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Alor

Kupang to Kupang | Karang Beatrice, Rote, Sawu and Semau



This is an exploratory trip through the outer reefs of Rote and Timor.

Alor's waters are fed by currents from both the Indian and the Pacific oceans, and they are extremely rich in big and small life.

The channels between its islands are established passages for whales, and blue and sperm whales are not uncommon sights.

Karang Beatrice is an extended submerged reef rising to just five metres below the surface, where sea snakes turned up in surprising numbers.

The south of Rote gave up a manta and a whale shark on its very first dives, and there is more to find.

Further west, Sawu, Pulau Dana and Raijua sit surrounded by deep ocean, with bigger life hoped for around their reefs.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
7 nights	Kupang	Kupang	Open Water certified







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival in Kupang

Guests will arrive in Kupang and have time to get comfortable on the boat.
There is a large crossing towards the Alor region, and we will depart once we have settled on the boat.

DAY 2

Karang Beatrice

4 dives

First day of exploration around this extended submerged reef that comes 5 meters deep on it shallowest point.
We were there back in 2010 and were surprised by the number of sea snakes around the reef, and the place is calling for further exploration.

DAY 3-4

Rote

4 a day

2022 was the first time we conducted a few dives along the south of Rote, and we spotted a manta and a whale shark.
Not bad for a first time.
We will invest more time and, apart from looking for potential endemic fish species, we will find out further potential diving spots for mantas.



DAY 5

Sawu

4 dives

We will move further west to Sawu, for another day of pure exploration.
Expect the unexpecting would be a good way to approach the day.
Hoping that we would be greeted with healthy coral reefs, good life variety and an exciting exploration experience.

DAY 6

Pulau Dana and Raijua

4 dives

West of Sawu and surrounded by deep oceans, we hope to find bigger life around the reefs of these two small islands.

DAY 7

Semau Island

2 dives

The last dives are conducted close to Kupang, around the large island of Semau.
Pure exploration with the focus on the possibility of spotting a good amount of critters.

DAY 8

Departure

Guests will be escorted to the airport in Kupang and assisted with check in procedures, no doubt full of talk about the wonders of the most popular dive destination in the world.







GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Small groups

Dive groups are limited to 4 divers per guide, with unlimited diving.

Cruise Director

A Cruise Director and 18 crew look after the 12 guests on board.

Check in

Guests arrive at the start port and have time to settle in on the boat, with a check-out dive on the first day on some routes.

Check out

On the last day guests are escorted to the airport and helped with check-in.

Itinerary

This is a draft itinerary for the cruise, and the crew may change it to suit the weather and the guests on board.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Cabin accommodation with daily housekeeping
- Meals, snacks and drinks
- Unlimited guided diving, with a maximum of 4 divers per guide
- Two speedboats with experienced drivers
- Treks, village visits and beach stops as in the itinerary
- Airport assistance on arrival and departure days

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights
- Park fees and harbour fees, shown on our trip listings for each departure
- Dive and travel insurance
- Equipment rental and courses
- Crew tips, which are customary

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Dive and travel insurance
- Completed diver medical form
- 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

The trip is weather dependent and there may be long crossings, and the crew adjusts the plan as best it can

Good to know

Divers must be flexible with the start time of the first dive at some sites, because they can only enter the water once the local village and officers give permission

Good to know

The crew can change the suggested itinerary to suit guests, if weather and time allow and everyone on board agrees