

# The Alor Archipelago, Indonesia

## Itinerary - 10 Nights

- **Embarkation: Kalabahi Harbour, Alor at 13:00**
- **Disembarkation: Maumere, Flores at 10:00am**
- **Arrival Airport: Alor Island Airport (ARD)**
- **Departure Airport: Frans Seda Airport (Maumere) Airport (MOF)**

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 an Indo Siren representative welcomes you at the airport and arranges your transfer to the vessel. The transfer time is 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. The transfer to Maumere airport is around 40 minutes.

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

- 130 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 37

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 port 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 3-9: 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

A long distance is covered on this transit cruise, which means **there will be days with only 3 scheduled dives**. As we will navigate more than 1000 nautical miles, we will often be motoring at night during the trip.

Day 10: For your last full day on board, we are able to schedule 2 dives\* before Indo Siren cruises back to port, where she will remain at anchor overnight.

Day 11: 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.

## Tanjung Gedong, Serbete & Adonara

These islands mark the very edge of Flores.

### Tanjung Gedong

A superb check dive site encompassing a hard coral sloping reef wall and sandy areas dotted with coral bommies. The creatures we see here fall into the macro category with a variety of crustaceans, mollusks and benthic reef fish.

### Serbete Wall

A shallow reef sloping down to a wall, which drops to approximately 30m (100ft) dotted with barrel sponges and elephant ear sponges. Along the wall are many overhangs and crevices to explore. Bluefin trevally can be seen hunting and batfish casually hang about. The shallow reef shows healthy corals and abundance of smaller reef fish.

### Magic Log /Adunara Reef

Features a shallow slope with large coral heads adorned with a myriad of feather stars which open in the night time to feed, also a superb spot for critter hunting with sightings of warty frogfish, ornate ghost pipefish, cuttlefish and octopus. The majority of your dive is spent at 10m (35ft).

## Pulau Lembata

Pulau Lembata is nestled midway between eastern Flores and Alor. The bay on the west coast of this island is home to great critter dive sites.

### Sizzler

This is a sandy slope, superb for a couple of critter dives and has proven to be a great day dive, as well as a wonderful night dive. We can expect the whole lot, from different species of frogfish to ornate ghost pipefish and gorgeous fingered dragonets.

### The Jetty

Currents sweep across the big ferry jetty and bring in lots of nutrients for the underwater life. The slope and underwater structures under the jetty create a good habitat for lots of different kinds of nudibranchs, giant frogfish, ribbon eels and spiny devil fish. It's another one of these dives that you just don't want to end.

### Rhino City

This dive site has a very gentle sloping sandy bottom filled with small soft corals. We will try to dive this site with slack tide, because currents can be quite challenging for this critter dive. Expect to find cuttlefish, strapweed filefish, pipefish, and for the lucky ones the illustrious rhinopia.

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.