SAMAMBAIA

East Flores and Alor

Maumere to Maumere | Lembata, Pantar and Alor



Alor and Solor are volcanic islands counted among the best diving destinations in Asia, with little tourism and few divers in the water.

Strong currents run through the narrow straits and every tide brings upwellings, with oceanic sunfish, big dogtooth tuna and thresher sharks spotted in the past.

The critter diving is just as good, with seahorses, rhinopias, frogfish, wonderpus and blue ring octopus, in a protected bay said to have better macro life than the famous Lembeh Strait.

Whales and dolphins pass through the channels, and an active volcano erupts every 15 to 20 minutes like free fireworks.

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







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation

Arrival with plane to Maumere.
You will be picked up by crew members at the airport.
Embarkation in the port of Maumere.
A general orientation follows.

DAY 2

Serbete & Adonara

After an initial general dive briefing, check dive in the morning at a pretty, easygoing and protected dive site.
A wall south of the tiny island of Serbete.
We will offer two more macro focussed dives this day, at two of our secret spots south of the island of Adonara.

DAY 3

Lembata's Critters

Sandy critter diving par excellence.
One spot is at a pier, the other ones a bit further to the east.
Critter hunting at it's best: Seahorses, different species of Rhinopias, sometimes even side by side, frogfish, all sorts of cephalopods.
Truly a world class dive spot.

DAY 4

Lembata South

Time for some action packed diving in the morning.
We have two great dive sites here.
One of them is a secret cavern which is home to several White Tip Reef Sharks.
The other one, 'Pulau Suangi' is a rock, exposed to the open ocean.
Stunning coral growth on the reef, very good fish life, but don't forget to look out in the blue as we've often got pelagic fish passing by.
In the afternoon we offer a visit to the traditional whaling village of Lamalera.
The people of this village are fundamental animists and are living their ancient traditions until today in our modern world.
Alternatively we offer a dive for you, of course.
We finish this day with a night dive at an excellent secret spot of ours, 'The Corner Shop', we named it like that because it has a little something of everything.

DAY 5

Kambing & Pantar

Facing the Savu Sea the southern coast of Pantar and Pulau Kambing are exposed to strong upwellings and swells full of nutrition from the deep.
Hence the marine life here is mind boggling with potential for large pelagics.
Besides the known sites around Pulau Kambing our favourites here are our secret spots.

DAY 6

Beangabang

A protected bay which is said to have a better macro life than the famous Lembeh Strait.
Be prepared for some cold water upwellings which will not stop you from having extended bottom times if you are a critter lover.
No time limit here on the night dive.
An excerpt of the spotting list from 1 (one!) dive we recently did there: Wonderpus, Blue Ring Octopus, Coconut Octopus, Pegasus, Frogfish, Rhinopias, Ambon Scorpionfish, Robust Ghostpipefish, Roughsnout Ghostpipefish, Thorny Seahorse, Melibe.

DAY 7

Pura & Alor

Time for some action packed current drift dives with potential for big stuff.
All our dives are going to be either slope or wall dives.
We have spotted here in the past: Oceanic Sunfish, Big Dogtooth Tuna and Thresher Sharks.
Popular dive sites here: School's Out, Anemone City, The Great Wall of Pantar.

DAY 8

Kalabahi Bay

Today we spent all day hunting critters in the protected bay of Alor's capital Kalabahi.
With a little bit of luck our dive guides might show you the 'Holy Grail of Critter Hunters', the Rhinopias.
Other than that you can expect: Frogfish, Ghostpipefish, all sorts of cephalopods and Crustaceans as well as colourful Nudibranchs.
Popular dive sites here: Mucky Mosque, Black Rhino, Pertamina Pier.

DAY 9

North Alor

Before we leave the area around Alor to head back west again, we will offer you three more dives here.
Either wide-angle wall and slope dives or some more macro dives.
Maybe a blend of both.
We make this depending on the preferences of our guests.

DAY 10

Lembata & Komba

We will do three dives in daytime.
Either at a spot we call 'The Shark Wall' or alternatively at a fantastic critter spot.
This depends on the preferences of the group.
In the afternoon we will head north towards the active vulcano of Komba, which erupts every 15 to 20 minutes.
A spectacular display of nature's power and free fireworks for us.

DAY 11

Maumere Bay

Our last day before disembarkation we will spend at a beautifully quiet and protected anchorage in the bay of Maumere.
In the morning we offer you a wreck dive ('Wodong Wreck') that turns in the shallows into a critter heaven: Pipehorses, Ghostpipefish, Nudibranchs.
A beautiful dive with no time limit to finish this cruise.
If your flight schedule permits our guides will happy take you on a second dive as well.
The afternoon we spend at this anchorage, filled with some in-water fun such as wake boarding and waterskiing and the famous Floating Bar.

DAY 12

Disembarkation in Maumere

Depending on your flight schedule, our crew will check your luggage in for you in advance so you can rest on board and let us shuttle you to the airport when your plane is ready to leave.

THE TRIP

On every cruise

Diving

Three day dives of at least one hour each, and one sunset or night dive unless the boat has many miles to cover overnight.

Tender rides

Scenic rides through lagoons and coves in the tenders.

Treks

Trekking to breathtaking viewpoints.

Beaches and villages

Visits to secluded beaches and excursions to traditional villages.

Whale watching

Whale watching on every cruise.

Water action

Water action such as wake boarding and water skiing.

Check in

The boat leaves before 1 pm on the first day, with transfers between the airport and the harbour.

Check out

On the last night the boat returns to the end harbour, so guests can catch early domestic flights.







INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE	NOT INCLUDED
Nitrox	Flights and hotels
Weights and weight belts	Wine and spirits
12 litre tanks	Massages
Inflatable kayak	Laundry
Beer, soft drinks, juices, Italian coffee, premium tea and snacks	
Transfers between the airport and the harbour in both directions	
Guided diving with the Cruise Director and dive masters	

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

The itinerary is decided by the Cruise Director as the boat cruises, based on the weather, the dive conditions, guests' requests and the schedules of other liveaboards.

Good to know

Four dive masters go with guests on the dives, usually one guide to every four divers, and solo diving is not allowed.

Good to know

Every diver carries a GPS marine rescue device for the whole trip, the dive staff are trained in Emergency First Response and oxygen is on board.