

# The Southern Forgotten Islands, Indonesia

## Itinerary - 12 Nights

- **Embarkation: Kalabahi Harbour, Alor at 13:00**
- **Disembarkation: Saumlaki Harbour, Yamdena Island at 10:00am**
- **Arrival Airport: Alor Island Airport (ARD)**
- **Departure Airport: Mathilda Batlayeri Airport (SXX)**

For your convenience, a free transfer will be provided between the domestic airports and the Indo Siren yacht on the day of embarkation and disembarkation. Upon arrival in Alor, a Siren Fleet representative welcomes you at the airport and arranges your onward transfer which will take around 20 minutes.

When flying in on embarkation day, it is advisable that your flight arrives before noon!

Disembarkation is at 10.00 hr in the morning and your transfer to the airport will take around 10 minutes.

### **Marine & Port Fees:**

- 120 USD per person

Marine park fees can be paid in advance, or on board.

### **Minimum dive certification and experience:**

Divers are required to have **Advanced Open Water** certification\*, or equivalent, with a **minimum of 50 logged dives**.

\*Advanced Open Water courses can be completed on board.

Guests who do not fulfil the minimum certification and experience requirements may be denied participation in some or all dives. We have 3 permanent dive guides on board to enable small dive groups of 5-6.

It is a mandatory requirement for all divers to have insurance which covers scuba diving activities, including emergency evacuation and recompression chamber costs.

Participation in this liveboard itinerary is subject to acceptance of our Terms & Conditions as outlined here: [www.masterliveboards.com/terms-conditions](http://www.masterliveboards.com/terms-conditions).

**Number of scheduled dives:**

- Up to 38

This itinerary involves some long distance travel and, whilst we attempt to ensure the number of dives we have scheduled is fulfilled, bad weather can hinder the yacht's ability to reach a specific dive site in good time.

While we wish to show you the very best diving possible, a number of factors determine which route the yacht takes and which dive sites we are able to visit. Weather, tides, currents and how many other dive vessels are at a particular site all play a part in the Cruise Director's decision of where the Indo Siren is heading to.

**Safety and dive briefings are conducted in English. If you, or any of your group do not speak or understand English, please contact us.**

The following is an example of the day-to-day itinerary.

Day 1: Embarkation followed by introductions and boat and safety briefings. After this you can settle into your cabin and assemble your equipment with help from the friendly crew. The vessel will depart while you relax and enjoy snacks and dinner.

Day 2: Breakfast followed by a check dive, and up to 3 subsequent dives, as outlined below.

Days 3-12: Your Cruise Director will schedule up to 4 dives per day; 3 day dives and either a sunset or a night dive. A typical diving day is scheduled as follows:

- Light Breakfast followed by a briefing & Dive 1
- Full Breakfast, relaxation followed by briefing & Dive 2
- Lunch, relaxation followed by briefing & Dive 3
- Snack
- Briefing for Sunset or Night dive
- Dinner

Day before disembarkation:

For your last full day on board, we are able to schedule 2 dives\* before the boat cruises back to harbour, where it will remain at anchor overnight.

Day 13: Following breakfast on board, disembarkation is scheduled between 8:00am and 10:00am.

\*We kindly request that guests check their flight departure times to ensure that they leave a minimum of 24 hours between their final dive and their flight home.

Following is a sample of dive sites which we may visit during your time aboard Indo Siren.

The safety of our guests is paramount and we always do our best to offer diving at alternate locations, should we be unable to visit those sites listed below.

Guests are welcome to suggest preferred dive sites to the Cruise Director. He/she will be happy to accommodate guests' wishes, providing it is possible and the schedule allows for it.

Dive sites we visit include but are not limited to:

## Pantar Strait

The Pantar Strait is known for both critter diving and stunning reef walls where larger pelagic species can be spotted. Some stronger currents are to be expected but the currents bring the nutrients which feed the reef and the inhabitants of the strait. There are a variety of dive sites here and we chose the optimum sites based on the conditions of the day. The water temperature experienced is often colder than other regions due to the flow of water from the south, expect temperatures of 22°C / 72°F.

## The French Man's Window

A wall dive site in front of Alor's Divers Resort covered in a fantastic array of soft corals. Look closely to find a wide variety of nudibranchs; remember to watch in the blue as well as something big might swim past

## Pak Yan's Village

An excellent muck diving spot to find Pegasus sea moths, dragonets, scorpion fish, ghost pipefish and bargibanti seahorses too.

## Clown Valley

Hundreds, if not thousands of anemones cover the shallow reef slope on the south side of Pulau Pura, all hosting the clark's anemone fish. A stunning site but thermoclines can be expected so be prepared for some chilly water that may attract thresher sharks.

## The Arch

Located at Pulau Reta, The Arch is famous for its overhangs and fissures providing stunning topography, as well as a home to schooling fusiliers and colourful anthias. Larger pelagic fish, including black tip reef sharks have been spotted here too.

## Mucky Mosque

An iconic muck dive at the entrance of Kalabahi Bay where the attentive eye can find paddle-flap & frondosa's rhinopias, as well as ornate, robust and even halimeda and velvet ghost pipefish, frogfish, bobtail squid, long-arm octopus and for the lucky ones: wunderpus.

## Wetar and Reong Islands

These tropical islands have wall dive sites that are covered with huge sponges and soft corals, along with colourful reefs teeming with marine life, including eagle rays and turtles. The currents can be fairly robust in the channel between Wetar and Reong, therefore all divers are advised to carry reef hooks and remain within close range of a dive buddy or their dive guide. Guests will have 3 dives in this location spread across one day to explore the area's varied diving sites.

## Gunung Api Island

In a remote part of Indonesia's Banda Sea, 120 miles away from its nearest land mass, lies the still active volcano Gunung Api or "Fire Mountain". Below its lava-encrusted shoreline the volcano is famous for its high population of chinese sea snakes. These volcanic islands offer dramatic topographies with sheer walls covered with

vibrant soft corals and huge barrel sponges. This oasis of life attracts large pelagic such as dogtooth tunas, rainbow runners and sometimes scalloped hammerhead sharks or even silvertip sharks cruising the deep waters.

## Nyata and Terbang Islands

Further to the east of Wetar, the islands of Pulau Nyata and Terbang offer unspoiled reefs for a great diving experience.

At Nyata, rainbow colored soft corals and a myriad of hard corals dominate the landscape, whilst at Terbang we find dramatic walls with soft corals reef top gardens and plenty of bumphead parrotfish and schooling reef fish.

## Nil Desperandum & Serua

Upwelling and currents around these islands bring nutrient rich waters and with them an abundance of marine life. We see many larger fish species in these little visited waters. Hammerhead sharks, tunas, napoleon wrasse and groupers are amongst the most common sightings. Schooling surgeonfish, bannerfish and barracuda give divers a spectacular display.

## Dai & Dawera

On our way to Saumlaki, these islands have lots to offer from pristine shallow hard corals gardens, deep walls to rocky slopes covered with massive sponges. The seamounts are swarming with curtains of pyramid butterflyfishes and the friendliest longfin batfishes we have ever encountered.

Spiny lobsters hide in the numerous cracks and overhangs in Dai, while shoals of snappers, unicorn fishes and rivers of fusiliers inhabit the pristine reefs.

Should you have any questions or queries concerning the dive sites or whether this itinerary is suitable for your experience level, please contact our reservations team [dive@masterliveboards.com](mailto:dive@masterliveboards.com) who will be pleased to assist and advise you.