

INDO MASTER

The Alor Archipelago

Kalabahi to Maumere | Alor, Pantar Strait and Lembata

Alor and the Pantar Strait are known for critter diving and stunning reef walls, where larger pelagic fish are often spotted.

Strong currents bring the nutrients that feed the reef, and the walls are covered in a fantastic array of soft corals, with schooling fusiliers and colourful anthias around the overhangs.

The muck diving is iconic, with Pegasus sea moths, dragonets, ghost pipefish, bargibanti seahorses, frogfish and even rhinopias.

Hundreds of anemones hosting anemonefish cover one shallow reef slope, and the chilly water may bring thresher sharks.

On land, a traditional dance in Lativui village.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 days / 10 nights	Kalabahi	Maumere	Advanced, 30 dives







Your route

STOP 1

Day 1

Embarkation is followed by introductions and boat and safety briefings, then you assemble your equipment and settle into your cabin.

STOP 2

Day 2

Breakfast, then a check dive and up to 3 more dives.

STOP 3

Days 3 to 9

Up to 4 dives a day

Your Cruise Manager schedules up to 4 dives a day, three day dives and either a sunset or a night dive.



STOP 4

Last full day

2 morning dives

Two morning dives before the boat cruises to port, where it stays at anchor overnight.

STOP 5

Disembarkation

Breakfast on board, then disembarkation between 08:00 and 10:00.

STOP 6

Pantar Strait

Dive site

The Pantar Strait is equally known for critter diving and stunning reef walls where larger pelagic species can often be spotted.
Strong currents are to be expected but these bring the nutrients which feed the reef and the inhabitants of the strait.



STOP 7

The French Man's Window

Dive site

A wall dive site in front of Alor’s Divers Resort, covered in a fantastic array of soft corals.
Look closely to find a wide variety of nudibranchs; remember to watch in the blue as well as something big might swim past

STOP 8

Pak Yan's Village

Dive site

An excellent muck diving spot to find Pegasus sea moths, dragonets, scorpion fish, ghost pipefish and bargibanti seahorses.

STOP 9

Clown Valley

Dive site

Hundreds of anemones hosting the Clark's anemonefish cover the shallow reef slope on the south side of Pulau Pura.
A stunning site but thermoclines can be expected so be prepared for some chilly water that may attract thresher sharks.



STOP 10

The Arch

Dive site

Located at Pulau Reta, The Arch is famous for its overhangs and fissures providing stunning topography, as well as a home to schooling fusiliers and colourful anthias.
Larger pelagic fish, including black-tip reef sharks, have been spotted here too.

STOP 11

Mucky Mosque

Dive site

An iconic muck dive at the entrance of Kalabahi Bay where the attentive eye can find paddle-flap & frondosa’s rhinopias, as well as ornate, robust and even Halimeda and velvet ghost pipefish, frogfish, bobtail squid, long-arm octopus and for the lucky ones:.

STOP 12

Tanjung Gedong, Serbete & Adonara

Dive site

These islands mark the very edge of Flores.

STOP 13

Tanjung Gedong

Dive site

A superb check dive site encompassing a hard coral, sloping reef wall and sandy areas dotted with coral bommies.
The creatures we see here fall into the macro category with a variety of crustaceans, molluscs and benthic reef fish.

STOP 14

Serbete Wall

Dive site

A shallow reef sloping down to a wall, which drops to approximately 30m (100ft) dotted with barrel sponges and elephant ear sponges.
Along the wall are many overhangs and crevices to explore.

STOP 15

Magic Log /Adonara Reef

Dive site

Features a shallow slope with large coral heads adorned with a myriad of feather stars which open at night to feed, also a superb spot for critter hunting with sightings of warty frogfish, ornate ghost pipefish, cuttlefish and octopus.

STOP 16

Pulau Lembata

Dive site

Pulau Lembata is nestled midway between eastern Flores and Alor.
The bay on the west coast of this island is home to great critter dive sites.

STOP 17

Sizzler

Dive site

This is a sandy slope, superb for a couple of critter dives and has proven to be a great day dive, as well as a wonderful night dive.
We can expect the whole lot, from different species of frogfish to ornate ghost pipefish and gorgeous fingered dragonets.

STOP 18

The Jetty

Dive site

Currents sweep across the big ferry jetty and bring in lots of nutrients for the underwater life.

STOP 19

Rhino City

Dive site

This dive site has a very gentle sloping sandy bottom filled with small soft corals.
We will try to dive this site with slack tide because currents can be quite challenging for this critter dive.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Lativui village

A visit to Lativui village in Alor to watch a traditional dance. If time and logistics permit, a second land visit may be offered, but this is not guaranteed.

A typical diving day

Light breakfast, briefing and dive 1. Full breakfast, relaxation, briefing and dive 2. Lunch, relaxation, briefing and dive 3. A snack, then a briefing for a sunset or night dive where possible, and dinner.

Who can join

Divers need PADI Advanced Open Water or equivalent and at least 30 logged dives. Safety and dive briefings are given in English.

No-fly time

Leave at least 24 hours between your final dive and your flight home.

Check in

Embarkation is at Kalabahi harbour, Alor, at 13:00, or at Maumere harbour, Flores, at 13:00, depending on the departure, so please check your booking.

Check out

Disembarkation is at Maumere or Kalabahi at 10:00, the other end of the route.

Transfers

Domestic flights are not included, and transfers are provided on embarkation and disembarkation days.





INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Transfers between the nearest domestic airport or local hotel and the boat on embarkation and disembarkation days only
- En-suite air-conditioned cabin with towels, bed linen and shower gel
- Full board, with snacks, drinking water, soft drinks, fruit juices, tea and coffee
- Up to 4 guided dives a day
- 11 litre cylinder, weights and air fills
- Deck towels
- Land visits as described in the itinerary

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights, and hotel stays or day rooms
- Marine park and port fees, paid on board
- Travel and dive insurance, which is compulsory
- Alcoholic drinks, with beer, wine and spirits sold on board
- Equipment rental and 13 litre cylinders
- Nitrox up to 32%, at an extra charge
- Wi-Fi and laundry, at an extra charge
- Crew and dive guide gratuities

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card, Advanced Open Water or equivalent, and logbook
- Dive insurance, which is mandatory and must cover evacuation and recompression
- Marine park entry card, if you already have one
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy
- Torch for night dives

AND ALSO

- 3 mm wetsuit, or a 5 mm suit if you feel the cold
- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Passport and personal medication

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

The itinerary is an example, and the route and dive sites depend on weather, tides, currents and sea conditions, as decided by the Cruise Manager

Good to know

The number of dives depends on the weather and on how far the boat has to cruise

Good to know

Marine park and port fees are paid on board and can change without notice