AMIRA

Komodo North and Alor

Labuan Bajo to Maumere | Komodo National Park, Alor and the Pantar Strait

Alor is one of the last secrets of Indonesia, with excellent muck diving in the bay of Kalabahi, where frogfish and harlequin shrimps are seen frequently.

In the Pantar Strait come walls and healthy coral with medium to strong current, and a good chance of big fish like sharks and occasionally molas.

Pods of dolphins, breaching molas and even blue whales can be spotted at the right time of year.

Komodo National Park comes first, with current-rich dives and large amounts of fish, sharks and mantas.

The trip ends at a traditional village, where children paddle by in self-made canoes.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
12 nights	Labuan Bajo	Maumere	Certified divers







Your itinerary

This is the 11 night Komodo North and Alor itinerary; the 12 night trip spends a little longer in the hotspots.

DAY 1

Boarding

No dives

The Amira crew pick you up from the airport or hotel.
After a welcome drink you check in to your cabin, then have breakfast or lunch, depending on the time you arrive.
Once everyone is on board, the cruise director gives a detailed boat and safety briefing, and in the afternoon a general diving briefing explains how the diving is organised.
Usually there are no dives on the first day.

DAY 2-4

Komodo National Park

3 to 4 dives a day

You visit the top sites of the park, including Castle Rock, Batubolong and Manta Alley, with current-rich dives, large amounts of fish, sharks and mantas, plus a land visit to see the Komodo dragons with the rangers.

DAY 5

Crossing to Alor

2 to 3 dives

Amira crosses east towards Alor, with fewer dives while you cruise.

DAY 6-9

Alor: Pantar Strait and Kalabahi Bay

3 to 4 dives a day

Dive sites such as Mucky Mosque, Anemone City, Beangabang and Current Alley offer some of the best diving in Indonesia.
There is a good chance of big fish like sharks and occasionally molas, and frogfish, harlequin shrimps and the rare Rhinopias are seen frequently.
Spend time on the sun deck, where it is quite common to spot pods of dolphins, breaching molas and even blue whales at the right time of year.

DAY 10

Alor villages

Dives + land visit

A visit to a traditional village, where women show off their beautiful hand-woven ikat fabrics and children cruise by in self-made canoes, before the boat sails to Maumere.

DAY 11

Last diving day

Up to 2 dives

The last diving day has a maximum of 2 dives, then the boat cruises to the disembarkation harbour.
Keep to the no-flying rule, pack your gear and settle your bill.

DAY 12

Check out

Check out and transfer to the airport or your hotel, accompanied by the crew.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Komodo dragons

A land visit with the park rangers.

Alor muck diving

Kalabahi Bay, with frogfish and harlequin shrimps.

Pantar Strait

Walls, healthy corals and current.

Alor culture

Ikat weaving and a traditional village.

Check in

The Amira crew pick you up from the airport or hotel, welcome you with a drink and show you to your cabin. Check in is possible early in the morning after the first flights arrive, and the latest check in is 11:30 am. If no flight arrives before noon, fly to the port the day before and stay in a hotel.

Check out

The boat arrives in the disembarkation port late the evening before, so check out is possible from midnight until 10:30 am at the latest. The crew take you to the airport or your hotel. If your flight is in the afternoon, they can drop you at a hotel and collect you in time for check in at the airport.

Last dive

The last dive is on the second to last day, with a maximum of 2 dives. 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

- Full board, with five meals a day
- Water, tea and coffee
- Diving with up to 4 dives a day
- Cylinders, weights and weight belts
- Multilingual dive guides and cruise directors
- Transfers between the airport or hotel and the boat
- Land excursions
- ENOS GPS rescue beacon
- Free nitrox for certified EANx divers

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights
- 15 litre tanks
- Dive courses
- Rental dive gear
- Port clearance and harbour tax
- National park fee and local fee
- Fuel surcharge or distance fee
- On-board purchases
- Alcohol and soft drinks
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Laundry service
- Wi-Fi and telecommunications
- Dive, travel and medical 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

Sites and timings are an example of the route and are not guaranteed. The captain and cruise director decide the final route, depending on the weather and sea conditions

Good to know

The water is generally around 27 C, but a few spots in Alor can be as cold as 20 C, so a warmer wetsuit is worth bringing, and the crew can supply extra layers. The current is mild to strong