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ALOR

A liveboard on The Fenides promises you days filled with world-class diving at Eastern Indonesia's most spectacular dive locations. Premium living and dining spaces for maximum comfort, an exciting range of water sports, and beanbag lazing on castaway beaches await you.

'All around Alor' is a once-in-a-lifetime trip that offers you the chance to dive Indonesia's best (and least-known) dive hotspots. Alor offers you a mix of the best diving anywhere in Indonesia. From lembah-style macro black-sand diving in Kalabahi, all the way to super-saturated colours and the best pelagic opportunities available anywhere in the Pantar strait, Alor has it all.

As if that's not enough, Alor's above-water landscape does not disappoint either! As Alor is relatively small, we can customise any given trip and the distances travelled aboard The Fenides tend to be small. As current can make for tricky sailing around Alor, it's not uncommon for us to anchor up in a protected bay near a couple of dive sites and use our speedboats to get to our dives. Also, currents here make it hard to predict which sites will be best to dive on any given day without seeing the conditions first hand. Therefore, our experienced cruise director and dive team will choose the best dive sites for your trip once you are on board.

On a usual day, you can expect to enjoy the following schedule:

- 6:00 Rise and shine with hot tea, coffee, and freshly baked pastries.
- 6:30 Dive 1 at sunrise. Dive in before anyone else – it's just you and the fish!
- 8:00 Delicious buffet-style continental breakfast featuring a wide selection of food for every dietary requirement.
- 10:00 Dive 2. Enjoy the full glory of the sun's rays and pristine clear water.
- 12:00 A la carte gourmet lunch served on the front deck dining area.
- 14:00 Dive 3. An opportunity for you to visit some lesser-known sites or get some macro photo sessions in.
- 16:30 Delicious fresh snacks served – and, on some days, an afternoon beach session or sunset hike.
- 18:30 Night dive. A photographer's dream – a chance to catch the full range of macro life at our secret spots.
- 20:00 Delicious western-fusion dinner to keep you going through the night.
- 21:00 A chance to debrief and log your dives with the dive crew and your buddies as we go through our library of marine-life books, look back at the photos from the day, and say your good nights.

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Between dives, you are welcome to paddle over to nearby beaches on our SUP boards or kayaks or wakeboard or water-ski. For the more relaxed options, chill in your full-AC cabin listening to music or watching movies on our entertainment systems, relax on the top-deck lounge beds with panoramic views of the ocean or slump into our comfortable sofas with a good book and a hot chocolate!

Here are a few highlights of some of the potential dive sites you can look forward to:

- **Kel's Dream**: Alor's signature dive site, this dreamy site promises a wealth of big pelagics and large schools of fish. Because currents buffet its submerged pinnacle (starting at five meters) for most of the day, local knowledge is absolutely crucial. When the currents are ripping, the waters surrounding the pinnacle resemble a bubbling cauldron. However, when conditions are right, pelagics are abundant and when you hit the jackpot Kel's Dream could really be the best dive of your life! Huge napoleons, massive tuna, more corals than you can count, giant trevallies, and schooling fish all combine to block out the tropical sun!
- **The Bullet**: This is a channel that lies between the pinnacle at Kel's Dream and Alor Island itself. It is called The Bullet because the flow of water compressed between the pinnacle and the landmass can get very swift, bringing along a spectacular range of big photo subjects. The Bullet is a good backup if Kel's Dream is not dive-able, with reliable hammerhead shark sightings and a constant flow of large black tips and turtles that drift along the coral-covered slopes. Although it's hard not to spend the whole dive scanning the blue water looking for hammerheads, try looking behind you at arguably one of the prettiest reefs anywhere on earth. Hard and soft corals with so much fish life it might literally take your breath away...
- **The Cathedral**: One of the most southerly dive sites in the Pantar Strait, it features a swim-through at 35 meters that exits at 20 meters. Entering it at the right time means the sun dominates the view at the exit, lighting up the reef similar to a giant cathedral's stained-glass window. The reefscape here is unique in Alor: covered in kelp and dense coral cover and fish life so rich that at times the anthias block the view. Mola mola are fairly common at The Cathedral, and there is an estimated population of slightly over 100 mola mola that inhabit its deep waters. So, prepare your thickest wetsuit, as thermoclines can be very chilly and unpredictable here!
- **Pink Forest**: Muck diving sites are normally lacking in coral but Pink Coral promises to change that! A gentle slope that evens out at 20 meters, this site is chock-a-block with pink soft corals. Fight the temptation to just swim along enjoying the corals: take time searching for critters, species like the Harlequin Swimming Crab and the Yellow



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Sea Cucumber. Rare nudibranchs are often found as they come out to bask in the sun and crustaceans lurk in almost any crevice you care to look in.

Alor still has a lot of potential for exploration. So, all Fenides trips will try to do at least a few exploration dives: testing the waters to find new wonders and maybe track down some big marine life!

For further information please contact us, we would love to hear from you.