

DAMAI II

Alor

Maumere to Kupang | Komba, Solor, Rusa, Pantar Straits and Kalabahi

Rusa is a collection of small islands in the middle of cold currents, with rock formations so covered in hard and soft corals, crinoids and anemones that it is almost impossible to find any space.

Clouds of red anthias fill the shallows, with large snappers, sweetlips and giant groupers deeper down.

Muck diving in Kalabahi Bay is an underwater macro heaven, with Rhinopias, ghost pipefish and seahorses, and the west coast of Lembata adds finger dragonets beneath towering volcanos.

Solor faces south, with cooler water and more life, including giant groupers, barramundi cod and midnight snappers, and mantas have been spotted there.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
12 days / 11 nights sample	Maumere	Kupang	Open Water certified







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival in Maumere

1 dive

Guests will arrive in Maumere and have time to get comfortable on the boat.
We will depart once we have settled on the boat, and head towards the island of Pomona for a checkup dive: Slopping reefs, combination of sand and corals, chances to see pygmies in the numerous fans that we will find along these easy dives.

DAY 2

Tanjung Bacatan & Komba

4 dives

In the north of Kawula island, tanjung Bacatan is a classic.
Deep slope that gentle gives way a wall, passing Tunas, Wahoo and other pelagic are expected to be spotted.
After two dives we sail towards the volcano if Komba, active until very recently and always a beautiful sight.
We will look for whales on our way.

DAY 3

Solor

4 dives

This is the only area that we know off were mantas have been spotted.
Facing south means cooler waters and less visibility, but it also means more life, bigger fish: giant groupers, barramundi cods, midnight snappers, all sheltering in the sloppy reefs around the islands of Kambing of Nuha.



DAY 4

Soangi & Waiwawong

4 dives

Soangi is a small island well expose to the swells, its coral reefs are habitat of abundant life and whitetio sharks patrol in search of opportunities On the West coast Llembata amongst towering volcanos we arrive to Wai Wawong.
This is excellent muck diving with a chance of seeing the elusive Rhinopias, Finger Dragonets, Ghost pipe fish and maybe even hairy frog fish.

DAY 5-6

Rusa

4/day

This is a collection of 3 small islands in the middle of the cold water currents that flow between the islands of Kawula and Pantar.
Spectacular rock formation, totally covered with corals, hard and soft, crinoids, anemones.
Almost impossible to find any space.
In the shallow clouds of red anthias, deeper large snappers, sweetlips, giant groupers, passing sharks.
As pure as it gets.
Going in between the rocky bottom, slow and eyes for Nudibranchs, small shrimps, soft coral crabs and other critters living and feeding along them.

DAY 5-6

Rusa (continued)

4/day

In between dives we will head towards the open, and maybe if we are lucky a blue whale can pay us a visit.



DAY 7

Pantar Straits (West)

4 dives

Beautiful walls of macro and wide-angle subjects.
Clean walls, abundant lite and the always cooperative smile of the local community, specially the children who will like to be your underwater model.

DAY 8

Kalabahi

4 dives

A change of underwater topography: A day dedicated to pure muck dive in the Kalabahi bay where we can look for wonderous, Rhinopias, Gosht pipe fish, seahorses.
An underwater macro heaven.

DAY 9

Ternate & Pura

4 dives

A Steep slopes and walls, timing with life.
Abundance of fans and overhangs along the walls.
Fusiliers, red tooth triggres,, white tips patrolling the shallows.
Mandarine fish dive in the afternoon.



DAY 10

Pantar Straits (East)

4 dives

Beautiful rocky formation, and abundant life around the patches between the walls.
We do see timid Mola Molas on the surface and and schooling dolphins hang in the near open waters.
On the south-east of Pantar, Beangabang Bay has one of the top night dives in the country: the chance to hunt for octopus, ghost pipefish, unusual shrimp, Bobbitt worms colourful nudibranchs and lots of juvenile fish.

DAY 11

Treweng

2 dives

Boulders hosting schooling snappers and surgeon for the last day of diving.
Mola Molas tend to come to the surface near the island that is as well aa a strategic place for whale watching.
Crossing after the second dive towards Kupang.

DAY 12

Departure

Guests will be escorted to the airport in Kupang and assisted with check in procedures, no doubt full of talk about the wonders of the most popular dive destination in the world.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Small groups

Dive groups are limited to 4 divers per guide, with unlimited diving.

Cruise Director

A Cruise Director and 18 crew look after the 12 guests on board.

Check in

Guests arrive at the start port and have time to settle in on the boat, with a check-out dive on the first day on some routes.

Check out

On the last day guests are escorted to the airport and helped with check-in.

Itinerary

This is a draft itinerary for the cruise, and Dive Damai may change it to suit the weather and the guests on board.





INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Cabin accommodation with daily housekeeping
- Meals, snacks and drinks
- Unlimited guided diving, with a maximum of 4 divers per guide
- Two speedboats with experienced drivers
- Treks, village visits and beach stops as in the itinerary
- Airport assistance on arrival and departure days

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights
- Park fees and harbour fees, shown on our trip listings for each departure
- Dive and travel insurance
- Equipment rental and courses
- Gratuities for the crew, which are optional

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Dive and travel insurance
- Completed diver medical form
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy
- Torch for night dives

AND ALSO

- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Personal medication and toiletries
- Passport

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

The trip is weather dependent and there may be long crossings, and the crew adjusts the plan as best it can

Good to know

Divers must be flexible with the start time of the first dive at some sites, because they can only enter the water once the local village and officers give permission

Good to know

Dive Damai can change the suggested itinerary to suit guests, if weather and time allow and everyone on board agrees