pick you up at the charge of € 450 per boat.

We therefore recommend a good travel insurance!



RETURN JOURNEY

- Friday afternoon:**
- The boat transfer from Pulau Pef to Sorong is scheduled for approx. 3pm (after lunch). You will be transferred directly to the hotel in Sorong for an overnight stay. Room, breakfast buffet and airport transfers are included the rate. Please note that dinner is not included.
- Saturday morning:**
- Transfer to the airport Sorong by Raja4Divers.

PACKING LIST

Airport	<input type="checkbox"/> You will need at least one completely empty page in your passport for the visa stamp. <input type="checkbox"/> Your passport must be valid until at least 6 months after your departure from Indonesia. <input type="checkbox"/> Extra IDR cash for excess baggage charges. Depending on the airline, route and aircraft type, the rate will be up to IDR 350,000 per kilo excess luggage. The stipulated allowance is usually 20 kg, sometimes only 10 kg per person. It is always worth mentioning that you are carrying dive equipment. Depending on the airline, a part or even the entire dive luggage will be transported without surcharge.
Resort	<input type="checkbox"/> Biodegradable shampoo, liquid soap and conditioner are available free of charge. At the resort, please use these. <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent (is also available free of charge), medication, e.g. broad-spectrum antibiotics, painkillers, anti-diarrhoeal, laxatives, Biodegradable shampoo, liquid soap and conditioner are available free of charge. At the resort, please use these. <input type="checkbox"/> Camera, binoculars, head torch, laptop & peripherals, coral-friendly sunscreen (available at the island store), hat, light waterproof windbreaker for occasional rain showers, flip-flops and sturdy walking shoes/sandals. <input type="checkbox"/> You can settle your bill in Euro, USD, CHF and IDR or by wire transfer. Please note that unfortunately we are not able to accept payment by credit card or traveller's cheques at the resort.
Diving / Snorkelling	<input type="checkbox"/> Dive/snorkel gear. Limited rental stock: please notify us at the time of booking if you wish to rent equipment. <input type="checkbox"/> For your own convenience, we recommend you bring your own soft gear (wetsuit, mask, snorkel, fins and booties). <input type="checkbox"/> Our aluminium tanks are DIN-tanks with INT adaptors – no need to bring your own adaptor. <input type="checkbox"/> A dive certification card is mandatory for all certified divers. An Enriched Air Certification card is mandatory for all divers using Nitrox. <input type="checkbox"/> For your protection as well as ours, we appeal to all divers to bring a certificate of diving fitness upon arrival at Raja4Divers. <input type="checkbox"/> A diving insurance covering an emergency evacuation is mandatory for all divers. Please bring your insurance card or any other document of proof. <input type="checkbox"/> Spare diving items, batteries and chargers.

And if you find a bit of space in your suitcase, we would be very grateful for some 'firewater' for our Pef Bar: Sapphire Gin, Jack Daniels, Campari, Pernod, Tequila from the duty-free shop. It goes without saying that we will reimburse you for your expenses.

Wines and spirits are very difficult to find in our part of Indonesia and/or are extremely expensive. But with the help of our guests we can offer reasonable prices at the Pef Bar.

The limit to import alcohol is 1 litre per person, regardless of the alcoholic content. Please note there is no duty-free shop at the arrival in Indonesia.

Tasty salami, a piece of cheese, chocolate and strong 110l dustpin bags (no joke) are always very welcome too.

CONTACT INFORMATION

While there is no mobile phone signal on Pulau Pef, the team on the island can be reached by e-mail via satellite internet at resort@raja4divers.com.

Here are the addresses and telephone numbers of Raja4Divers in Sorong:

Raja4Divers Sorong Office

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Kelurahan Malengke, Remu Utara
SORONG 98416
Papua Barat
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German - Caroline:
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French - Doris:
info_fr@raja4divers.com

The Raja4Divers team is looking forward to welcoming you soon on the jetty of Pulau Pef.



Sampai jumpa

www.raja4divers.com



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