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**TRAVEL COMPANION TO
RAJA AMPAT**
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WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOME YOU AS OUR GUEST

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In preparation to your diving holidays we have collected some handy tips & tricks to ensure a great trip from which you return, both invigorated and inspired with memories that will last long beyond your tanline.

THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION

BOTH RESORTS - KRI ECO & SORIDO BAY - ARE LOCATED ON KRI ISLAND, A SCENIC EXCLUSIVE RESORT ISLAND.

The remote Raja Ampat archipelago lies off the northeastern coast of West Papua, Indonesia's most easterly province.

RAJA AMPAT - THE 4 KINGS: MISOOL, SALAWATI, BATANTA AND WAIGEO AND OVER 1,500 ISLETS

All formed from limestone and those who have travelled to Palau will find these green-capped, limestone outcrops looking very similar to the latter's Rock Islands. No two islands or islets are alike, and no two dive sites the same. The steep-sided walls of the rocks are shaped by wind and water. Soft, vanilla-coloured, sandy bays are ideal for spending time exploring between dives. But it is below the surface where one finds the most amazing creatures in abundance.

Raja Ampat is deemed a 'species factory' for marine life, with scientists proclaiming the region as 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 the Raja Ampat and both Resorts are located in a MPA (Marine Protected Area).



THE RICHEST HOUSE-REEF OF THE WORLD

Kri Eco & Sorido Bay are both located in a MPA (Marine Protected Area), right next to the richest house-reef of the world 'Cape Kri', where Dr.G. Allen broke the world record count of 374 different species in 2012. Not only is this the richest dive spot in the world but also great for snorkelling.



“ONE’S DESTINATION IS NEVER A
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THINGS.”

HENRY MILLER

WAKE ME UP BEFORE YOU GO GO

IT ALL STARTS WITH PACKING YOUR BAGS, BUT BEFORE YOU REALIZE IT YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF RELAXING AT ONE OF OUR RESORTS.

PRE TRAVEL CHECK LIST:

PASSPORT & VISA

- Passport valid for minimum 6 months from date of entry into Indonesia.
- A Tourist Visa is provided to citizens of 45 countries (please check online) entering Indonesia through one of the international Airports. The Visa on arrival (VOA) costs Rp500.000. At Manado Airport a Visa can only be obtained at a cost of 35US\$.
- Proof of COVID vaccination is required, please check the latest COVID-19 regulations online.
- Valid departure ticket from Indonesia within 30 days of arrival. Immigration officials are entitled to ask.
- IDR (Indonesian Rupiah) cash for excess baggage charges.

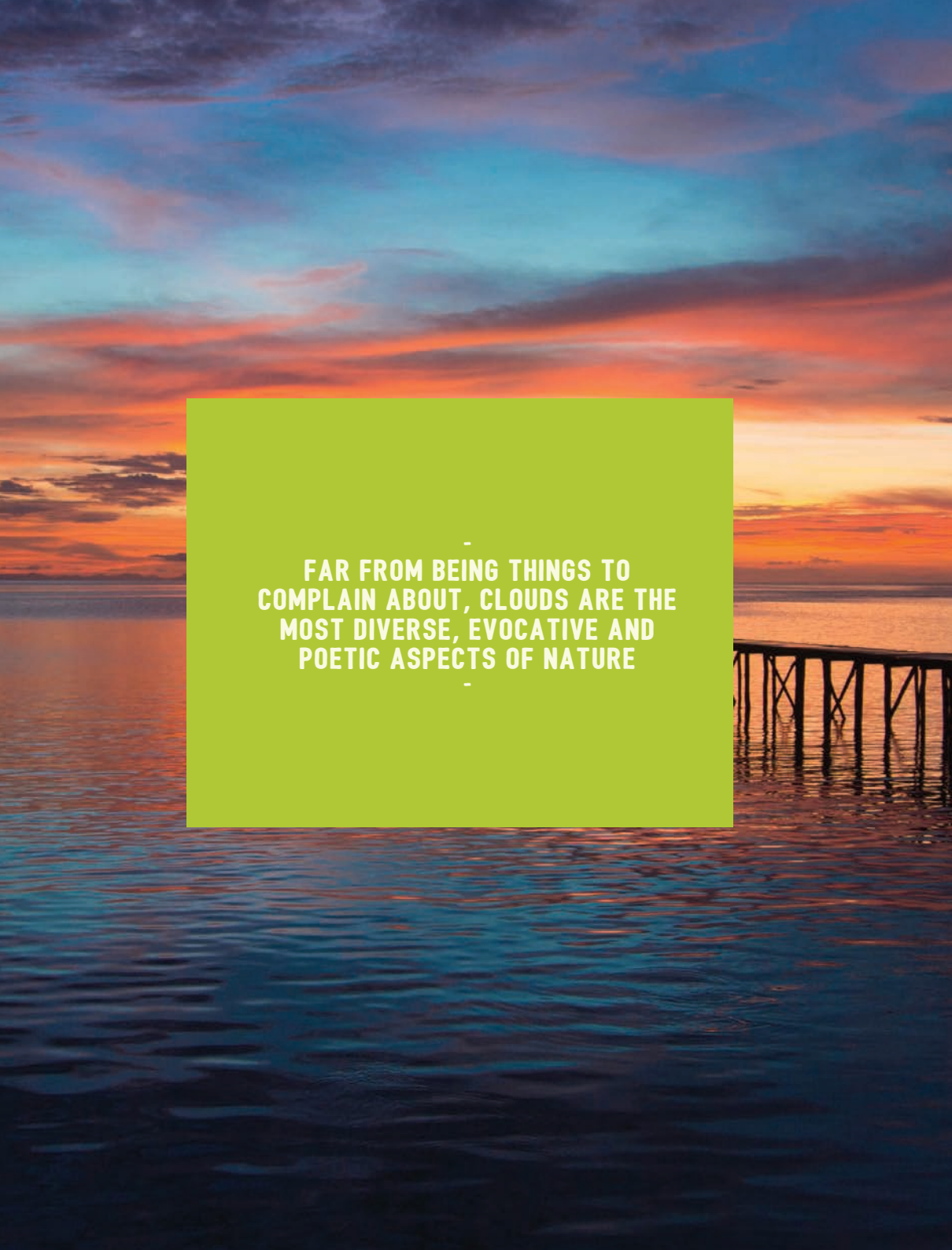
Fees can only be paid in IDR Rupiah. No other currencies or Credit Cards are accepted. Rates vary from IDR 30 000 to IDR 50 000 per kilo. Stipulated allowance is typically between 10 – 20 kg p/p. It is always worth mentioning that you are carrying diving equipment, occasionally the fee becomes negotiable.

