

# THE IMAJICA EXPERIENCE

## WHAT TO EXPECT ON EXPEDITION

**ESSENTIALS TO BRING :** Feel free to bring your own sporting equipment such as dive, fishing or surfing gear.

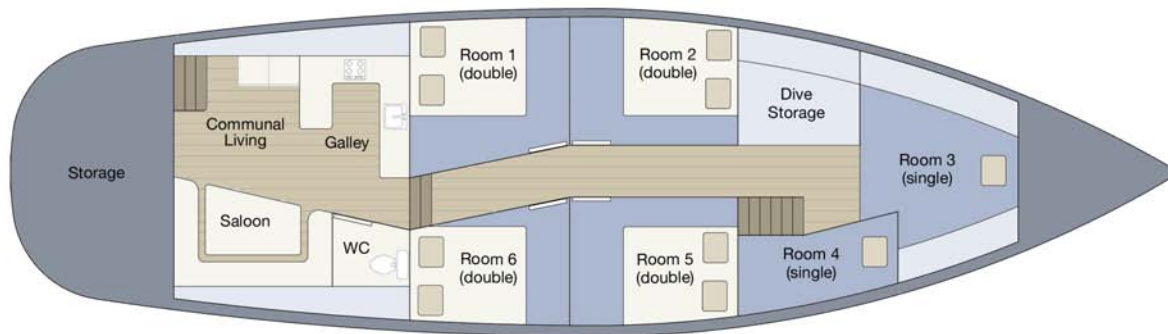
Shorts & tops  
Warm pullover  
Light hikers jacket  
(waterproof)

Small day pack  
Wet suit (optional)  
Trekking shoes/boots  
Sandals or thongs

Bathers  
Towels (2)  
Hat & sunglasses  
Special treats from home

Toiletries & sunscreen  
Camera (film & batteries)  
Books, magazines,  
CDs, iPods

## SLEEPING CABINS :



The vessel can carry a maximum of 10 guests in 4 double and 2 single rooms. Each room has one set of linen, an AC power plug and 240v Fan. Bags can be stored under the beds or in cupboards.

## FLIGHTS & VISAS :

Please speak to your local travel agent about your specific needs. Australian residents can obtain a 60 day tourist on arrival at Jackson's Airport for Kina 100 per person. Visa's can also be obtained before you travel from the PNG consulate in Sydney for AU\$35. You will need valid travel documents, sufficient funds and a return airfare. Some restrictions apply to travelers from several Asian, Eastern European and African countries. Please confirm your status with your travel agent or the PNG embassy in your country.

## FOOD :

Guests are invited to use the galley as they please and are more than welcome to bring favorite treats from home. The vessel is stocked with a range of condiments, and snacks available throughout the day. Fresh bread is baked onboard. Seafood forms the mainstay for most evening meals, which have a mixture of culinary influences, from Asian to Italian and the Australian favorite BBQ, accompanied by salads. Tropical fruit are widely available in PNG, but dependable on seasons. Breakfast varies between, cereals, fruit, bacon and eggs and of course freshly brewed PNG highlands coffee. All meals have a vegetarian option. Please advise us prior to travel if you are vegetarian or have other food preferences.

## ALCOHOL:

Alcohol can be purchased from town prior to departure. Stores in Kavieng stock the PNG brewed beer SP Lager and a range of lesser quality spirits. If you enjoy your spirits it's advisable to bring some with you when passing through duty free. The stores also stock a small selection of Australian red and white wines.

## WASHING FACILITIES :

Washing machines do not exist where we will be going but clothes washing can be done by hand. Tubs, powder and hanging lines are available for use.

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There is little opportunity to spend up whilst on expedition. An occasional general store selling dry biscuits and soft drink is as close as it comes. The highest likelihood is of buying artifacts from local men and women. Be sure to carry small denominations of Kina for these purposes. Banking in Kavieng is a hassle, so bring more than what you expect to use. Left over cash can always be exchanged at the airport on departure.

### ELECTRICITY :

The vessel is equipped with both AC (110-240v) & DC (12v) power. The AC power plugs are Australian standard so bring your own converters if you wish to use the power. The DC plugs are described as the 'cigarette lighter' attachments.

### HEALTH :

It is advisable to consult your doctor for precautions against Malaria.

### DRESS :

Lightweight, casual clothing is all that's necessary. A pull over or something warm for nights and a waterproof hikers jacket that packs down small. Good walking shoes are recommended as well as thongs or reef shoes for walking over coral. Guests often wear bathing gear onboard, but it is advisable to 'cover up' when visiting villages and townships out of courtesy. Women are advised to wear tops that cover shoulders.

### LANGUAGE :

Although there are over 800 distinct languages in Papua New Guinea, English is widely spoken and is accepted as the official language of Government and the business community. Tok Pidgin is also widely spoken in the New Guinea side of the country and throughout the islands and is considered the 'local level' language that is most commonly spoken.

### BAGGAGE :

If your expedition includes surfing or diving and you want to bring your own equipment, it is advisable to check with your airline regarding baggage limits. Some airlines have special exceptions for tourist travelers.

### INSURANCE :

It is a condition that each passenger take out his or her own travel, medical and evacuation insurance. Divers must be covered at a minimum by DAN Travel Assist. Speak to your travel agent about the options available to you.

### CLIMATE :

Papua New Guinea hot all year round, averaging 30-34 degrees Celsius during the day. The dry season runs between May to October. The Northwest monsoon runs from December-March and is typified with regular rain showers, followed by bright tropical sun once they pass. Humidity at this time of year is at it's highest and surf breaks are their best.

### ADDITIONAL EXPENSES (drinks and phone use) :

Passengers will be asked to complete a Credit Card Authority form on arrival which allows additional expenses such as canned and bottled drinks, and satellite phone use to be charged at completion of the expedition. Please tell us if you wish to complete the form prior to the expedition.

Passengers can be reach on the satellite phone by calling +62 8681 213 4970. Sometimes the satellites move out of range so warn family and friends not to be alarmed if they cannot get through all the time.

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