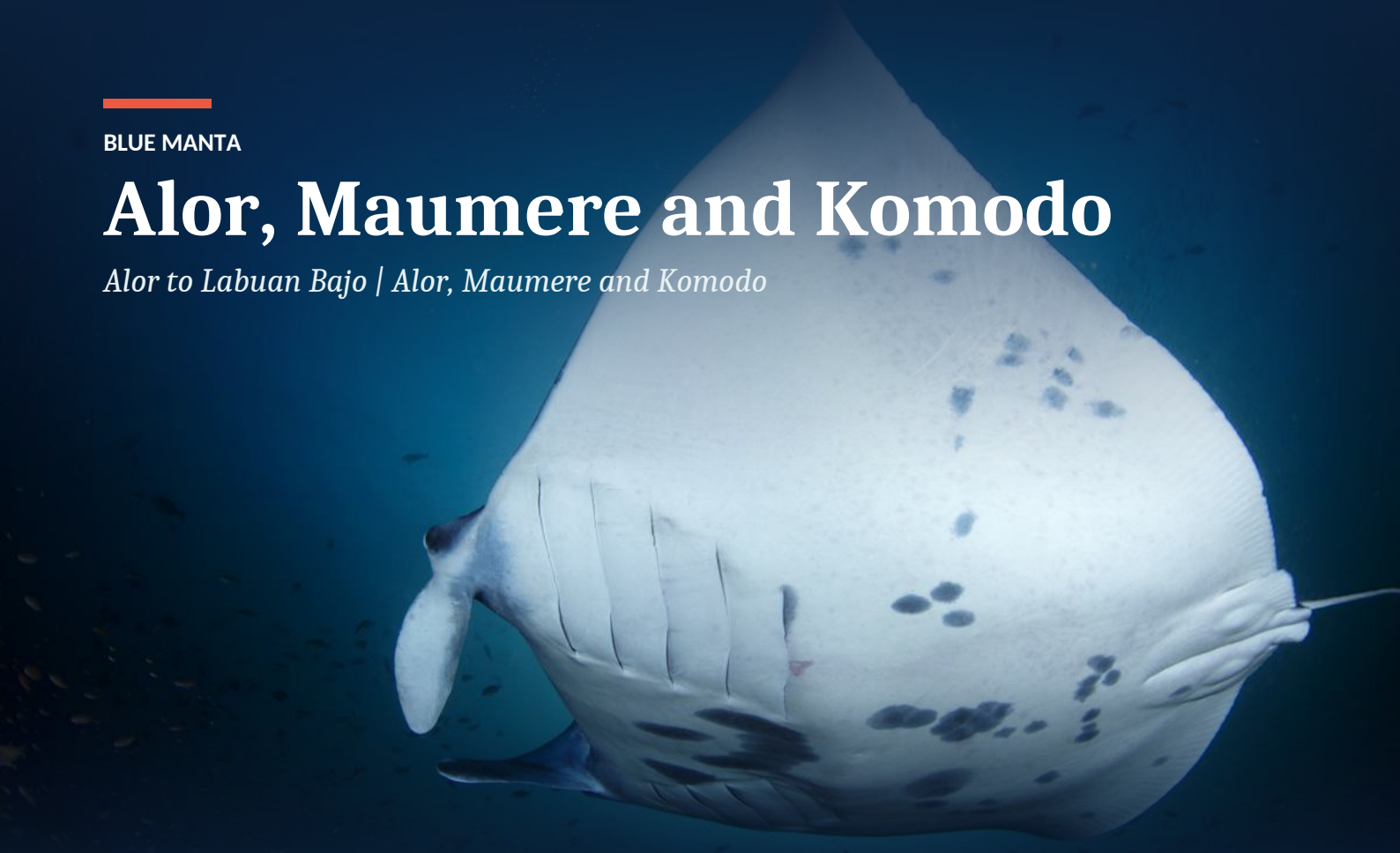
BLUE MANTA

Alor, Maumere and Komodo

Alor to Labuan Bajo | Alor, Maumere and Komodo



Three very different dive regions in one trip, from the far-off reefs of Alor to the current-fuelled drama of Komodo.

Around Alor and the Pantar Strait, nutrient-rich, adventurous currents make an abundance of coral and fish, both big and small.

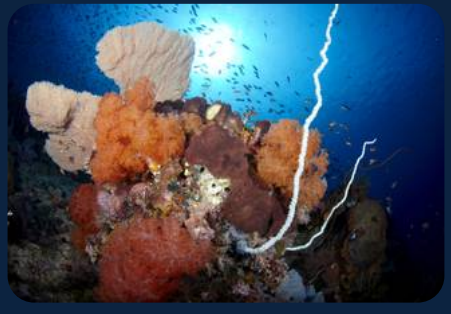
Maumere is surrounded by volcanoes and mountains, with outer pristine coral reefs and walls.

South Komodo lets you fly with mantas, and Padar is one of the favourite regions, with a visit to Pink Beach.

