

Pre-Cruise Information

Thank you for choosing Nomad Archipelago for your cruising experience. We look forward to sharing the beauty of the Indonesian Archipelago with you.

To help you prepare for your journey, we've put together the following pre-cruise information, including useful travel tips and important details. We look forward to sharing the beauty of the Indonesian Archipelago with you.

1. Contact

You can reach us on WhatsApp at +62 821-4736-8360 or via email at hello@nomadarchipelago.com.

2. Accommodation on board

- BUGIS features four triple cabins, each equipped with one double bed (140 × 200 cm) and one single bunk bed (90 × 200 cm).
- BAJAU features with two triple cabins, each equipped with one double bed (140 × 200 cm), one twin cabin equipped with two bunks (90 x 200 cm) and one double bed equipped with one king bed (180 x 200 cm)

All cabins are equipped with fans and private en-suite bathrooms.

For shared cruise: your cabin type is shown on your cruise booking invoice. If you have any questions regarding your cabin assignment, please don't hesitate to contact us.

3. Airport & Hotel Transfers

We provide complimentary transfers from the airport or your hotel to the cruise on the departure day, and from the cruise to the airport or your hotel on the arrival day.

Our Cruise Director will contact you via WhatsApp approximately 48 hours before departure to confirm your exact pick-up time and meeting arrangements.

4. Boarding & Orientation

On arrival, you'll be shown to your cabin and given a safety briefing, including the location of life jackets, rafts, and safety procedures. House rules will also be explained. Daily briefings will cover the day's route, activities, and cultural, social, and geographical context.



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5. Climate

Expect tropical conditions: 27°C–32°C and high humidity (50%–90%).

- Rainy season: Nov–Mar (NW winds)
 - Dry season: Apr–Oct (SE winds)
- Itineraries are planned with these seasons in mind.

6. Social Etiquette

Indonesians are warm and hospitable, but may ask personal questions out of curiosity.

Key tips:

- Use your right hand for greetings and transactions.
 - Don't touch anyone's head.
 - Avoid pointing your feet at people.
 - Dress modestly, especially in Islamic regions.
 - No nudity or topless sunbathing.
- We provide sarongs for shore visits if needed.

7. Water & Electricity

Voltage onboard: 220V (European two-pin sockets). Bring a universal adapter. Filtered seawater is available via the tap in the restaurant and in refillable bottles provided.

8. Fellow Passengers

Expect a diverse mix: families, couples, and solo travellers from around the world.

9. Excursions

Excursions are included in regular trips (excluded for private charters). Your guide will offer daily options, which are voluntary. Note: Programs may change due to weather or local regulations.

10. Hotel Info Before/After

Let us know your accommodation details at least three days before departure to coordinate transfers. Please also inform us of your post-cruise plans.

11. Malaria

No mosquitoes at sea, but take precautions ashore. Wear long sleeves at dusk and



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use repellent. Consult a health professional about malaria medication and vaccinations before travelling.

12. Seasickness

Seasickness is rare but can occur. Tablets are available onboard if needed. Most guests adjust quickly to the motion of the sea.

13. Sun Protection

The sun is intense. Wear a hat, sunglasses, and SPF. Always snorkel with a T-shirt. Stay hydrated and consider adding extra salt to your food to avoid heatstroke.

14. Snorkelling

This is our main activity. Snorkeling gear is provided; however, you are welcome to bring your own mask for added comfort. We also recommend wearing a lycra top for UV protection while snorkeling.

15. Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required. Cancellation insurance is optional—please arrange through your provider.

16. Medical Info

If necessary, place your medical details in a sealed envelope with your name and give it to your tour leader.

17. What to Pack

Casual and light clothing is best. Dress modestly ashore. Essentials:

- Photocopies of documents
- Cotton clothes
- Long trousers/skirts
- Rash guard
- Sweater/cardigan
- Swimwear
- Lycra
- Bathing shoes, sandals, hiking shoes
- Sunscreen (high SPF), insect repellent
- Personal medication, sting cream
- Waterproof bag, sunglasses, torch, cap
- Raincoat



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18. Money & Payments

Currency: Indonesian Rupiah (IDR).

- Bring crisp USD/EUR/AUD notes (no older than 2002).
- Credit cards accepted onboard via EDC machine (fees: 1.85%–3.50%).
- Bring small denominations (1,000–10,000 IDR).
- ATMs and credit card acceptance are limited in remote areas.

19. Passport & Visa

Ensure your passport is valid for at least six months from arrival.

Check visa requirements and customs rules at:

- [Immigration](#)
- [Customs Declaration](#)
- Make photocopies of your travel documents.

20. Time Zones

- WIB (GMT+7): Sumatra, Java, West Kalimantan
- WITA (GMT+8): Bali, Nusa Tenggara, Sulawesi
- WIT (GMT+9): Maluku, Papua

21. Toiletries

Eco-friendly toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, tissues) are provided onboard.

22. Internet Access

Buy a TELKOMSEL SIM card at the airport. Signal strength will vary based on location.

23. Alcohol

You may bring 1L of alcohol into Indonesia. Additional drinks are available for purchase onboard.

24. Onboard Guide

Our guides & Cruise Directors speak Indonesian and English and act as your liaison with local communities, authorities, and the crew. They coordinate daily activities and help interpret cultural experiences—especially in remote areas where flexibility is essential.



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24. Schedule your international flight wisely

We highly recommend scheduling your international departure at least one day after your cruise arrival to ensure a worry-free onward journey.

We hope you enjoy getting ready for your adventure and look forward to welcoming you aboard!

