

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION RAJA AMPAT & THE SPICE ISLANDS AN INSPIRING EXPEDITION BY GEOFFREY KENT

REVIEW YOUR PASSPORT

Your passport needs to be valid beyond September 20, 2025, and should have a minimum of two (2) blank visa pages for entry and exit stamps.

Please be sure to travel with the passport you provide to A&K as it will be used to secure arrangements on your behalf. If you plan to travel with more than one passport for any reason, please notify A&K.

SECURE YOUR VISAS

A tourist visa is required for U.S. and Canadian passport holders for entry into Indonesia.

The Indonesia visa on arrival (VoA) is available to nationals of 68 countries. If you are not a citizen of the United States or Canada, please refer to the list of countries eligible for a visa on arrival on the Indonesian Immigration webpage: <https://www.imigrasi.go.id/wna/daftar-negara-visa-on-arrival/daftar-negara-visa-on-arrival-voa>.

A&K will assist you in obtaining a visa on arrival (VoA) at the Jakarta airport. The cost for a 30-day, single-entry visa is included in the price of your tour.

All guests arriving into Indonesia must complete an online Customs Declaration form prior to arrival: ([Official Website Direktorat Jenderal Bea dan Cukai \(beacukai.go.id\)](https://www.beacukai.go.id)). Forms can be completed up to three days prior to arrival. You will receive a QR code which you can save on your phone or print out and carry with you to present to customs officials prior to leaving the baggage claim area of the airport. You will need to provide your passport information, flight details, answer questions about the items you will be carrying in your luggage, and register your electronic devices such as smartphones, tablets and laptops.

Citizens of countries who must obtain an Indonesian visa prior to arrival should consult the nearest diplomatic or consular office of the countries you will be visiting for information on necessary documentation you need to enter their country.

REGISTER YOUR JOURNEY

We recommend that you register with your nearest embassy or consulate for the destinations included in your journey. U.S. citizens can register through STEP, the Smart Traveller Enrollment Program (step.state.gov/step). Canadian citizens can enroll in Registration of Canadians Abroad at travel.gc.ca/travelling/registration.

YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION & MALARIA PREVENTION

A yellow fever vaccination is only required to enter Indonesia if you are arriving from, or have transited through, a yellow fever-endemic area in South America or Africa. The CDC and WHO each provide a current list of all affected countries. If vaccination for yellow fever is necessary, you must carry an International Certificate of Vaccination provided by your physician; you may be denied entry without it. If your physician advises against receiving the vaccination because of your personal medical history, he or she can provide you with the necessary documentation for the country/countries you are visiting.

You are travelling to an area of malaria transmission. We strongly advise that you speak with your doctor or travel clinic regarding your itinerary, individual risk assessment and options for mosquito bite prevention and antimalarial drugs. We recommend filling any prescriptions before you depart.

LOCAL HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Physical Fitness

This journey involves travel to remote regions. Active elements includes regular excursions in the ship's tenders and walking over uneven terrain. A reasonable physical fitness level is necessary.

All guests will be required to sign a liability waiver form prior to boarding Aqua Blu. Water activities offered on this journey including snorkeling, kayaking, paddle boarding and scuba diving will be dependent on weather and water conditions and are at the sole discretion of the Cruise Director and Dive Master. Guests participating in experienced dives are required to have a current, valid scuba certification card issued by an internationally recognized scuba diving certification association. Divers will need to complete an additional PADI Liability Form and must send a copy of their diving certificate to A&K in advance.

All required forms will be provided to you by email approximately 120 days prior to departure.

Guests over 55 years of age will also be required to submit a physician's authorization that they are medically fit to dive. The approval letter should be obtained within three months of your departure and include your name and date of birth, and your doctor's name, the professional address and signature. Please send a copy of this letter to A&K once it has been obtained and carry the original with you.

All divers will be assessed by the dive guide and crew and based on their experience levels will only be allowed to dive at corresponding dive sites. Mandatory safety measures in line with global diving protocols apply.

Carry your prescriptions and over-the-counter medications in their original containers in your carry-on luggage. Pack a simple first-aid kit along with medicines for motion sickness and mild upset stomach.

