

# The Southern Forgotten Islands, Indonesia

## 12 Nights Itinerary

- **Embarkation:** Kalabahi Harbour, Alor Island at 13:00\*
- **Disembarkation:** Saumlaki Harbour, Yamdena Island at 10:00

*\*We strongly recommend making arrangements to arrive in Alor the day before embarkation and arranging a hotel for the night.* (Please refer to the [IMPORTANT domestic flight information](#) below).

A complimentary transfer will be provided to the harbour from your hotel, or the domestic airport\*\* on embarkation day, and from the harbour to the local airport, or hotel on the day of disembarkation.

Pick-up time from local hotels is usually around 12:00-12:30 and will be confirmed by the local operations team the night before embarkation.

**IMPORTANT:** There are no direct flights from Bali or Jakarta to Alor Island; both routes involve a connection in Kupang (KOE) and there is currently only one flight per day from there to Alor Island. *Domestic flights in Indonesia are often subject to delays, schedule changes and cancellations which can result in missed connections and arriving after the designated embarkation time, or day.*

In such events, if your delayed arrival is after the vessel has departed, you may be charged for the cost of arranging a speedboat transfer, or for additional fuel required for Indo Master to return to port. We therefore *advise arranging flights to arrive the day before embarkation* to allow for possible flight cancellations, delays and missed connections. We are unable to delay Indo Master's departure from port for the late arrival of individuals.

**\*\*Although we do not recommend doing so, should you decide to book flights to arrive on embarkation day, please ensure your scheduled arrival will be no later than 12:00 (midday); a Master Liveaboards representative will meet you at Alor Island Airport to assist with your luggage and transfer to the harbour.**

- Transfer from Alor Island Airport to Kalabahi Harbour takes approximately 20 minutes.
- Transfer from Saumlaki Harbour to Saumlaki Airport is approximately 10 minutes.

## Minimum dive certification and experience

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

\*Advanced Open Water courses can usually be completed on board (pre-booking required).

Guests who do not fulfil the minimum certification and experience requirements may be denied participation in some or all dives.

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

## Itinerary Details

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

**Marine Park & Port Fees:** 120 USD\* per person (to be paid on board).

**\*Marine park fees are subject to change without notice.** The applicable amount at the time of departure will be added to your onboard extras to be paid prior to disembarkation.

**Number of scheduled dives:** Up to 36

This itinerary involves some long-distance travel, some of which may include the boat motoring overnight. Whilst we attempt to ensure the number of dives we have scheduled is fulfilled, bad weather and sea conditions can hinder the yacht's ability to reach a specific location in good time.

### Included land visits

Due to the distances covered on the Southern Forgotten Islands itinerary, land visits are dependent on cruising times and logistics, as noted above. Usually, you will have the opportunity to visit Lativui Village in Alor and to go ashore on Dai Island towards the end of the itinerary.

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

**Day 1:** Embarkation is 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.

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

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

**Days 3-11:** Your Cruise Manager 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 12:** For your last full day on board, we are able to schedule 2 dives\* before the boat cruises back to the harbour, where it will remain at anchor overnight.

**Day 13:** Following breakfast on board, disembarkation is scheduled between 08:00 am and 10:00 am.

\*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.

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, sea conditions and how many other vessels are in a particular location all play a part in the Cruise Manager's decision of where the Indo Master is heading, and which sites are chosen to dive.***

Guests are welcome to suggest preferred dive sites to the Cruise Manager who will be happy to accommodate those wishes where possible, and if the schedule allows for it.

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

***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 any of the sites listed below.*** Dive sites we often 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 anemonefish. 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. We usually schedule 3 dives around Wetar and Reong 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 banded and olive [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 pelagics such as dogtooth tunas, rainbow runners and, sometimes, hammerhead sharks or even silvertip sharks can be spotted cruising the surrounding 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-coloured soft corals and a myriad of hard corals dominate the landscape, whilst at Terbang we find dramatic walls with soft coral 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. Tunas, Napoleon wrasse and groupers are amongst the most common sightings, while hammerhead sharks are also known to make an appearance from time to time. 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 coral gardens, deep walls, and 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 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.