



RAJA4DIVERS

PULAU PEF

RAJA AMPAT

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# TRAVEL TIPS

## GENERAL

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

**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 order IDR at your bank or 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, CHF, USD 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 Terminal 3, passport control, baggage collection.
  - If you are flying with Garuda from Jakarta to Sorong, you will depart from Terminal 3, with all other domestic airlines from Terminal 2. The transfer between the terminals by sky train, taxi or bus takes about 15 minutes.
  - In case you have a longer stopover in Jakarta, you can book a room at [www.anara.id](http://www.anara.id), a conveniently located airport hotel in Terminal 3, where international flights arrive and Garuda flights depart for Sorong.
  - All other domestic flights depart from Terminal 2. Here, you will find the simple and basic hotel, [www.jakartaairporthotel.com](http://www.jakartaairporthotel.com), which offers a shuttle service to all airport terminals. Please note that this hotel does not have a restaurant, but there are cafés and fast-food restaurants right outside the entrance.
  - Alternatively, you can book a room or a transfer package with the FM7 Hotel, located approx. 15 min from the airport ([www.fm7hotel.com](http://www.fm7hotel.com)). This hotel is cheaper than the airport hotels and offers free transfers from and to the airport.
  - **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.
- Hotel Jakarta:**
- see page 12 "Outward journey"



## PACKING LIST

<b>Airport</b>	<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.
<b>Resort</b>	<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, CHF, USD and IDR or by wire transfer. <b>Please note that unfortunately we are not able to accept payment by credit card or traveller's cheques at the resort.</b>
<b>Diving / Snorkelling</b>	<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, Tequila, Cointreau, Jack Daniels, Campari, Pernod 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 are duty-free shops at the arrival in Indonesia but they are extremely expensive.

Tasty salami, a piece of cheese, chocolate and strong 110l garbage 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](mailto:resort@raja4divers.com).

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

### **Raja4Divers Sorong Office**

Jl. Gagak No. 7B  
Km 7 Gunung, RT.001 RW.002  
Kelurahan Malengke, Remu Utara  
SORONG 98416  
Papua Barat  
Indonesia

Mobile:

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### **Raja4Divers reservation addresses**

English - Doris:  
[info@raja4divers.com](mailto:info@raja4divers.com)

German - Caroline:  
[info\\_de@raja4divers.com](mailto:info_de@raja4divers.com)

French - Doris:  
[info\\_fr@raja4divers.com](mailto: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](http://www.raja4divers.com)



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