

Solomons & PNG Navigator

Trip Information

Solomon Islands to Papua New Guinea: Munda to Rabaul Itinerary

Embarkation: Munda Dock, at Agnes Lodge, Western Province, Solomon Islands @ 18.00hr

Disembarkation: Kokopo Resort, Rabaul, New Britain, PNG @ 09.00hr

Arrival airport: Munda Airport (MUA)

Departure airport: Rabaul Airport (RAB)

Rabaul to Munda Itinerary

Embarkation: Kokopo Resort, Rabaul, New Britain, PNG @ 18.00hr

Disembarkation: Munda Dock at Agnes Lodge, Western Province, Solomon Islands @ 09.00hr

Arrival airport: Rabaul Airport (RAB)

Departure airport: Munda Airport (MUA)

Flights, Visas, Extensions

Traveling to/from and within Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Solomon Islands can be made exceptionally easy when you book with Master Liveaboards. We offer a range of domestic flights, hotels, transfers and short excursions that can be arranged before or after your diving holiday.

Advice on International Flights

To PNG: book your international flight to and from Port Moresby International Airport (POM). From Port Moresby, it is a short domestic flight to Rabaul (RAB).

Flight options to Port Moresby (POM):

- Direct flights with Air Niugini to: Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Brisbane and Sydney
- Via Brisbane with Qantas and Virgin Australia

To Solomons Islands: Book to Honiara (HIR), from there it is a short flight to Munda (MUA). Solomon Airlines has also started direct flights from Brisbane to Munda.

Flight options to Honiara (HIR):

- Via Fiji (NAN) – flights with Fiji Airways, Solomon Airlines, Air Niugini
- Via Brisbane (BNE) and Sydney – flights with Solomon Airlines (codeshare with Qantas), Virgin Australia
- Via Port Moresby with Air Niugini

To get to Munda Airport (MUA), connect via a domestic flight from Honiara. Ideally, you would arrive at your destination one day in advance of your cruise departure so you can start your diving holidays well rested. Embarkation is at 6 pm and disembarkation at 9 am. If you do not remain for any additional nights after your diving holiday, please allow plenty of time for transfer to the airport and check in.

Visa and Passports

PNG: Guests from EU countries, US, Canada and most other Western countries can obtain a visa on arrival at Port Moresby airport, which is valid for 30 days. Australian citizens may need to apply for a visa. We highly recommend obtaining a visa for PNG online before departure. ‘Visa on arrival’ is not available when entering via seaport and it is an easy and quick process.

<https://evisa.ica.gov.pg/evisa/account/Apply>

Choose: Visitor and: Easy Visitor Permit – 60 Day. (Australians: 30 day)

Solomon Islands: No visa is required for entering Solomon Islands for EU countries, US, Canada and most other Western countries. Upon arrival, a visitor’s permit is issued with 3 months validity. More information can be found here:

<https://www.visitsolomons.com.sb/plan-your-adventure/visa-passport/>

Visa rules and requirements are in a constant state of flux. ‘Visas on arrival’ are often limited to airports and are not given out in seaports. With this in mind, we kindly urge our guests who join us on this itinerary to secure the visas for both countries prior to departure from home in order to avoid any visa issues during the cruise.

We always recommend checking for updates and changes with your nearest PNG and Solomon Islands diplomatic missions. Ensure that you carry an onward or return flight ticket and that your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond the period you intend to stay in both countries. If you are traveling with medication, please ensure to bring your physician’s prescription with you.

Optional package

To extend your luxury feeling and pamper you a little extra we can offer you the following package. We will organise your transfers to and from the airport, as well as to and from Solomons PNG Master, and book the hotel of your choice for your first and last night before and after your diving holiday. Please contact our reservations team at info@masterliveboards.com. Ask for our wonderful add-ons and excursions!

Insurance

Master Liveboards strongly recommends that all guests carry full travel and cancellation insurance as we cannot be held liable for delays which occur during the cruise, nor any delays or cancellations of the flights, accommodation, tours and transfers we organise on your behalf. Master Liveboards works in partnership with DiveAssure and can offer you a selection of competitively priced dive and travel insurance policies, including short term and multiple trip policies. We recommend the comprehensive insurance plan Dive & Travel Plus; which has been specifically developed for diving liveboard holidays. This insurance covers your trip expenses in the event of missing your liveboard departure due to (flight) delays. Moreover, it provides coverage for lost diving days if for any reason the boat is required to abort the cruise; for instance, due to a guest injury, mechanical breakdown of the ship, air supply failure, inclement weather conditions, etc. Please consult our webpage: <http://www.masterliveboards.com/insurance> or contact our reservations team at info@masterliveboards.com.

Marine Park Fee

- 10 night itinerary: 320 USD per person
- 12 night itinerary: 384 USD per person

The fee will be added to your final cruise invoice in advance of your cruise. Alternatively, it can be paid on board.

Pack for a Purpose - Books & Library Supplies

We are proud members of Pack for a Purpose. Help support our Literacy League program by bringing books and library supplies to Solomon Islands. Here are our immediate needs: <http://www.solomonsdiving.com/pack-for-a-purpose>. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please remove packaging from any products that you choose to bring in to reduce the plastic waste in country.

Environmental Considerations

We are reducing our plastic use on board and aiming to be single use plastic free by the end of 2019. Help us protect the environment by bringing a water bottle. As part of our efforts to minimize our impact on the environment, we ask that our guests choose their products carefully. When selecting sunscreen – please consider a rash guard or other cover as your primary defense. If you do require sunscreen – look for Reef Safe products which do not include oxybenzone, which has been shown to damage corals. With your electronics - please consider rechargeable batteries rather than single use. As well, we ask that you bring all your batteries home as there is no recycling facility or safe battery disposal in both countries. We are a glove free boat, however, you are welcome to bring a reef hook or muck stick.

More information can be found in the Trip Information for each country.