

Fact Sheet Nunukan Island Resort

Where is Nunukan Island Resort?

- We are located on our own private island at the outer reef of Maratua Atoll (before the Island has been called Pulau Bakungan kecil) approximately 90 km east of the Indonesian state East-Kalimantan in the middle of the Celebes Sea.
- The approximately 4 hectares big island was built in 2008 with great view of its lush island vegetation and the buildings are carefully inserted into the nature.

How do you get to Nunukan?

- Best connection you get through Singapore or Jakarta and from there to Balikpapan with Scoot from Singapore or Lion, Batik, Super Air Jet from Jakarta. There is a nonstop flight between Jakarta and Berau operated by Batik air. Flight number, ID6430
- From Balikpapan there is another 45-minute flight on the top of the jungle to the town of Berau where our boat is leaving to the island.
- Then continue with the domestic flight from Balikpapan to Berau with Super Air Jet. From Berau the boat transfer takes about 2.5-3.5 hours, depending on weather and sea conditions. Our shuttle boat is available for arrivals from Berau every Wednesday and Saturday (the boat will leave Berau around lunch, latest at 3 PM. In case all guests have arrived, the boat can also start sooner). For flight delays no considerations can be taken. For departure from Nunukan to Berau the shuttle boat is available every Tuesday and Friday. The boat will leave the island after breakfast at about 8 AM

How can you book the domestic flight?

- If you book with a tour operator your flight ticket should already be included.
- If you want to organize flights to/from Balikpapan/Berau on your own please do not forget to inform us about times and flight numbers.

When is the best time for holidays on Nunukan Island Resort?

- Nunukan Resort is open 10 months a year and closed January – February. (Please inquire for exact dates)

What is included in the price?

- You can book your stay with half or full board.
- Half board includes breakfast and a 4-course dinner in the evening.
- Full board includes breakfast, 3-course lunch and a 4-course dinner in the evening.
- You can book a 10 or 20 dive packages (House reef dives) in advance or you simply decide on spot how many dives you like to do. The boat on the house reef, weights, tanks and guide are included.
- Internet, Starlink WIFI is free of charge.

What is not included in the price?

- Equipment rental. To avoid disappointment, please let us know some time in advance if you require any rentals.
- Boat surcharges for Half day- and Full daytrips.
- Excursions, activities as snorkeling in the Jellyfish-lake of Maratua, jungle trekking, a visit to local village, massage, etc.
- All Drinks in the restaurant/bar or from the mini bar. Drinking water free of charge.
- Laundry
- Tips are not included in the price. If you are happy with the service you get, we would it be pleased to share the tip fairly to all our staff. Recommended tip, € 50.- per week/person.

Which currency is accepted?

- All our prices are listed in Rupiah. All extra costs (drinks, tips, extra dives and so on) can be paid in Euro, USD & Rupiah cash or via IBAN bank transfer. Foreign banknotes have to be in perfect conditions, US-Dollar notes are only accepted if they are from 2013 or younger and with absolutely no damages.
- Sorry, unfortunately we **cannot** accept any credit card payments

What is expecting you on Nunukan

What happens when I arrived in Balikpapan?

- After you have passed the passport control please proceed to the domestic departure hall for your flight to Berau or downstairs to the taxicounter if you having a overnight stay. Please note, Taxiffee and excess baggage fees are payable in Indonesian Rupiah only.

How is it continuing from Berau?

- After arriving in Berau our local employee will welcome you and drive you with the car to the jetty, where the speedboat awaits you.

What should I bring with me?

- Please bring a copy of your diving insurance and your certification card with you.
- Everything you will need for the duration of your stay – we are very far from the next dive shop, supermarket or pharmacy.
- Your complete dive-equipment incl. dive torch, surface marker buoy, dive computer, wetsuit and all other well-maintained equipment.
- Your passport must be valid for 6 months after your entry date and must have at least one empty page for the visa. Nationals of most countries will be granted a 30-day Visa on arrival. You can fill entry forms online <https://allindonesia.imigrasi.go.id/>
- A light sweater or jacket. Evenings can be chilly.
- Hat and sunglasses
- Insect repellent
- Light colored clothing. For some reason, light colors are generally less appealing to mosquitoes then dark ones.
- Please bring also all your hygienic articles with you, such as sun lotion, shaver, tampons, toothbrush, toothpaste, medications, etc.

Not to bring with you?

- Please plan carefully to minimize your rubbish. Whenever possible choose rechargeable batteries and avoid bringing things like disposable razors, excessive plastic bags, plastic water bottles, etc. We are operating in a pristine environment, and we would like to keep it like that. We are selling aluminum bottles to refill and those bottles are a great souvenir as our logo is printed on.

What is the baggage allowance for the domestic flight between Balikpapan and Berau?

- Excess baggage fees can only be paid in local currency (recently credit cards are accepted but don't rely on it).
- In general, airlines are not very customer friendly, and every single kilo need to be paid. Good thing, prices are cheap.
- For the flight Balikpapan – Berau a baggage allowance of 10 kg applies. Excess baggage however is not expensive to add, either online or at the check inn counter.

What sort of power do you have?

