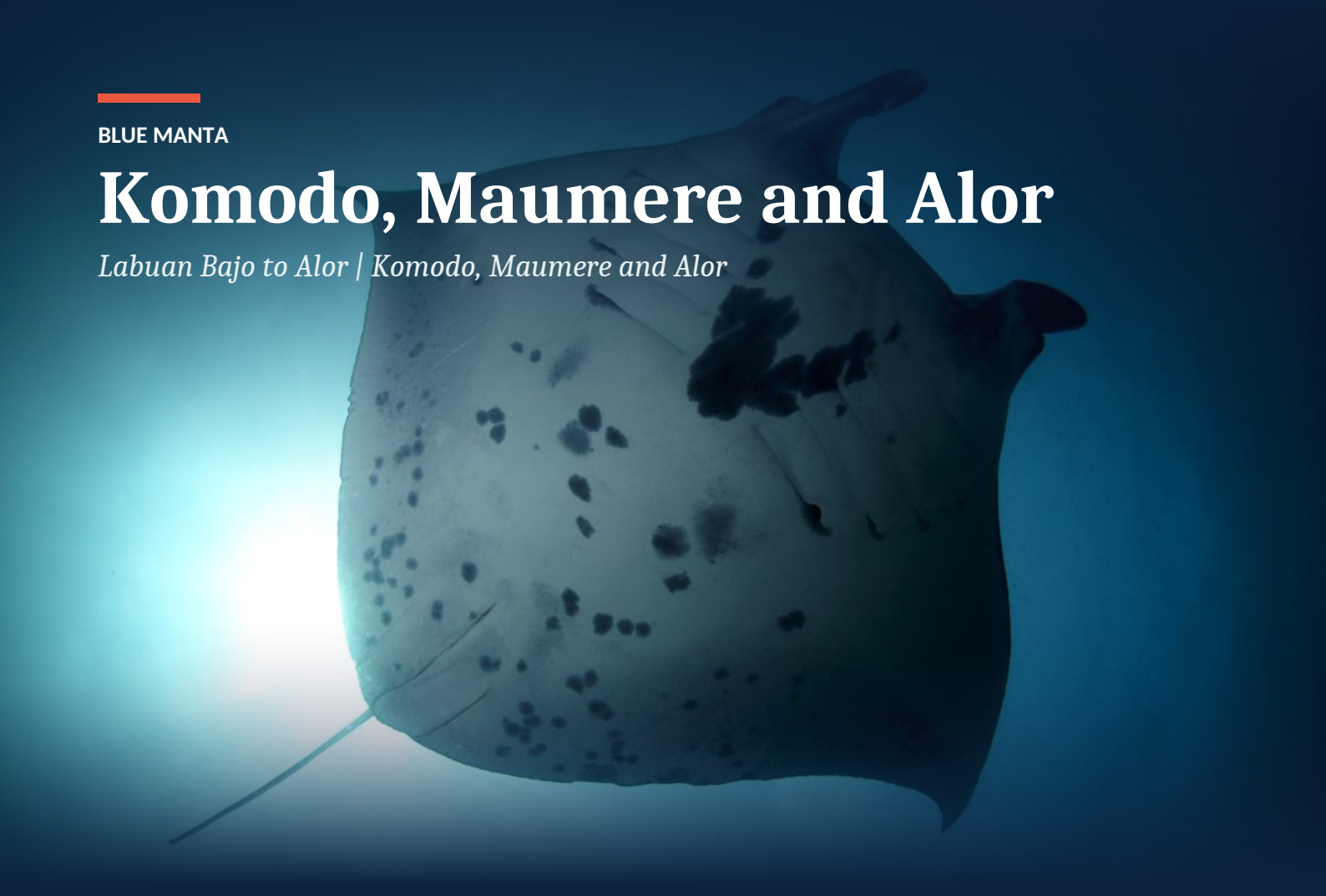
BLUE MANTA

# Komodo, Maumere and Alor

*Labuan Bajo to Alor | Komodo, Maumere and Alor*



Komodo has something for everyone, from adrenaline-pumping current-fuelled dives to stunning coral reefs in crystal clear blue water.

In the north, mantas, sharks, turtles, eagle rays and even dolphins pass pinnacles, with drift dives full of hunting jacks and sharks.

Tons of anthias and Napoleon wrasse fill the reef, and the night dives are excellent.

The cooler, nutrient-rich waters of the south are home to macro megastars, and larger pelagics too, including mola mola, thresher sharks and hammerheads.

The trip finishes in Alor, far from the crowds, with fantastic macro life and schooling pelagics.

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







# Your itinerary

DAY 1

## Arrival in Labuan Bajo

1-2 dives

Boarding from 3pm.
Our staff will meet you upon your arrival to Komodo Airport or local hotel and transfer you to Blue Manta.
Depending on arrival time, we do check dive(s) at Bidadari and night dive at Pulau Sebayor.

DAY 2

## South Komodo

4 dives

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

DAY 3

## 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 4

## 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 5

## North Komodo, Batu Balong

3 dives

Batu Balong and Mantas on the Moon (Makassar Reef).
This followed by a walk on the wild side in search of Komodo Dragons and trekking on one of the local Islands.

DAY 6

## 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 7

## Maumere

3 dives

Nearby Pulau Babi and Pulau Besar.
Sail to Alor.

DAY 8

## Alor and Pantar Strait (days 8 and 9)

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.

DAY 10

## Alor

2 dives

Chance to repeat the final 2 dives.
Then we sail back to Alor, where you spend last night on Blue Manta in Kalabahi Port.
Plenty of time to wash and dry equipment, rest and relax, and if need be, an early flight the next day.

DAY 11

## Check out in Alor

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 to Bali or Jakarta, via Kupang.

THE DIVING

# Diving days and conditions

### Diving days

10 days (28 dives)

### Komodo, Maumere and Alor

Water South: 22-26°C, North and Central: 26-28°C. Visibility 20-40 metres. Air 25-30°C. Level intermediate to advanced. Currents mild to strong. Level intermediate to advanced. Best time: start of May to end of October. Best Time to Dive (Alor): March to December.

### Check in

3pm, 1st day - Bajo Port, Labuan Bajo, Western Flores. Or earlier if everyone arrives before and all trip preparations have been completed. Free pickup upon arrival from Komodo Airport (15 mins) or local hotel (10am) to Blue Manta on trip departure day.

### Check out

5am, last day - Alor, East Nusa Tenggara. After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to local hotel or Mali Airport, Alor in time for check-in and flight or local hotel (transfer time around 1 hour). Note: Latest Blue Manta check-out at 10am, trip return day.

### Last dive

12pm, penultimate day. Plenty of time for R&R while we sail back to Alor where we spend the last night on Blue Manta. This also 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 (Labuan Bajo/ Alor) 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