Emergency Evacuation Repatriation Insurance

Due to the remote locations featured, A&K requires guests hold medical insurance in the amount of \$25,000 per person and \$100,000 per person in emergency evacuation/repatriation insurance for Inspiring Expeditions and Private Jet Journeys ("Minimum Coverage"). A&K's Guest Protection Program through Allianz for Private Jet/Inspiring Expeditions includes both medical and emergency evacuation coverage at the required levels. If you do not purchase A&K's Guest Protection Program, we require proof of alternative coverage at time of final payment.

Please note emergency evacuation insurance provides benefits for the costs associated with covered emergency evacuation and repatriation up to the limits of the respective plan; however, it does not guarantee the timing, method or mode of such evacuation and repatriation, which is subject to weather, location and other conditions or variables outside of A&K's control.

KEEP CONNECTED

While most smartphones work overseas, you might need to turn on international roaming service before you travel. Contact your carrier for information on coverage and voice and data plan options while travelling abroad.

GETTING ONLINE

Your hotel in Jakarta and the Aqua Blu have Wi-Fi and you will usually be able to stay connected throughout your journey. Internet access may be poor to nonexistent in remote destinations along the cruise route.

TIME ZONES

Many websites and smartphone apps allow you to check time zones for specific destinations. We recommend timeanddate.com/worldclock. Upon arrival, the time on most smartphones will automatically adjust to the local time.

9:00 a.m. in Destination	Universal Time (UTC)	Continental Europe	United Kingdom	New York & Ottawa
Jakarta and Raja Ampat, Indonesia	+8	3:00 a.m.	2:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m. previous day

MONEY MATTERS

We recommend travelling with some cash, and at least two different major credit cards from different payment networks, so you have backup if your card is not accepted or lost. Contact your bank and credit card companies to let them know where and when you'll be travelling, as well as confirm any foreign transaction fees. When carrying cash, try to travel only with recently issued currency in smaller denominations; many merchants overseas won't accept wrinkled or torn bills. Only exchange currency at authorized outlets such as currency exchanges, ATMs or hotels and save receipts as they may be required for exit.

	Local Currency	Credit Cards Accepted	Access to ATMs
Indonesia and onboard Aqua Blu	Indonesian Rupiah	Yes	Limited

KEEP VALUABLES SECURE

We strongly recommend leaving valuables such as jewelry at home as A&K cannot be responsible. Use safes on board where available to secure valuable items such as passports, or else always carry them on your person.

WEATHER

We recommend weather.com to check the forecast for your journey.

	Average High March	Average Low March	Average Days w/Rain
Raja Ampat, Indonesia	89°F / 31°C	78°F / 25°C	19
Ocean Temperature	86°F / 29°C	83°F / 28°C	

BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS AND PACKING LIST

Baggage Restrictions: On private charter flights within Indonesia, each passenger is limited to 30 lbs. (13.6 kg) of checked baggage and 1 small carry-on baggage. Soft-sided luggage is suggested for easy storage onboard Aqua Blu. A specially-selected A&K bag will be sent to you in a future mailing, and we ask that you please use it for these flights.

Please use the provided A&K luggage tags, even if your bags already have ID tags. This makes it easier for A&K staff to collect and manage your luggage for you.

Clothing

The typical attire on A&K Inspiring Expedition journeys is relaxed and informal during the day and smart casual attire is appropriate for evenings. Life is casual aboard the Aqua Blu, and there is a no-shoes policy throughout the yacht.

Choose light, breathable fabrics, such as cotton or linen, suitable for hot and humid weather. Dark-colored clothing tends to absorb heat, so opt for lighter or neutral colors to keep you comfortable.

While appropriate in resorts and on board Aqua Blu, beachwear or other tight or revealing clothing is not appropriate street wear in Jakarta or small towns. Local people dress conservatively and appreciate visitors who do the same. Visits to select religious sites require modest dress, for both men and women, covering knees, shoulders, and upper arms.

Be sure to bring a global travel adapter set with you to recharge your electronics. You can purchase a global travel adapter and many items on our packing list through A&K's Travel Store at usa.thetraveloutfitter.com.

