GAIA

# Alor

*Maumere to Maumere | Alor, Pantar Strait and Lembata*




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The waters are protected to give migrating cetaceans a safe route to their feeding grounds in the deep Banda Sea.

Above the water come the fireworks of one of the country's most active volcanoes, and the free diving children of North Pura.

| LENGTH | DEPARTURE PORT | ARRIVAL PORT | EXPERIENCE |
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| 6 nights | Maumere | Maumere | Certified divers |







# Trip highlights

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## The Alor Archipelago

The eastern waters of the Lesser Sunda islands offer a constant source of marine life surprises, from tiny creatures to larger fish and marine mammals, with sites around eastern Flores, Adunara, Solor, Lembata, Pantar, Alor, Pura and Ternate.

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## Diving

The sites range from fishy sites and critter hunting to colourful walls and volcanic black sand, and suit divers of all experience levels.
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## Protected waters

The Indonesian government has agreed to protect the area to secure a safe route for migrating cetaceans on their way to feeding grounds in the deep waters of the Banda Sea.



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## Above the water

There are stunning sunrises and sunsets, the fireworks of one of the country's most active volcanoes, the free diving children of North Pura and the women of Pulau Ternate weaving colourful ikats.

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## The route

Dive Gaia covers a shorter Lesser Sunda trip within the Banda Sea trip, from Maumere to Ambon, and in the Forgotten Islands trip, from Maumere to Tual in the Kei Islands.

GOOD TO KNOW

# On land and on the way

### Seasons

The dry season is October to November, with periodic rain in the other months.

### Dates

Dive Gaia offers a range of trip dates to see the area at length.

### Routes

The routes are a guide and can change.

### Check in

Check in time depends on flight arrivals, and the boat arranges transfers to and from the port.

### Check out

Check out time depends on flight departures.

INCLUDED

# What your trip covers

## INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Air-conditioned twin share accommodation with an attached bathroom
- All meals, snacks and non-alcoholic drinks
- Guided diving, up to 4 dives a day
- Use of 12 litre aluminium cylinders, weights and weight belts
- Shore activities and excursions organised by Dive Gaia
- Same day land transfers and airport transfers to and from the port
- A complimentary glass of wine per person at dinner
- Shared use of the camera room
- Government taxes

## NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights, visas and other taxes or fees
- Harbour clearance, national park fees and fuel surcharge, shown on our trip listings
- Courses and certifications
- Nitrox, for certified divers, and equipment rental
- Alcoholic drinks unless stated otherwise
- Massages and spa treatments, laundry and onboard purchases
- Satellite internet on board
- Accommodation and meals before and after the cruise
- Crew tips, which are customary

BEFORE YOU GO

# What to bring

## ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Dive insurance, which is mandatory
- Medical clearance from your doctor, if needed
- 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

This is an overview of the area and the routes can change

### Good to know

Harbour, national park and fuel fees are paid in addition to the cruise price

### Good to know

Non-divers receive a 10% discount off the listed rates