HEALTH & SAFETY

- **Inoculations:** Please consult your doctor for inoculation advice
- **Malaria:** Malaria is present in Papua.

Although there are surprisingly very few mosquitos on the island itself, it is recommended that you take care and exercise common sense, particularly at dawn and dusk. The liberal use of mosquito repellent is highly recommended, especially when passing through populous areas such as Sorong. Bear in mind that some malarial prophylactics cause adverse reactions in divers e.g. Lariam (Mefloquine), so please discuss your travel plans with your doctor.

- **Diving insurance:** Insurance is **mandatory**. All diving guests must have dedicated diving insurance (such as DAN), which covers for emergency evacuation, and all divers must present valid proof/membership card. A regular travel insurance is not equivalent to a dedicated diving insurance and may not cover emergency evacuation for diving related incidents.
- Sunscreen & hat, as you will spend some time right below the equator.
- Double check your travel pharmacy: think about broad spectrum antibiotics, painkillers, anti-diarrheals, laxatives, antihistamine, decongestant, , hydro-cortizone cream, cold & flu meds, swimmer’s ear, anti-biotic ear/eye drops, ...)
- If you plan to enroll in a PADI Course you will have to submit a medical statement not older than 6 month, stating your fitness to dive.



FAR FROM BEING THINGS TO
COMPLAIN ABOUT, CLOUDS ARE THE
MOST DIVERSE, EVOCATIVE AND
POETIC ASPECTS OF NATURE

UP IN THE AIR

HERE A FEW TIPS & TRICKS FOR YOUR TIME IN THE SKY AND AIRPORTS

IN THE AIR

- It's always good practice to name your luggage and to lock your check in luggage items.
- Travel comfortable and carry a warm sweater for airports and aircraft; domestic airlines within Indonesia do not typically carry blankets and can get quite cold.

AT THE AIRPORT

JAKARTA:

- **Arrival form:** Use the following address: Papua Diving Resorts, Kri Island, Raja Ampat.
- **Transit time:** Depending on your arrival time you will have to spend some time at the airport. In case you need to change terminals you can do this by taking the Skytrain. For longer transit periods we recommend guests to make use of the airport hotel in Terminal 2 (T2).

MAKASSAR/UJUNG PANDANG:

- Usually you will need to head to the transit desk to collect your boarding pass for the connecting flight.
- Announcements are typically hard to understand in the airport building, and departure gates can change at the last minute, so keep an eye on the monitors, but for more accurate information simply show your boarding pass or ask airport staff.
- There are plenty of restaurants that offer free Wi-Fi.

SORONG:

- Papua Diving staff will welcome you at the airport and assist you further.
- Early arrivals will be first transferred from the airport to our partner hotel and be offered a complimentary breakfast while waiting to be transferred to the harbour.



