

## How to get to Raja Ampat

Getting to Raja Ampat is a two step process.

Step 1: Arrange your international air transportation to one of three Indonesian Gateway cities—Manado, Bali, or Jakarta.

Step 2: Purchase a domestic air ticket from your Indonesian Gateway city to Jefman Airport in Sorong (city code SOQ) on Papua Island (formerly known as Irian Jaya).

This is the starting point for your Raja Ampat voyage. (Please note that without an Indonesian credit card you will be unable to purchase Indonesian domestic flights - we can arrange these for you at a nominal charge)

**Bali Gateway** Using this routing you would fly to Denpasar Airport in Bali (DPS) using your international carrier. This route to Raja Ampat requires two legs. First is a 75 minute flight from Bali (DPS) to Ujung Pandang (UPG - also called Makassar), a city on the island of South Sulawesi. An overnight hotel stay will be required in Ujung Padang as the onward flight does not depart until the following morning (We recommend the [Imperial Aryaduta Hotel](#)) for your overnight stay. The two hour and ten minute flight to Sorong (SOQ) the following day is operated daily with early morning departures. On the return guests can route through either Ujung Pandang or Ambon (AMQ) to return to Bali. The return to Bali can be accomplished in a single day.

**Manado Gateway:** Using this route you would fly into Manado (MDC) on North Sulawesi with your international flight normally from Singapore or Kuala Lumpur. An overnight stay may then be required in Manado at this point, depending on your flight schedules. From Manado connections can be made using either Lion Air or Merpati Airline for the flight into Sorong (SOQ). Flight times range between one hour fifteen minutes to two hours ten minutes depending on the carrier and whether they route through Makassar or fly direct. Between the two carriers, there are flights every day, except Sunday. The return flights work just the opposite. Again, an overnight stay may be required in either Manado, Singapore or Kuala Lumpur to sync up the international segments.

**Jakarta Gateway:** A third alternative for guests is to use Soekarno Hatta International Airport in Jakarta (JKT), Indonesia as their gateway. The journey to Sorong (SOQ) can then be completed in a single day with flights on either Xpress Air or Merpati Airline that connect in Ujung Padang (UPG - also known as Makassar) on South Sulawesi Island. The return trip from Sorong to Jakarta can also be completed in a single day.

No matter which gateway city guests choose to utilize, we recommend two hotel nights be built into your travels. One upon arrival between the international and domestic legs, and one on your journey home between the domestic and international legs. Should a flight delay (or baggage delay) be encountered in either direction, your domestic and international airline tickets are not "linked", and as such, no compensation or assistance would be offered by the airline. The only protection available would be Trip Interruption and Cancellation insurance.

## Domestic Air Carrier Notes:

We recommend two hotel nights be built into your travels. One upon arrival between the international and domestic legs, and one on your journey home between the domestic and international legs. Should a flight delay/cancellation, baggage delay, or schedule change be encountered in either direction, your domestic and international airline tickets are not "linked", and as such, no compensation or assistance would be offered by the airline. The only financial protection available would be Trip Interruption and Cancellation insurance.

Domestic airlines have different baggage weight restrictions than international carriers. Many times these flights are on smaller turboprop aircraft and not jets which do not have as much space and cannot take as much weight. Therefore they have more restrictive luggage requirements. A rule of thumb is that passengers are allowed 15 kg. Above that - expect excess baggage charges. All guests are advised to please pack carefully and light using soft bags for easier storage on the boat. Just because excess luggage charges are paid it does not necessarily mean that your luggage and you will travel on the same flight or arrive on the same day.

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<b>DENPASAR - SORONG - DENPASAR</b>					
Airport City Codes: DPS (Denpasar / Bali) · Sorong (SOQ) · Ujung Pandang (UPG) · Ambon (AMQ)					
<b>Denpasar - Sorong (via Ujung Pandang)</b>					
AIRLINES	FLIGHT Nr.	DAYS	ITINERARY	ETD	ETA
GARUDA	GA 544	Daily	Denpasar - Ujung Pandang	12.00	13.15
XPRESS AIR	XN 800	Daily	Ujung Pandang- Sorong	09.45	12.35
MERPATI AIRLINE	MZ 806	Daily	Ujung Pandang - Sorong	09.20	12.30
<b>Sorong - Denpasar (via Ambon or Ujung Pandang)</b>					
XPRESS AIR	XN 801	Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun	Sorong - Ujung Pandang	09.40	10.50
XPRESS AIR	XN 801	Mon, Wed, Fri	Sorong - Ujung Pandang	11.40	12.50
MERPATI AIRLINE	MZ 807	Mon, Tue, Thu, Sat	Sorong - Ujung Pandang	11:20	14.25
MERPATI AIRLINE	MZ 803	Wed, Fri, Sun	Sorong - Ujung Pandang	15:50	16.55
GARUDA	GA 621	Daily	Ujung Pandang - Denpasar	16:10	17:25
GARUDA	GA 545	Daily	Ujung Pandang - Denpasar	18:05	19:20
LION AIR	JT 1505	Tue, Thu, Sat	Sorong - Ambon	06.00	07.10
LION AIR	JT 791	Tue, Thu, Sat	Ambon - Ujung Pandang	07.45	08.20
LION AIR	JT 741	Tue, Thu, Sat	Ujung Pandang - Denpasar	09.00	10.15

**JAKARTA - SORONG - JAKARTA****Jakarta to Manado to Jakarta**

Airport City Codes: Manado (MDC) · Jakarta (JKT) - Sorong (SOQ)

Carrier	Flight #	Days	Route	Dept.	Arr.
Garuda	GA 602	Daily	JKT-MDC	07:10	12:50
Garuda	GA 520	Daily	JKT-MDC	18:00	23:20
Lion Air	JT 776	Daily	JKT-MDC	05:00	09:10
Lion Air	JT 778	Daily	JKT-MDC	08:15	13:50
Lion Air	JT 770	Daily	JKT-MDC	18:55	23:05
Garuda	GA 513	Daily	MDC-JKT	07:00	10:10
Garuda	GA 603	Daily	MDC-JKT	13:30	17:00
Lion Air	JT 771	Daily	MDC-JKT	06:55	09:05
Lion Air	JT 775	Daily	MDC-JKT	09:50	12:00
Lion Air	JT 777	Daily	MDC-JKT	14:35	18:15

**Manado - Sorong - Manado**

Airport City Codes: Manado (MDC) · Sorong (SOQ)

LION AIR	JT 1178	Mon, Wed, Fri	MDC-SOQ	11.05	13.55
LION AIR	JT 1177	Mon, Wed, Fri	SOQ-MDC	09.15	10.05