

BLUE MANTA

# Alor, Maumere and Komodo

*Alor to Labuan Bajo | Alor, Maumere and Komodo*

Three very different dive regions in one trip, from the far-off reefs of Alor to the current-fuelled drama of Komodo.

Around Alor and the Pantar Strait, nutrient-rich, adventurous currents make an abundance of coral and fish, both big and small.

Maumere is surrounded by volcanoes and mountains, with outer pristine coral reefs and walls.

South Komodo lets you fly with mantas, and Padar is one of the favourite regions, with a visit to Pink Beach.

North Komodo is all action, with pinnacles and drift dives full of hunting jacks and sharks, tons of anthias and Napoleon wrasse.

| LENGTH | DEPARTURE PORT | ARRIVAL PORT | EXPERIENCE |
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| 11 days / 10 nights | Alor | Labuan Bajo | Intermediate to advanced |







## Your itinerary

DAY 1

### Day 1

0-2 dives

1pm.
Our staff will meet you in Mali Airport or local hotel and transfer you to Blue Manta at Kalabahi Port.
Depending on arrival time, we do local check dive plus night dive.

DAY 2

## Days 2 and 3

3-4 dives a day

Alor and Pantar Strait (Islands of Kepa, Pura, Ternate, and Buaya between Pantar and Alor); nutrient-rich adventurous currents and a diversity of dive site formations, make for an abundance of coral and fish, both big and small.
We may visit a local village and substitute for a dive.
Sail to Maumere.

DAY 4

## Day 4

3 dives

Maumere: Nearby Pulau Babi and Pulau Besar.
Sail to Komodo.

DAY 5

## Day 5

4 dives

South Komodo: Manta Alley to fly with mantas, Cannibal Rock, Torpedo Alley at Nusa Kode.

DAY 6

## Day 6

3-4 dives

South Komodo, Padar Island: one of our favourite regions in the park with some stunning and diverse dive sites such as 3 Sisters and Pillarsteen.
Plus, a visit to Pink Beach.

DAY 7

## Day 7

4 dives

North Komodo: Castle Rock, Crystal Rock, and Shot Gun at Gili Lawa Laut.
Pinnacles, drift dives full of action with hunting fish: jacks and sharks!

DAY 8

## Day 8

4 dives

North Komodo: Tatawa Besar and Kecil, Siaba Kecil, and Wainilu.
Tons of Anthias, Napoleon wrasse, sharks, and excellent night dive.

DAY 9

## Day 9

4 dives

North Komodo: Batu Balong and Mantas on the Moon (Makassar Reef).

DAY 10

## Day 10

2 dives

North Komodo: Siaba Bay plus Mawan or Pengah.
This is followed by a walk on the wide side in search of Komodo Dragons and trekking on one of the local Islands.
Then we sail towards Labuan Bajo, where you spend the last night on Blue Manta in Bajo Port.
Plenty of time to wash and dry equipment, have lunch, rest and relax, and if need be an early flight the next day.

DAY 11

## Day 11

No diving

Check out (between 5am-10am) after light breakfast and farewells, we transfer to local hotel or airport in time for check-in and flight.
Take your pre-booked flight from Labuan Bajo to Bali or Jakarta.

THE TRIP

# Departure, return and timings

- Departure: 1pm, 1st day - Alor, East Nusa Tenggara. Or earlier if everyone arrives before and all trip preparations have been completed. Free pickup upon arrival from Mali Airport, Alor or local hotel (10am) to Port (transfer time around 1 hour) to Blue Manta on trip departure day.
- Return: 5am, last day - Bajo Port, Labuan Bajo, Western Flores. After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to local hotel or Komodo Airport in time for check-in and flight. Note: Latest Blue Manta check-out 10am, trip return day.
- Last dive ends: 12pm, penultimate day. Followed by a walk on the wild side in search of Komodo dragons, then sail back to Bajo Port where we spend the last night on Blue Manta. This allows for your minimum 18 hours' surface interval/ No Fly Time (as recommended by PADI) before flying the next day.







THE VOYAGE

# About this trip

Heading towards Maumere, surrounded by volcanoes and mountains, we begin our journey discovering the outer pristine coral reefs and walls. Komodo National Park is one of the most iconic diving destinations in Indonesia, famed for its unique blend of adrenaline pumping current fueled dives, stunning coral reefs, beautiful scenery and of course the world's largest lizard, the Komodo Dragon.

DIVING

# Diving days and notes

- Note: All schedules are subject to changes according to weather, sea, diving, and local conditions.
- Diving days: 10 days (28 dives)







CONDITIONS

# Dive site information

## ALOR-MAUMERE-KOMODO

- Alor Water Temp: 22-26 degrees, it can be cold in the waters around Alor and Southern Komodo and we do recommend you bring extra exposure suit for this section of the cruise.
- Water Temp: 26-28 degrees Celsius, however deep-water upwelling's and thermoclines especially in Sept-Nov can mean temps as low as 25C. Air Temp: 22-31 degrees Celsius
- Visibility: 20-30 metres
- Currents: mild to strong
- Level: intermediate to advanced.
- Best Time to Dive: start of May to end of October.

GETTING THERE

# Getting to and from the boat

## EMBARKATION AND DISEMBARKATION

- Alor (ARD), East Nusa Tenggara / Labuan Bajo (LBJ), Western Flores

## HOW TO GET TO ALOR (ARD), EAST NUSA TENGGARA

- To Alor (ARD): Early morning domestic flight from Jakarta (CGK) via Kupang (KOE) with Lion Wings and Batik Air. Then connect from Kupang to Alor with Lion Wings.
- Note: Alor is served by a small regional airport and airline delays and even cancellations ARE possible. For this reason, we STRONGLY recommend ALL guests arrive to Alor the day BEFORE trip departure and spend one night in Kalabahi area hotel where we will collect you on the morning of trip departure.

### HOW TO GET FROM LABUAN BAJO (LBJ), WESTERN FLORES

- Early morning flights are available. On trip return if you have connecting international flights home, please allow enough time between your domestic flight landings.
- Airline carriers: Batik Air, Citlink, AirAsia Indonesia, Garuda Indonesia, Lion Air, Nam Air.





INCLUDED

# What your trip covers

### INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Land transfer from local hotel / airport from destination on trip start and end days (Alor/ Labuan Bajo) to boat
- All nights' accommodation on Blue Manta
- All meals (Western and Indonesian) snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, milo, soft drinks, towels, toiletries, cabin services
- FOC replacement if equipment breakdown
- 12-litre air tanks
- Weights and belt
- Warm towel and drink after every dive
- 6 dive guides (1x instructor, 5x dive master), 28 dives

### NOT INCLUDED

- All flights, hotels
- Pickups outside the trip start and end dates (a fee applies per car)
- Marine park and harbour fee (paid in advance of the trip)
- Fuel surcharge (paid in advance of the trip)
- Dive and travel insurance
- Massage services
- Laundry services
- Nespresso coffee, alcohol: beer, wine, satellite wi-fi
- Diving equipment rental
- Nitrox (enriched air) fills