



CRUISE INFORMATION PACKAGE

Introduction:

While many of our guests are seasoned travelers, some may be unfamiliar with the unique ways and means of traveling on a liveaboard in the often extremely remote regions we visit.

Cruising through Komodo National Park on a traditional wooden schooner can be a brave world for many. With that in mind, we have compiled this information package to try and make your journey with us as enjoyable and hassle-free as possible.

PACKING LISTS:

PREPARATION AND PACKING TIPS FOR YOUR CRUISE

When packing for a liveaboard cruise, it is always good to bear in mind that space on any sailing vessel is always limited. At the same time, it is important that you do not forget to bring everything that you will need, as we will often be traveling for extended periods of time in areas where there are simply no shops, no convenience stores, and no pharmacies whatsoever.

THE ESSENTIALS:

Passports & Visas

All travelers to Indonesia must be in possession of a passport that is valid for at least six (6) months from the date of DEPARTURE from Indonesia and have proof (tickets) of onward or return passage since 2015.

Please assume full responsibility for checking and verifying any and all requirements in regard to a passport, visa, vaccination, or any other entry requirements before traveling to Indonesia. We only provide information and advice on such general matters as climate and clothing in good faith and as a courtesy to you.

Travel Insurance

Due to the cancellation policy of force majeure or unforeseen situations, we strongly suggest every guest purchase their comprehensive travel insurance and ensure that the insurance coverage specific to your booking, includes changes or cancellations to your travel plans and loss



or damage to your baggage and contents. We also strongly suggest you obtain a comprehensive policy with medical insurance and an emergency evacuation policy (Medivac).

Dive Insurance

All passengers wishing to take part in Scuba Diving Activities organized during the cruise are required to have a valid Dive Insurance Policy.

We require all diving passengers aboard to submit proof of a valid dive insurance policy, including a membership card and policy number, before being allowed to take part in any diving activities.

First Aid & Medication

The boats carry a comprehensive first aid kit and a selection of over-the-counter medication to treat all kinds of minor ailments and injuries. However, it is always advisable to bring your own first aid and medical kit and to bring an ample supply of any prescribed medications you may need.

Remember that medical care beyond basic first aid, due to the sometimes remote regions visited, is not always immediately available. Therefore, if you have a physical, dietary, or any other condition for which you may require special attention, please tell us in advance.

PACKING YOUR BAGS.

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A day backpack is essential for day hikes to carry things such as your water bottle, insect repellent, and rain jacket. A waterproof wet/dry bag is a good idea for your phone, camera, etc.

We encourage you to bring a METAL WATER BOTTLE per person, which can be re-filled on board with fresh drinking water as often as you wish.

CLOTHING



The everyday dress on board is very casual and the tropical climate of Indonesia means you can safely leave all of your warm weather gear at home. We would suggest every guest pack clothes that are comfortable for walking/trekking and suitable for wearing on the boat.

If you are wondering what to pack on clothes, these are we recommend you bring: a t-shirt, tank tops, shorts, beach throw-over, kaftan, sarongs, sundress, slacks, cargo pants, casual cotton shirt, waterproof jacket, one long sleeve, scarf, and fleece.

Rain is always a possibility in the tropics, so we definitely suggest bringing a raincoat.

FOOTWEAR

Pack comfortable trainers, trekking sandals, or walking shoes for hikes and walks. Bring socks to wear inside your walking shoes to avoid getting blisters. You might also want waterproof sandals or reef shoes for wet landing and water activities. Flip-flops are great for the beach.

SWIMWEAR

Do not forget your swimsuits/bikini/shorts/trunks/speedos – and preferably more than just one swimsuit, so the one or two can be drying while you are wearing another.

The water is warm but a rash guard will protect you from the sun, abrasions, and stings when swimming or snorkeling.

SUN PROTECTION

You will be spending plenty of time out in the scorching tropical sun, you will be advised to bring your own sunscreen, please ensure that they are reef friendly.

A good hat is essential; a wide-brimmed hat or cap will keep the strong equatorial sun off your face and neck.

Sunglasses keep your eyes protected from the glare of the sun.

SKIN & HAIR PROTECTION

The sun and salty hair may be beautiful to experience but it can be tough on your body and will wreak havoc on your locks.

Bring moisturizing lotion to soothe skin parched by the sun and saltwater.



SCUBA DIVING

Aside from your diving equipment, please bring proof of your certification and experience level, as well as documentation for any dive insurance policies you may have.

Boats carry a substantial selection of standard dive equipment on board, which is available for rent. However, boat stocks are limited and most items only come in the most common size. If you require items in a specific size, color, or from specific brands, it is best to bring them yourself or at least inquire first whether or not the boat has an item available for you.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Itineraries:

When touring at sea, weather, currents, and even harbor masters and shahbandar don't always cooperate with the boat's planned itinerary, which sometimes makes our planned schedules challenging or even impossible to carry out. The itineraries are subject to change at any time. For that reason, itineraries from the boats must be approached with reasonable flexibility.

The boat reserve the right to make alterations at any time due to circumstances beyond their control and/or other factors, in the best interest of all. It is all part of the adventure.

Tipping & Gratuities

During the cruise, you will enjoy the incomparable service of well-trained, friendly Indonesian crew members, and it is a time-honored tradition on all cruise vessels of the world to tip the crew at the end of the voyage, provided if the cruise you have been satisfied with their services.

The tip will be distributed by the captain equally among all our crew members and dive staff.

In the liveaboard community, a tip of around 5-10% of the cabin rate per cruising day is considered an appropriate amount. However, this is just a suggestion and remains entirely up to your judgment and discretion.