

# BIODIVERSITY General Transfer Procedures

Dear guest, thank you for booking your trip to stay with us at Biodiversity Nature Resort. Below are a few tips & tricks to help you prepare for your journey to Paradise.



## INDONESIAN VISAS

Citizens of most countries are now eligible for a free visa stamp, which is valid for 30-days. The free visa stamp is non-extendable. For stays less than 30 days please go directly to passport control on arrival to collect your free stamp.

If you are planning to stay more than 30 days you should get a Visa On Arrival (VOA). The VOA is valid for 30 days, but can be extended in Indonesia for a further 30 days giving you a total of 60 days in the country. It costs US\$35 and can only be paid in cash in US\$. Please go to the VOA payment desk to buy your visa before proceeding to the passport control counter. VOA is only available at International Arrivals.

As you approach passport control, please have a copy of your full flight or travel itinerary ready with your passport, as officers may ask to see them. They will accept digital versions on phones. They will be looking for evidence that you have booked your return flight or onward journey.

## ✈️ IN TRANSIT

We recommend that you travel in comfortable clothing and carry a warm sweater, as airlines love cold AC! Domestic airlines within Indonesia do not typically carry blankets and it can get quite cold onboard – **DON'T RISK CATCHING A COLD!**

We would advise you to book a hotel if you have a long transit in between flights.

### **In Jakarta:**

There are many hotels near the Soekarno-Hatta International Airport in Jakarta that provide free shuttle to/from the airport. \*Be ready to pay a taxi if the shuttle is not there upon your arrival

*We recommend booking at:*

\* **Swiss-Belhotel Airport:** The shuttle leaves from the hotel to the airport every hour 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Pick up from the airport can be arranged by calling their airport representative. Please check their website for up to date contact details.

\* **FM7 Hotel Jakarta:** The FM7 Hotel Jakarta is located about 15 minutes from the international airport (depending on traffic).

### **Ujung Padang (Makassar)**

\* **Ibis Budget Hotel:** The Ibis Budget Hotel is located directly outside the arrivals hall on the right hand side.



## on arrival in sorong

Our Guest relation and driver from Biodiversity Resort will be waiting at arrivals terminal and holding a sign with your name on it.

Please note that Sorong Airport be the last stop where you will find ATMs, please keep in mind that ATMs will only dispense a maximum of 2,000,000IDR per transaction, although you can make more than one withdrawal depending on your personal limit.

For early morning arrivals 6am – 7:30am our guests will be transferred to a comfortable hotel lobby until it's time to go to the ferry port.

For arrivals between 8:30am – 12pm our guests will be transferred to the ferry port to take the 2pm ferry to Waisai.

\* Our staff will drive you to the Rakyat ferry terminal (which is 15 mins away), buy your ferry ticket, help you with your bags and take you to your seat.

\* Ferries depart at 9am and 2pm daily, arriving in Waisai around 11.30am or 4.30pm

\*We strongly advice to schedule flights arriving Sorong no later than 12pm. Guest who have a scheduled arrival time after 12pm may need to stay overnight in Sorong in order to catch the ferry to Waisai the next day.



## Boat transfer from waisai to BIODIVERSITY nature resort

Once you arrive to Waisai, please exit the ferry, wait near the doors of the ferry and look for Biodiversity staff who will be holding a board with your name on it.

Please note that our staff is not allowed to enter the ferry to pick up guest, if you need

help with your luggage there are many porters that will offer their help for a fee (to avoid misunderstandings please negotiate the price in advance).

Our staff will escort you to a passenger jetty close by where it will be much easier and safer for you to board our speedboat. Once on board please check that all your luggage is there before leaving the jetty, 30mins later you will be in paradise!

Please let us know as soon as you can if your journey is disrupted so we can respond accordingly:

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## YOUR RETURN JOURNEY

You can check out as follows:

\* Vacate the room at 7.30am for travel to Waisai to catch the 9am ferry, arriving in Sorong around 11.30am.

\* Vacate the room at 12.00pm and departing at 12.30pm for travel to Waisai to catch the 2pm ferry, arriving in Sorong around 4.30pm

\* Our speedboat will take you to Waisai Ferry terminal.

\* Our staff will buy your ferry ticket, help you with your bags and take you to your seat.

\* Once you arrive in Sorong our driver will be waiting at the ferry terminal and holding a sign with your name on it ready to take you to the airport, or your hotel.

\*Guest having a scheduled departure time before 1:30pm will be transferred one day in advance to Sorong.

*We hope this information helps you along your journey to the resort. If you do have any further questions or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.*