- 1-2 pairs of casual slacks
- 5-6 casual short-sleeve shirts or tops
- 1-2 evening outfits (smart casual) for special occasions, including the Welcome Dinner. Jackets are not required.
- 1-2 pairs of comfortable lightweight walking shoes with traction (low or no heels); lightweight waterproof hiking boots
- 1-2 pairs of flip-flops or beach sandals; river sandals such as Tevas® or reef shoes for underwater adventures
- Sleepwear (lightweight)
- Lightweight scarf large enough to cover neck and shoulders for women
- 2-3 pairs of walking shorts/capri pants; long comfortable skirt for women
- 2-3 long sleeve shirts or tops
- Lightweight sweater or jacket
- Swimwear and cover-up (swimwear or Rash Guard that provides UV protection is ideal)
- Brimmed hat for sun protection (provided by A&K); sunglasses
- Personal garments
- Rain poncho (provided by A&K) or light raincoat; umbrella

Miscellaneous Items

- Passport
- Original yellow fever vaccination card (if arriving from yellow fever endemic country)
- Current, valid scuba certification card if you plan to dive and medical note (if applicable)
- Prescription medications and copy of prescriptions
- Antimalarial and any other preventative medication recommended by your physician or travel clinic
- Aspirin/pain relievers
- Antacids/laxatives/anti-diarrhea medicine/motion sickness tablets /Alka Seltzer
- Simple first-aid kit (including cortisone cream to treat insect stings)
- Face masks and hand sanitizer
- Insect repellent with high % of DEET to protect against mosquitos
- Personal toiletries; hair dryers are provided on board Aqua Blu
- Low-suds detergent for washing small or personal items
- Personal electronics and chargers; global travel adapter
- Bandana or light scarf to keep the sun off your neck
- Sun screen, at least SPF 50. (reef safe sunscreen will be provided onboard Aqua Blu)
- Lightweight binoculars (binoculars rated 8x32 provided onboard Aqua Blu)
- Photography equipment: batteries (lithium batteries recommended for longer life),

- If you wear glasses or contact lenses, consider bringing an extra pair; contact lens solution
- memory cards, charging cables. A waterproof case and lens brush are also recommended.

Traveller's Valet, A&K's complimentary laundry service, will be provided during your journey while onboard Aqua Blu. Dry cleaning is not included.

LOCAL CHARTER FLIGHTS

Date	Routing	Duration
March 8	Jakarta – Sorong	4 hours 30 min
March 20	Ambon – Jakarta	3 hours 30 min

SMART SHOPPING

Opportunities for shopping on this journey are limited to your stay in Jakarta and to small shops in local villages visited during the cruise. If you are interested in shopping, your A&K guide may recommend local shops; however, A&K is not responsible for the quality or value of merchandise. Any purchases and shipping are at your sole discretion. Be sure to review your credit card receipts before signing, paying special attention to currency conversion. We recommend taking items with you in lieu of shipping them whenever possible. Consult the local customs authority (cbp.gov in the U.S. and travel.gc.ca in Canada) for information on what you can bring back and duty taxes. Keep receipts and items together.

PHOTOGRAPHY ETIQUETTE

Be sure to ask permission before taking pictures of local people, including small children. Note that photography is not permitted in some locations; it is usually clearly marked. If in doubt, ask your Tour Manager to avoid having your camera confiscated.

TIPS ON TIPPING

As a convenience, all gratuities are included. Any additional gratuities that you may choose to present to specific members of your tour staff are left to your personal discretion.

LIFE ON BOARD AQUA BLU

SHIP AMENITIES

Your exclusively-chartered long-range explorer yacht is 198 feet in length and features five decks and a crew of 25.

Each stateroom is fully air-conditioned and features 220V and 115V European plugs, WiFi, small electronic safe, digital alarm clock, a hair dryer and luxury bath products. Nightly turndown is provided.

The Sun Deck features a variety of seating and a bar. The Bridge Deck offers an outdoor Jacuzzi, lounge beds, indoor spa and outdoor exercise area. On the Forecastle Deck, guests can enjoy the Sky Lounge Bar, a cozy library and TV room, and meals in the spacious alfresco dining and seating area. The Main Deck features the reception area, an indoor dining room and a comfortable salon.

Smoking is permitted on the Sun Deck, taking other passengers into consideration.

Aqua Blu offers a complement of watersport equipment including two expedition tenders (seating 16 guests each), diving and snorkeling equipment, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards.

Dive equipment available on board includes wetsuits, fins, dive computers, dive cylinders, submersible pressure gauges, BCD (buoyancy control devices) regulator sets, weight belts and weights. Pressurized dive helmets are not available on board. Aqua Blu utilizes standard valve/yoke tank connections. If you plan to bring your own regulator, please carry the appropriate valve adapter.

DINING ABOARD

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in the dining room or al fresco. All beverages, local bottled water and a full open bar are included on board. Most special dietary requirements can be accommodated with advance notice.