

ALOR

MAUMERE – MAUMERE (10 NIGHTS)

Day 1 Maumere

After boarding Adelaar there is time to settle in, get to know the boat, crew and fellow passengers. So relax and enjoy your first day of living aboard Adelaar. Depending on boarding time there might be time to do a first check dive in the afternoon.

Day 2 Komba

Komba is a unique place, the tip of Batu Tara, a volcano rising from the depths and piercing the blue waters of the Flores Sea. Occasionally still visibly and audibly active, diving the stark underwater landscape on the flanks is unique. The dark grey substrate gives a beautiful contrast to the colours of the hard and soft coral formations and big barrel sponges towering over the underwater ridges. Thanks to the volcanic nature of the island, and its remote location, sitting alone in the middle of the sea, this typically guarantees excellent visibility and may attract pelagic predators. *3-day dives, 1-night dive*

Day 3 Pantar Strait

The scenically beautiful Pantar straight offers many dive sites that are distinctly different from one another. The stunning walls and slopes, covered so completely in soft corals, are almost a sensory overload. Explore macro havens in the different coloured sands, overhangs draped with coral gardens, eery jetty pillars, and drift dives with pelagics. Observe traditional fishermen going about their trade by free diving and spear fishing. A visit by the local ikat weavers who present their beautiful hand woven, and hand died fabrics, is a definite highlight. *3-day dives, 1-night dive*

Day 4 Pura

Pura Island, nestled between Alor and Pantar, is a diver's playground. Discover unique sites covered in endless carpets of anemones, which regularly attract pelagic visitors. Steep slopes of pristine soft coral growth offer a virtual explosion of colours, mini walls, and patch reefs for a chance to stumble over some rhinopias. Before the night dive, the local children show us around their village. *3-day dives, 1-night dive*

Day 5 South East Pantar

The world class black sand macro dive sites of Southeast Pantar offer the perfect opportunity to meet hairy frogfish, mimic octopus, rhinopias, ambon scorpion fish, hairy octopus, thorny seahorse, hairy shrimp, halimeda ghost pipe fish and other critters. The enthusiastic welcome we get from the village children when we go on shore is an additional highlight. *3-day dives, 1 night dive*

Day 6 South West Pantar

The exposed sites of the barren, dry southern area of the Alor archipelago is simply unique in every way. Dive among the iconic huge soft coral 'trees' growing along the seafloor which also offers expansive profuse coral growth. The topography features caves, pinnacles and swim-throughs, home to clouds of anthias and an abundance of fish. Out in the deep, check for passing pelagics, Mola Molas and thresher sharks, everything a diver could ever wish for. *3-day dives, 1 night dive*

Day 7 Alor Strait

The Alor Strait between Pantar and Lembata separates the entirely different cultural groups of the Alor and the Solor archipelagos. According to Alor folklore, the islands in between possess magical powers, hence they are uninhabited, keeping the fish completely undisturbed and helping them to thrive in the surrounding reefs. Coral growth on some sites rival the top sites of West Papua in terms of colour and density. *3-day dives*

Day 8 North Lembata

The north coast of Lembata is completely dominated by the volcano Ili Ape, while the two bays to its east and west respectively, offer two completely different dive destinations. The eastern bay features dramatic wall dives that attract large fish, and the western bay offers sandy patch reefs excellent for macro diving for unique critters. *3-day dives, 1-night dive*

Day 9 Solor

There is a distinct 'Jurassic' feeling here, with impressive volcanic peaks rising from the ocean and towering above the landscape. Submerging below the surface is equally spectacular. The sites off Solor might indeed be Indonesia's best kept secret for divers, and we cannot wait to share and explore it with you. *3-day dives, 1 night dive*

Day 10 South West Lembata

We finish on an absolute high by diving on a site known for pumping fish action and visiting pelagics! After the last dive, we will set the sails and navigate through the Solor archipelago and into the narrow straight of Larantuka with a direct view of the iconic western sunset. *2-day dives*

Day 11 Maumere

After breakfast, it is time to disembark and say goodbye - until the next time.

(Itinerary may vary depending on weather and sea conditions)



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