- We have 24h electricity and 220 Volt. The power socket is standard German, Type F.

How do I get accommodated at Nunukan Island resort?

- We can accommodate 40 people, in 20 individual bungalows.
- The bungalows are built with natural, local materials.
- All the rooms have sea view and are equipped with AC, fan, mosquito net, mini bar, veranda and of course a shower (hot & cold water) and a toilet. We provide hand, shower and beach towels in the room.

What sort of food can I expect?

- Our Indonesian kitchen team is famous for its delicious fusions of International and Indonesian cuisine.
- You can choose between half and full board.
- The day starts with a great breakfast including coffee & tea, fresh bread, fruits, fruit juice and different dishes, which you can choose a la carte.
- If you booked full board, we would serve you a 3-course lunch. If you booked half board, you can choose your dish from a small menu, which includes salads, sandwiches, soup, pasta and local dishes.
- Every evening our team will create a freshly mouthwatering 4-course dinner for our guests.
- Please let us know in advance if you have any food allergies or if you need any kind of dietary menus. We can easily accommodate vegetarians and vegans.
- For lunch and dinner, you can always choose between three different main courses.
- Different coffee, tea, soft drinks, juice and alcoholic drinks as beer and wine are for sale in our restaurant and bar.

How and where will I dive?

- Our dive center is located at the island just at the beginning of the main jetty.
- We offer 3 dives a day as well as half day trips (2 dives) and daytrips (3 dives). As we are diving at the outer reef (house reef) it takes as only a couple of minutes to reach the different dive sites. Early morning and night dives on request.
- Our dive guides, which we trained mostly ourselves, know the area as their own home.
- In our small remote diving paradise, you can see not only small stuff (such as pygmy seahorses, nudibranchs, leaf fishes, etc). Also quite often we see big creatures (such as sharks, rays, barracudas, jack fish and many turtles) as well.
- The dive sites around Maratua atoll are remarkable for their colorful walls and channels.
- About 25 min. by boat from Nunukan Island is „Big Fish Country“. A channel where you can see eagle rays, sharks and a huge school of barracudas.
- But the big highlights are for sure Muaras with its thresher sharks, Sangalaki Island with a beautiful coral garden and nearly the whole year-round manta rays and Kakaban Island with the unique jellyfish lake.

Which kind of equipment is used by the diving center?

- 60 x 12l aluminum Tanks with DIN Valves (INT adapters available)
- 6 x 15l aluminum tanks
- BCD, regulator, masks & fins from Aqua Lung
- Cressi dive computer
- 3mm suits, short
- Emergency oxygen, radio and GPS on dive boats

Does Nunukan Island also provide NITROX

- If you like to dive with Nitrox please let us know in advance, surcharge per tank is € 7.- per tank

What can I do at Nunukan, if I do not dive?

- An amazing adventure will be a trip to the jellyfish lake at Kakaban. After a small jungle trekking you can snorkel with the non-stingy jellies in the brackish water.
- Snorkeling on the outside reef of the Maratua Atoll, as well around the island (when we have high tide) and especially snorkeling trips with the dive boat at the house reef are highly recommended.
- Beach volleyball
- Going for a walk and visiting Virgin Cocoa during low tide
- Visit a local village (min 4 pax, extracharge)
- Traditional Massage in our cozy massage house
- Indonesian cooking course with our kitchen team who will teach you some secrets about the Indonesian cuisine. (Upon availability)
- You can find a variety of books and magazines in our library at our Mini Shop.

What animals are living on Nunukan?

- Nunukan is a small paradise also for unique animals. With a bit of luck, you can see eagles, king fisher, monitor lizards, flying foxes and the coconut crab. Occasionally, sea turtles coming on land to put their eggs.

What, if I get sick or hurt while I am there?

- Of course we follow all hygienic standards regarding Covid 19 virus
- The next hospital or decompression chamber is far away. The next decompression chamber is located at Tanjung Batu, a 2.5 hour boat drive from Nunukan.
- On Maratua Island there is a little hospital where small injuries can get fixed.
- At Nunukan Island Resort we have a quite well-equipped pharmacy.
- On every diving boat we have oxygen, as well at the diving center and on the island.
- In the event of a general medical emergency, you will be immediately evacuated to the nearest hospital in Berau.
- In case of a dive emergency, your dive insurance provider will advise us on the appropriate course of action.
- You should have a health insurance as well as dive insurance, if you plan on diving. We recommend DAN or AquaMed insurance as they cover emergency evacuation.

Should I take precautions against malaria?

- Until now there is no malaria known at Maratua Atoll. We recommend that you sleep under the mosquito net, wear light colored clothing, cover up during evening and early morning hours and use a repellent if needed.
- If you are planning a trip through the jungle of Kalimantan, please consult your doctor.

How can I stay in touch with my family while I am at Nunukan Island Resort?

- We have a satellite Internet connection, which you can use.
- If you do not like to open your e-mail account during your holidays, your friends and family can send a message to nunukan@extradivers.org, we will make sure that you get it.
- Phone signal is available but not everywhere.

For further enquiries please send us an email. We are looking forward to your visit!
We hope to see you soon on our small paradise!

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