

## Travel Information

### Visa

To enter Indonesia, you are required to possess a passport **valid for at least six months from the date of arrival** and have proof of return or onward ticketing.

Most tourists can obtain a **Visa on Arrival** (VOA), costs are US\$35 for a 30 day stay, or US\$15 for a 7 day stay. For some countries there is an additional visa fee. Payment is by cash at the immigration desk upon arrival at the International Bali or Jakarta airport. For some countries this visa-on-arrival does not apply, and people need to apply for a tourist visa in their country of origin before traveling. We highly recommend that you contact your local Indonesian Consulate or Embassy to check requirements for travelers of your nationality and/or passport that you will be traveling on.

### Vaccinations

Please get advice from your local medical center. For some parts of Indonesia malaria prophylactics are recommended as well as booster injections for intestinal diseases and hepatitis A and B. While onboard the Seven Seas, we ensure you will run no risk of "traveler's diseases" as the food is prepared with a high degree of hygiene and all the drinking water comes from bottles. Please ensure your medical insurance covers your vacation.

### Currency, Cards, Cash

The local currency is the Indonesian Rupiah (IDR). Most hotels and restaurants in Bali accept credit cards, but it's always helpful to have some local currency to hand. On Bali there are plenty of ATM cash machines that service most foreign bank cards, most common are those servicing cards with the Cirrus and Maestro logos.

Although your trip will be fully-paid before you board the Seven Seas, you may have some additional expenses onboard, which can be settled at the end of your cruise, such as bar bill, massage, laundry, rental gear, on-board shop etc. As well as US Dollar, Euro, Australian Dollar and Rupiah cash, the boat also accepts VISA and MASTERCARD. There is a 2.5% surcharge when paying by credit card.

You will need Indonesian Rupiah should you wish to purchase local handicrafts when visiting villages or markets during the trip. When leaving Indonesia the international departure tax is Rp 200,000 (about US\$17) per person at Ngurah Rai Airport in Denpasar. This can only be paid at the airport in local currency.

It is highly appreciated if you choose to tip the crew. You are free to determine the amount, but we suggest you give it to the Cruise Director, who will combine and then split it evenly over all crew at the end of the trip. Tips can also be put on credit card if you prefer.

### Domestic Flights

Most of our itineraries require a domestic flight to reach the port of embarkation & to return from the port of disembarkation. It is not uncommon in Indonesia for domestic flights to be delayed, rescheduled or cancelled

altogether! For this reason, we always recommend that you overnight in Bali, Jakarta, or wherever you enter or leave from Indonesia, before taking your onward flight & do not try to catch an international flight the same day as disembarking the Seven Seas.

Domestic airlines typically impose a strict weight restriction of 20kg per person for checked luggage & 5-7kg for carry-on luggage. Excess luggage is charged per kilo and is payable in Rupiah cash at the airport. Please note that excess luggage is not guaranteed to arrive at the same time as the passenger!

Departure tax for domestic flights is payable in Rupiah cash at the airport (Rp 75,000/person).

## **Alcoholic Beverages**

The Seven Seas bar has a wide selection of wines and spirits. If you like to bring your own, please discuss that during booking. Note that Indonesian Customs Department allows for 1 liter of liquor and 200 cigarettes to be brought in duty-free per person.

## **Language**

The Seven Seas works with a very experienced crew from all over the Indonesian Archipelago. The trip leader and PADI divemaster are fluent in English and most of the crew know basic English. As most of the areas that we visit are remote, people you will meet will speak Bahasa Indonesia only. The trip leader will be happy to translate for you.

## **Voltage**

Voltage in Indonesia and on the boat is 220 volts. Sockets take plugs of the 2 round pin type.

## **Insurance**

It is recommended to arrange a Cancellation Insurance policy with your travel agent for your flights and to have good medical insurance, a baggage loss or damage insurance or combined travel insurance. Please check the terms and conditions of your booking with respect to cancellation of the trip with Seven Seas. All guests who are planning to dive with Seven Seas are required to carry valid dive accident insurance, such as that provided by DAN (in USA), DAN Europe (in Europe), DAN Asia-Pacific (in Asia Pacific).

## **Special Needs**

If you have special needs for meals, equipment (fishing gear etc) or sleeping arrangements (baby cot) please enquire with us prior to departure. Almost anything is possible! As parents ourselves, we understand what it takes to ensure an enjoyable trip for all members of your group, big and small.