

ONDINA

Flores, Alor & Timor

Maumere to Kupang | Flores, Solor, Lembata, Pantar, Alor and Timor

The largest anemone field in the world, probably, is the signature of this trip through Flores, Solor, Lembata, Pantar, Alor and Timor.

The reefs are rich and colourful, reminiscent of those of the Komodo straits, with napoleon wrasse, reef sharks, jacks and tuna.

Terraces covered in soft corals, caves, canyons and a swim-through across an island lie further along.

Hanging gardens of soft corals, sponges and fans grow beside a slope where eagle rays swim in the blue.

In the black sand of a bay where hot springs pour into the beach, the critters include ribbon eel, ghost pipefish and frogfish.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
10 days / 9 nights	Maumere	Kupang	Open Water, 50 logged dives







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Maumere

Check dive + night dive

Transfer to the boat on arrival, with a welcome drink and time to settle into your cabin.
Check dive at Tanjung Darat, on mainland Flores, and a night dive at The Crack, a big shaft on the reef top caused by the 1992 tsunami that continues down the wall.
Overnight sail to East Flores.

DAY 2

East Flores

Three dives + overnight sail

The first dive is at Tanjung Gedong, along a wall with a couple of pinnacles rising from it, with reef sharks, tuna, barracuda and schools of fish.
Next is West Serbete, a ridge covered in hard corals with schooling silvery fish and sharks.
The afternoon dive is at Wotang, a muck site with small coral heads and critters.
Overnight sail to West Solor.

DAY 3

West Solor

Dives + night dive

Dive the islands on south-west Solor: Oceanic Rock, Pulau Kambing and Pulau Tiga, with rich colourful reefs reminiscent of those of the Komodo straits, with napoleon wrasse, reef sharks, jacks and tuna.
After the night dive the Ondina sails to south Lembata.



DAY 4

Pulau Soangi and Lamalera

Dives + village visit

Two morning dives at Pulau Soangi, with terraces covered in soft corals, caves, canyons and a swim-through across the island.
Afternoon and night dives in front of Lamalera, a village dedicated to traditional whaling.
You visit it in between to see a mock hunt and other whaling-related paraphernalia.
Night sail to west Pantar.

DAY 5

West Pantar

Dives + night dive

Dive west Pantar in current-swept sites such as Pulau Kambing, a small islet with a big boulder with an arch and schools of fish, a pinnacle with a little ridge that attracts a lot of fish life, and Watu Ile, a small wall with a swim-through at 26 m.
Night dive at a nearby reef, and then on to Alor.

DAY 6

Babylon and The Boardroom

Dives + night dive

The first dive is at Babylon, with hanging gardens of soft corals, sponges and fans.
After breakfast you visit a village to see traditional ikat weaving.
The second dive is The Great Wall of Pantar, and the afternoon dive is The Boardroom, a slope covered in hard and soft corals, with lots of fish and eagle rays swimming in the blue.
Night dive at Pak Yan's Village, with interesting critters including rhinopias.



DAY 7

Clownfish Valley and Gereja Tua

Dives + night dive

A morning dive at Clownfish Valley, probably the largest anemone field in the world.
After breakfast you dive Crucifixion, and the afternoon and night dives are at Gereja Tua, in south Pura.

DAY 8

Beang Abang

Dives + overnight sail

A full diving day around Beang Abang, a bay with hot springs from the volcano pouring into the beach.
The diving offers plenty of critters such as ribbon eel, ghost pipefish and frogfish.
Visit the village in the afternoon and night dive in the black sand of the bay.
Overnight sail to Kupang.

DAY 9

Kupang

Two dives

The last two dives are in the morning in the vicinity of Kupang.
In the afternoon the boat sails into town, so you can prepare for departure the next morning.

DAY 10

Disembark in Kupang

After breakfast there is a transfer to the airport or your hotel.
Check out is at 9 am.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Lamalera

A village dedicated to traditional whaling, with a mock hunt.

Ikat weaving

A village visit to see traditional weaving.

Clownfish Valley

Probably the largest anemone field in the world.

Beang Abang

A bay with hot springs, ribbon eels and frogfish.

Check in

The crew pick you up from the airport and take you to the boat for a welcome drink. Check in is at 11 am, and the transfers from the airport or your hotel are included.

Check out

The boat is in port the evening before, so you can prepare for departure. Check out is at 9 am, after breakfast, with a transfer to the airport or your hotel.

Last dive

The last dive is on the penultimate day of the trip. Divers should wait at least 24 hours after their last dive before flying, so please keep to the no-flying rule when you book your flight home.





INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Airport or hotel transfers at embarkation and disembarkation
- Full board, with tea, coffee, snacks and a soft drink at lunch and dinner
- An average of 3 or 4 dives a day
- Land excursions where the plan includes them
- Tanks and weights for divers, and snorkelling gear for non-divers
- Library and music on board

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights
- Alcoholic drinks and tips
- Police or diving permits, tourist tax, harbour fees and fuel increases
- Marine park fees and port clearance fee
- Nitrox, charged per day for the full trip
- Rental dive gear and other on-board services
- Dive and travel insurance

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Completed diver medical questionnaire
- Details of your dive and travel insurance
- 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

Itineraries are only an orientation and can be modified because of the weather, sea conditions and other external causes

Good to know

Divers should wait at least 24 hours after their last dive before flying

Insurance

Please arrange dive and travel insurance before you travel

Good to know

This itinerary runs from Maumere to Kupang. It is also sailed in reverse, from Kupang to Maumere