NOT ALL THOSE WHO
WANDER ARE LOST

READY - CHECK - GO

AIRPORT

- ☐ Passport must be valid minimum 6 months from date of entry
- ☐ All travelers to Indonesia must be in possession of a passport that is valid for at least 6 months from the date of arrival, and have proof (tickets) of onward or return passage. A free Tourist Visa is provided to citizens of 45 countries (please check online) entering Indonesia through international Airports Jakarta and Bali. At Manado Airport a Visa can only be obtained at a cost of 35US\$.
- ☐ IDR (Indonesian rupiah) cash for excess baggage charges. Fees can only be paid in IDR Rupiah. No other currencies or Credit Cards are accepted. Stipulated allowance is typically 20 kg p/p. Depending on the airline they charge 30 000 to 50 000 IDR per excess kilo. Most domestic airlines have free dive gear allowance.
- ☐ A warm sweater for airports and aircraft; domestic airlines do not typically carry blankets and can get quite cold.

SCHEDULED BOAT TRANSFERS:

Standard packages: 7,14 or 21 nights

Sunday arrival day:

Boat departure to the island: 9:30 am

(do not arrive later than 8:30 am in Sorong)

Sunday departure day:

Boat arrival in Sorong: 9:00 am

(do not book a flight that departs before 10:30 am)

Standard packages: 10 or 17 nights

Sunday/Thursday arrival day:

Boat departure to the island: 9:30 am

(do not arrive later than 8:30 am in Sorong)

Sunday/Wednesday departure day:

Boat arrival in Sorong: 9:00 am

(do not book a flight that departs before 10:30 am)

RESORT

- ☐ Passport to hand in at the resort, used to arrange registration and administration
- ☐ Your preferred toiletries, insect repellent & if you are planning to travel the mainland of Papua, medications. Eg: Broad spectrum antibiotics, painkillers, anti-diarrheals, laxatives, antihistamine, decongestant, anti-biotic ointment, hydro-cortizone cream, cold & flu meds, swimmer's ear, anti-biotic ear/eye drops)
- ☐ Sunscreen & hat, light waterproof wind-breaker for occasional rain showers.
- ☐ Sturdy walking shoes/sandals if you plan a visit to the bird of paradise or walks through the jungle
- ☐ A bottle of your favorite tippie from the Duty Free. We do have limit stock of wine available. Wine and spirits are very difficult and expensive to obtain in Indonesia
- ☐ Camera, binoculars/headlamp to capture the terrific memories
- ☐ Laptop, Ipad, Kindle and other peripherals. Although Wi-Fi is available and provided at our resorts. Sorido Bay offers unlimited wifi access. At Kri Eco Resort guests receive 1GB free per week. Additional data can be purchased. If you wish to have a backup internet connection, we recommend to buy a TELKOMSEL sim card, including data.
- ☐ We do accept visa/mastercard payments at the resorts. A 3% charge applies. Extra charges can also be paid in Euro, IDR, USD Important note: USD cash notes must be in pristine condition, un-torn.
- ☐ (Optional) Bring along some local currency (IDR Rupiah) in small notes for buying souvenirs during excursions.



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THE CURE FOR ANYTHING
IS SALT WATER:
SWEAT, TEARS AND THE SEA
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READY - CHECK - GO

DIVING & SNORKELLING

- ☐ Dive certification card. Mandatory for all certified divers
- ☐ If you have not dived within the last 12 months or have logged less than 50 dives a Refresher course is mandatory. The Refresher is ideal if you have had a short break from diving or if you are a newly qualified diver that has not been diving for a few months. It allows you to recollect your skills and theory and promotes your safety as a diver. At the cost of 50 euro, the Refresher Program will be added to any dive package of your choice. Enriched Air certification card is mandatory for all divers using Nitrox.
- ☐ Proof of diving insurance or other insurance which covers emergency evacuation is mandatory for all divers. We highly recommend to become a DAN Member. Short-term DAN dive insurancy can be arranged at the resort.
- ☐ BCD, regulator, wetsuit, torch, computer, reef hook. Rental gear is available. Please inform us upfront to ensure we have your size available.
- ☐ A Dive computer is mandatory for all divers. We recommend bringing your own.
- ☐ Mask, Snorkel, Fins, Booties. For your own comfort we highly recommend to bring your own.
- ☐ Spare items for dive equipment
- Don't forget to have your equipment serviced before your arrival. But it is always good to carry some mask/fin straps, batteries for cameras & computers.

OTHER ACTIVITIES (BIRDING - KAYAKING - SUP'S)

- ☐ Birding: binoculars, walkingshoes, camera, small backpack
- ☐ Kayaking and SUP's: drybag, rashguard

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- ☐ Bath & Beachtowels. Towels are provided in your room and on the boat after the dive.
- ☐ Dive gloves
We kindly ask you to leave your gloves at home.
We do apply a **no-glove policy**, as part of our reef protection program.
- ☐ Non re-chargable batteries
We kindly ask you to either work with rechargable batteries or take empty batteries back home. We have no opportunity to recycle batteries.



