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The Flores Sea: Route I

Maumere to Makassar | Maumere Bay, Pomana and Gosong Bone, Sukun Island and more

Taka Bonerate, the world's third-largest atoll, is a vast marine sanctuary of vibrant coral reefs, large groups of black tip reef sharks and turtles.

Maumere Bay has recovered from the 1992 earthquake into steep walls and coral gardens, with whales and dolphins playing in the open water.

The volcanic black sand slopes hold frogfish, flamboyant cuttlefish and ghost pipefish, and night dives reveal bioluminescent plankton.

Walls with towering barrel sponges and sea fans draw tuna, trevallies and barracudas, with pygmy seahorses in the coral.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 nights	Maumere	Makassar	Certified divers







Your route

Areas are shown in the order visited. Sites and dives change with the weather, the sea conditions and the captain's decisions.

STOP 1

Maumere Bay

Diving in Maumere Bay, located on the north Flores coastline, is a must-see destination for underwater enthusiasts.
Known for its rich marine biodiversity, vibrant coral reefs, and magnificent muck dives, Maumere offers a more off-the-beaten-path experience compared to some of Indonesia's more well-known dive destinations.
Dive sites include Labuan Tur, The Crack, Great West Wall, Blaupunkt Shark Point, Maragajong, Dambilah.

STOP 2

Pomana and Gosong Bone

Located just 15 nautical miles north of Maumere Harbour, this collection of dive sites is among the finest in the region, offering breathtaking underwater landscapes and rich biodiversity.
The Pomana Besar and Kecil island group stand in contrast to the nearby Gosong Bone atoll, with distinct topside features.
Dive sites include Pomana Kecil Wall, Pomana Lagoon, Sandbank Corner, North Wall, Pomana Selatan, Red Light.

STOP 3

Sukun Island

Lying on the northern boundary of Maumere Bay, 30 nautical miles north-northwest of the harbour, Sukun volcano island is a remote and rarely visited dive destination.
Spanning nearly four kilometres from west to east and approximately one kilometre at its widest point, this secluded landmass offers a fascinating blend of contrasting landscapes and wild scuba diving opportunities.
Dive sites include North-East Reef, North Ridge, Where Eagles Dare, Finger Reef.

STOP 4

Kalaotoa and Karompa Atoll

Located 80 nautical miles north of Maumere, across the Flores Sea, Kalaotoa Island, the expansive Karompa Atoll complex, and their smaller neighbouring islands mark the next destination on our itinerary, dedicated to exploration and discovery.
Dive sites include Sangigangiang, Di Antaranya, Karompa Utara, Navigation Lights, Atoll Pass, North Shore.

STOP 5

Kakabia

Kakabia Island, a remote and unspoiled paradise in South Sulawesi, Indonesia, is a hidden treasure for scuba diving enthusiasts.
Surrounded by crystal-clear waters and thriving coral reefs, the island offers an extraordinary underwater experience for those seeking adventure and serenity.
Dive sites include Break Point, Gorgonian Wall, Grumpy Wall, Interatoll, Kakapass Utara, Happy Wall.

STOP 6

South Taka Bonerate

Taka Bonerate, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve located in South Sulawesi, Indonesia, is a diver's dream come true.
Known for hosting the third-largest atoll system in the world, Taka Bonerate boasts an underwater paradise that remains largely untouched by mass tourism.
The crystal-clear waters and extensive coral reefs are home to over 500 species of coral and more than 300 species of fish, making it a hotspot for biodiversity.
Dive sites include Taka Sepe, Sepe Point, Bubby Point, Taka Bubby, Bongko, Ampalas.

STOP 7

Nambolaki

Nambolaki Island, a hidden gem in the heart of tropical paradise, is a dream destination for scuba diving enthusiasts.
Its crystal-clear waters and vibrant marine ecosystem provide an unforgettable underwater experience.
Divers are greeted by colourful coral reefs teeming with life, from schools of playful clownfish darting through anemones to majestic sea turtles gliding gracefully through the currents.
Dive sites include Seamount, Nambolaki North-West, Sand Chute, Wall, Nambolaki South-East.

STOP 8

Belang Belang

Belang Belang, situated on the north side of the Taka Bonerate National Park in Indonesia, is a haven for scuba divers seeking pristine marine ecosystems and unparalleled biodiversity.
This UNESCO Biosphere Reserve boasts the third-largest atoll in the world, making it a magnet for marine life and an unforgettable diving destination.
Dive sites include Belang Utara, Belang Selatan, Taka Gantarang, Atoll Channel East, Atoll Channel West, Rajuni Utara Sandyland.

STOP 9

South-east Selayar

Located off the southwestern tip of Sulawesi, Selayar Island our next point of call on our journey. With its crystal-clear waters, thriving coral reefs, and breathtaking underwater topography, the sites of the Batulaia Peninsula are one of the regions scuba diving hotspots.
Dive sites include Opera Sandy, Opera Wall, Shark Point, Pulau Dampeong, Outside, Kolo Kolo.

STOP 10

The Bira Peninsula

Well known as a thriving hotspot for traditional Indonesian pinisi boatbuilding, the Bira Peninsula and the offshore islands of Liungkalu and Sarontang in the Selayar Strait also have quite a reputation as a hotspot for scuba diving, offering a wide variety of excellent sites.
Known for its crystal-clear waters, vibrant coral reefs, and diverse marine life, Bira offers some of the best diving experiences in the region.
Dive sites include Pelabuan, Raku Raku, Pangungakaya, Turtle Bay, Cape Bira, Ramli.

STOP 11

Dayan Dayang

Located at the southern end of South Sulawesi's Spermonde Archipelago, Dayan Dayang is a captivating destination for scuba divers seeking untouched beauty and tranquil waters.
Just a short cruise from Makassar, and known for its rich marine biodiversity, the island offers an array of underwater experiences, from vibrant coral gardens to encounters with unique species.
Dive sites include Dayan Dayang Utara, Dayan Dayang Timur, Dayan Dayang Barat, Dayan Dayang Selatan.







ROUTE MAP

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GOOD TO KNOW

Cruise notes

Flexible itineraries

Our cruise routes are intentionally adaptable. Throughout the journey, the captain and cruise director continuously assess sea conditions, weather, and tides to ensure the best possible experience.

More than is listed

The locations featured in these itineraries represent only a portion of what's possible. Numerous additional anchorages and activity options are available along the way, making each voyage truly unique.

Extended stays

If a particular anchorage offers exceptional experiences, guests may opt to linger a bit longer.

Overnight passages

To maximize daylight hours at our most spectacular destinations, longer transits between anchorages are typically conducted overnight.

Away from the crowds

With the exception of embarkation and disembarkation points, our itineraries are carefully crafted to avoid congested areas and busy commercial ports, allowing for a more tranquil and immersive experience.

Beyond the dive

Many of our anchorages offer more than just diving and snorkelling. Guests can enjoy kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, and occasional visits to local villages and cultural sites — adding even more richness to the journey.