



## Cruise Itinerary Kalabahi – Kalabahi

No cruise on MV Samambaia is like the other. Every single trip is tailor-made to create a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The decision on the itinerary is made by the cruise director as we cruise along and is based on factors such as weather conditions, dive conditions, requests of guests and schedules of other liveaboards, which we are trying to stay away from.

There are however certain constants on every cruise which are:

- Three day dives of minimum 1 hour duration
- One sunset- or night dive (unless we have to cover a serious amount of miles over night)
- Activities during the surface intervals such as:
  - scenic rides through lagoons and coves in our tenders
  - trekking to breathtaking view points
  - visits of secluded perfect beaches
  - excursions to traditional villages
  - whale watching
  - water action such as wake boarding and water skiing

Based upon that, here is a potential itinerary for an 7 nights / 8 days cruise from Kalabahi/Alor to Kalabahi/Alor. This is just to give you a general idea and is subject to change due to weather- and other conditions. Popular dive sites are named. We do however have our secret spots as well, which you will learn about during the cruise.

### *Day 1: Embarkation*

Arrival with plane from Kupang in the afternoon to Alor. You will be picked up by crew members at the airport. Embarkation in the port of Kalabahi. A general orientation follows.

### *Day 2: Easy start*

After an initial general dive briefing, check dive in the morning at a pretty, easygoing and protected dive site. Three more macro dives thereafter, one at Pura, two in the bay of Kalabahi. With a little bit of luck our dive guides might show you the 'Holy Grail of Critter Hunters', the Rhinopias, already on your first day of diving. Other than that you can expect: Frogfish, Ghostpipefish, all sorts of cephalopods and Crustaceans as well as colourful Nudibranchs.

Popular dive sites here: Mucky Mosque, Black Rhino, Pertamina Pier

### *Day 3: Alor & Pura*

Time for some action packed current drift dives with potential for big stuff. All our dives are going to be either slope or wall dives. We have spotted here in the past: Oceanic Sunfish, Big Dogtooth Tuna and Thresher Sharks.

Popular dive sites here: School's Out, Anemone City, The Great Wall of Pantar

### *Day 4: Beangabang*

A protected bay which is said to have a better macro life than the famous Lembeh Strait. Be prepared for some cold water upwellings which will not stop you from having extended bottom times if you are a critter lover. No time limit here on the night dive.

An excerpt of the spotting list from 1 (one!) dive we recently did there: Wonderpus, Blue Ring Octopus, Coconut Octopus, Pegasus, Frogfish, Rhinopias, Ambon Scorpionfish, Robust Ghostpipefish, Roughsnout Ghostpipefish, Thorny Seahorse, Melibe.....

### *Day 5: Pantar Selatan / Kambing*

Facing the Savu Sea the southern coast of Pantar and Pulau Kambing are exposed to strong upwellings and swells full of nutrition from the deep. Hence the marine life here is mind boggling with potential for large pelagics. Besides the known sites around Pulau Kambing our favourites here are our secret spots.

### *Day 6: Alor & Pura*

More action packed and big fish dives on the gentle slopes and steep walls around Pura. Don't forget to look out into the clear blue water not to miss some big pelagics cruising by.

### *Day 7: Kalabahi Bay*

We finish this cruise with the finest muck diving at our favourite secret spots in the bay of Kalabahi. Two dives in the morning. In the afternoon we fill the diving gap of the mandatory 18 h break before flying with a land excursion to visit a traditional village of the indigenous people of Alor, the Kabui tribe.

### *Day 8: Disembarkation in Kalabahi, Alor*

Depending on your flight schedule, our crew will check your luggage in for you in advance so you can rest on board and let us shuttle you to the airport when your plane is ready to leave.