North Komodo is all action, with pinnacles and drift dives full of hunting jacks and sharks, tons of anthias and Napoleon wrasse.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
10 nights	Alor	Labuan Bajo	Certified divers







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival in Alor

0-2 dives

Boarding from 1pm.
Our staff will meet you in Mali Airport or local hotel and transfer you to Blue Manta at Kalabahi Port.
Depending on arrival time, we do local check dive plus night dive.

DAY 2

Alor and Pantar Strait (days 2 and 3)

3-4 dives a day

Alor and Pantar Strait (Islands of Kepa, Pura, Ternate, and Buaya between Pantar and Alor); nutrient-rich adventurous currents and a diversity of dive site formations, make for an abundance of coral and fish, both big and small.
We may visit a local village and substitute for a dive.
Sail to Maumere.

DAY 4

Maumere

3 dives

Nearby Pulau Babi and Pulau Besar.
Sail to Komodo.

DAY 5

South Komodo

4 dives

Manta Alley to fly with mantas, Cannibal Rock, Torpedo Alley at Nusa Kode.

DAY 6

South Komodo, Padar Island

3-4 dives

One of our favourite regions in the park with some stunning and diverse dive sites such as 3 Sisters and Pillarsteen.
Plus, a visit to Pink Beach.

DAY 7

North Komodo, Castle Rock

4 dives

Castle Rock, Crystal Rock, and Shot Gun at Gili Lawa Laut.
Pinnacles, drift dives full of action with hunting fish: jacks and sharks!

DAY 8

North Komodo, Tatawa Besar and Kecil

4 dives

Tatawa Besar and Kecil, Siaba Kecil, and Wainilu.
Tons of Anthias, Napoleon wrasse, sharks, and excellent night dive.

DAY 9

North Komodo, Batu Balong

4 dives

Batu Balong and Mantas on the Moon (Makassar Reef).

DAY 10

North Komodo, Siaba Bay plus Mawan or Pengah

2 dives

Siaba Bay plus Mawan or Pengah.
This is followed by a walk on the wild side in search of Komodo Dragons and trekking on one of the local Islands.
Then we sail towards Labuan Bajo, where you spend the last night on Blue Manta in Bajo Port.
Plenty of time to wash and dry equipment, have lunch, rest and relax, and if need be an early flight the next day.

DAY 11

Check out in Labuan Bajo

No diving

Check out (between 5am-10am) after light breakfast and farewells, we transfer to local hotel or airport in time for check-in and flight.
Take your pre-booked flight from Labuan Bajo to Bali or Jakarta.







THE DIVING

Diving days and conditions

Diving days

10 days (28 dives)

Alor, Maumere and Komodo

Around Alor the water is 22-26°C, it can be cold in the waters around Alor and Southern Komodo and we do recommend you bring extra exposure suit for this section of the cruise. Water 26-28°C, however deep-water upwellings and thermoclines especially in Sept-Nov can mean temps as low as 25C. Air 22-31°C. Visibility 20-30 metres. Currents mild to strong. Level intermediate to advanced. Best time: start of May to end of October.

Check in

1pm, 1st day - Alor, East Nusa Tenggara. Or earlier if everyone arrives before and all trip preparations have been completed. Free pickup upon arrival from Mali Airport, Alor or local hotel (10am) to Port (transfer time around 1 hour) to Blue Manta on trip departure day.

Check out

5am, last day - Bajo Port, Labuan Bajo, Western Flores. After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to local hotel or Komodo Airport in time for check-in and flight. Note: Latest Blue Manta check-out 10am, trip return day.

Last dive

12pm, penultimate day. Followed by a walk on the wild side in search of Komodo dragons, then sail back to Bajo Port where we spend the last night on Blue Manta. This allows for your minimum 18 hours' surface interval/ No Fly Time (as recommended by PADI) before flying the next day.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Land transfer from local hotel / airport from destination on trip start and end days (Alor/ Labuan Bajo) to boat
- All nights' accommodation on Blue Manta
- All meals (Western and Indonesian) snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, Milo, soft drinks, towels, toiletries, cabin services
- Free replacement if equipment breaks down
- 12-litre air tanks
- Weights and belt
- Warm towel and drink after every dive
- 6 dive guides (1x instructor, 5x dive master), 28 dives

NOT INCLUDED

- All flights, hotels
- Pickups outside the trip start and end dates
- Marine park and harbour fee (paid in advance of the trip)
- Fuel surcharge (paid in advance of the trip)
- Dive and travel insurance
- Massage services
- Laundry services
- Nespresso coffee, alcohol: beer, wine, satellite wi-fi
- Diving equipment rental
- Nitrox (enriched air) fills

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

All schedules are subject to change according to weather, sea, diving and local conditions

Good to know

Alor is served by a small regional airport and airline delays and even cancellations are possible. For this reason, we strongly recommend all guests arrive to Alor the day before trip departure and spend one night in Kalabahi area hotel where we will collect you on the morning of trip departure