BE RESPONSIBLE,
BE REEF-FRIENDLY

TOGETHER WITH OUR PARTNER STREAM2SEA
WE WANT YOU TO PROTECT OUR REEFS AND
TRAVEL ECO-CONSCIOUSLY

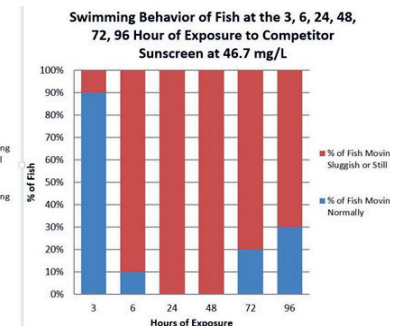
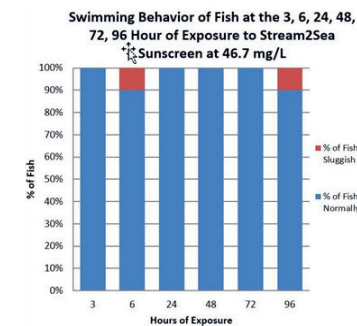
DID YOU KNOW THAT SUNSCREEN IS TOXIC TO CORAL?

NEW RESEARCH HAS PROVEN THAT A COMMON INGREDIENT FOUND IN SUNSCREEN IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DECLINE OF REEFS AROUND THE WORLD.

Oxybenzone, a UV-filtering chemical compound found in 3,500 brands of sunscreen worldwide, can be fatal to baby coral and damaging to adults in high concentrations. Study has shown that the highest concentrations of oxybenzone are found around coral reefs popular with tourists.

Oxybenzone alters coral DNA, makes coral more susceptible to potentially fatal bleaching and acts as an endocrine disruptor, causing baby coral to encase itself in its own skeleton and die, according to the findings. Between 6,000 and 14,000 tonnes of sunscreen lotion winds up in coral reef areas each year, much of which contains oxybenzone. According to the researchers, the damaging effects were seen in coral in concentrations of oxybenzone as low as 62 parts per trillion, which is equivalent to a drop of water in six and a half Olympic-sized swimming pools !

When you're shopping for sun protection products, use Stream2Sea ingredients-to-avoid card to find safer and more effective sunscreens and SPF moisturizers. Opt for products with mineral active ingredients, such as zinc oxide or titanium dioxide, and practice other sun-safety measures, such as staying in the shade, avoiding sun exposure during peak hours and wearing protective clothing.



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WITHOUT
OBSERVATION
IS A BIRD
WITHOUT WINGS**
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10 REASONS TO GO

We don't impress with pretentious wines and city cuisine.
We don't import fancy coffee and water brands just for the mark-up.
We cut down our excesses to focus on you:
our guest and our environment: the richest reefs of the world

Actually there are many reasons to stay with us.
But as we want to create a simpler, but not a less valuable vacation from
which you return, both invigorated and inspired -
we have collected 10 reasons for staying with us.

01 THE SETTING

WITHIN A FEW MINUTES AFTER EACH DIVE
YOU WILL BE RELAXING ON A TROPICAL
ISLAND PARADISE

02 OUR EXPERIENCE

PIONEERED DIVING IN
RAJA AMPAT
OVER 20 YEARS AGO

03 OUR PROXIMITY

OUR FREE TRANSFERS TO THE RESORTS
ARE A SHORT JOURNEY OF ABOUT
1.5 HOURS ONLY

04 OUR FOOTPRINT

SINCE 1993 PAPUA DIVING HAS BEEN
PRO-ACTIVE IN CONSERVATION INITIATIVES
AND WORKING WITH THE LOCAL
PAPUAN COMMUNITIES

05 RECORD HOUSE REEF

374 DIFFERENT SPECIES IN ONE
SINGLE DIVE - THE SHEAR NUMBERS OF
FISH IS MINDBLOWING

06 SAFETY RECORD

IN OVER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE
WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON AN EXCELLENT
SAFETY RECORD

07 FREE NITROX

WE LIKE TO EXTEND YOUR BOTTOM TIME
TO ENSURE YOU GET THE MOST OUT OF
YOUR DIVE TIME

08 ISLAND KITCHEN

WE CATER FOR ALL TASTES AND PROVIDE
A HEALTHY FUSION OF WESTERN AND
INDONESIAN DISHES

09 THE ATMOSPHERE

MOMENTS MATTER
OUR MANY RETURNING GUESTS PROOF THAT
WE AIM TO DELIVER AN EXCELLENT SERVICE

10 OUR PAPUAN TEAM

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