

# The Alor Archipelago, Indonesia

## 10 Nights Itinerary

Please check your booking details for confirmation of the embarkation and disembarkation points for your itinerary dates.

- **Embarkation:** Kalabahi Harbour, Alor at 13:00\*
  - **Disembarkation:** Maumere, Flores at 10:00
- or
- **Embarkation:** Maumere Harbour, Flores at 13:00\*
  - **Disembarkation:** Kalabahi Harbour, Alor at 10:00

Please refer to your booking confirmation details or schedules on our website for specific departure date embarkation and disembarkation locations.

### Flights and Transfers

Domestic flights to and from embarkation/disembarkation locations are not included in the liveboard price.

### Domestic Airports

- **Alor** - Alor Island Airport, also known as Mali Airport (ARD)
- **Flores** - Frans Seda Airport (Maumere) Airport (MOF)

Transfers between local hotels (or the domestic airport) and the harbour are provided free of charge on the day of embarkation and disembarkation only.

***We strongly recommend making arrangements to arrive at your itinerary's start location the day before embarkation and arranging a hotel for the night.*** (Please take note of the [domestic flight information](#) below).

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.

- Minibus transfer between Alor Airport and Kalabahi Harbour is approximately 20 minutes.
- Transfer between Maumere Airport and Maumere Harbour is approximately 40 minutes.

Check-in time for domestic flights in Indonesia is usually 2 hours before departure. Please bear this and transfer times in mind when booking disembarkation day flights.

## International Arrival & Departure

We suggest booking your international flights to Bali International Airport (DPS)\* for the easiest domestic connections to/from Alor and Maumere, although there are also connections from Jakarta. We also suggest spending at least one day in Bali (or Jakarta) on either side of your domestic flights and liveboard dates to ensure you are on time for your flight connections and to allow for any possible changes to flight schedules.

\*Please be aware that all travellers arriving in Bali are required to pay the Bali Tourism Levy. Additional information can be found here: [https://lovebali.baliprov.go.id/gov\\_notice](https://lovebali.baliprov.go.id/gov_notice)

Our reservations team can help to arrange hotel accommodations, airport transfers and domestic flight connections between your international arrival and departure and the liveboard embarkation and disembarkation points.

## Domestic flights

At the time of writing, there are no direct flights between Bali or Jakarta and Maumere or Alor. Additionally, there is only one flight per day between Maumere or Alor and each of the possible stopover locations.

**IMPORTANT:** As domestic flight schedule changes, delays and cancellations are common occurrences in Indonesia and can result in missed connections, we strongly recommend making allowances for this when arranging domestic flights.

Although we do not recommend doing so, should you decide to book flights to arrive on embarkation day, please ensure that your scheduled arrival time is no later than 12:00 (noon).

### To/from Alor Island (ARD)

All flights between Bali or Jakarta and Alor involve a *connection in Kupang (KOE)* and there is *only one flight per day between Kupang and Alor*.

- From Bali, an overnight stop is required in Kupang
- From Jakarta, connection time in Kupang is usually 2 hours

### To/from Maumere (MOF)

All Maumere flight options from/to Bali or Jakarta involve a stopover in either Labuan Bajo (LBJ), Kupang (KOE) or Makassar (UPG).

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- *There is only one flight to Maumere from each of the stopover locations.*
- Routes via Labuan Bajo to Maumere require an overnight layover in Labuan Bajo.
- The **flight from Kupang to Maumere arrives too late for embarkation** and should only be considered if you will be arriving the day before embarkation.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are unable to delay the liveboard departure for individual late arrivals as this disrupts other guests and impacts the itinerary schedule and diving possibilities.

*Guests arriving after the boat has departed may be charged for the cost of arranging a speedboat transfer from the harbour to the liveboard, or for the extra fuel required for Indo Master to return to port to pick them up.*

## Diving Information

Some of the diving on this itinerary is not suitable for inexperienced divers due to depths and strong currents.

*It is mandatory for all divers to have diving-specific insurance (e.g. DiveAssure, DAN, etc.) which covers all scuba diving activities, emergency evacuation and recompression chamber costs. Diving insurance will only cover accidents within the depth limit dictated by your certification level so you are required to remain well within those at all times.*

### Minimum dive certification and experience

Divers joining an Alor Archipelago itinerary are required to have **PADI Advanced Open Water**, or equivalent certification and at least **50 logged dives**. It is also strongly recommended that divers have *previous experience and are comfortable diving in currents*.

*Guests who do not fulfil the minimum certification and experience requirements, or who our crew feel have insufficient skills for certain conditions may be denied participation in some or all dives.*

***The use of a dive computer is mandatory on all dives.***

### Diving Emergencies

In the event of a diving accident or suspected DCI incident, depending on the boat's location, transfer from Indo Master to a hospital or recompression chamber is likely to require a private speedboat, emergency air evacuation or both. The nearest recompression chamber to Alor and Maumere is in Labuan Bajo (Komodo) although it may not be available. Others are located in Manado (Sulawesi), Bali, Makassar and Jakarta.

*It is your responsibility to ensure that your insurance will fully cover and reimburse all evacuation costs as well as recompression chamber and hospital treatment.*

### Water Temperature and Exposure Suits

Roughly 60% of the diving on this itinerary is in the **Flores Sea** where water temperatures are consistently **between 26°C and 28°C (79° to 82°F)**. The rest of the time is spent diving in the **Savu Sea** which is significantly cooler, generally ranging from **23-26°C (73-79°F)** although thermoclines and upwelling events which bring Mola Molas, Thresher sharks and cetaceans, can cause temperatures to **drop down to 20-21°C (68-70°F)**.

For most divers, a 3mm wetsuit will suffice for the warmer temperatures in the Flores Sea although we suggest the addition of a hooded vest, rashguard or skinsuit if you are sensitive to cold. For the dives in cooler water, and those prone to feeling cold after multiple dives, we suggest bringing additional thermal layers and a 5mm-7mm wetsuit.

## Itinerary Details

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).

**Marine Park & Port Fees:** 130 USD\* per person (to be paid on board).

*\*Marine park and port 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 before disembarkation.

**Number of scheduled dives:** Up to 34

This itinerary involves some long-distance travel and, while we endeavour to ensure the number of scheduled dives is fulfilled, this is indicative only and not guaranteed. Bad weather, sea conditions and other factors can hinder the vessel's ability to reach or remain at specific locations and may impact the number of dives possible.

### Included land visits

Due to the distances covered on the Alor Archipelago itinerary, land visits depend on cruising times and logistics, as noted above. You will have the opportunity to visit Lativui Village in Alor to watch a traditional dance; If time and logistics permit, a second land visit may be offered along the itinerary route, although this is not guaranteed.

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

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

**Day 1:** Embarkation is followed by introductions and boat and safety briefings. After this, you can assemble your equipment, settle into your cabin and relax before dinner. There is no diving on this day.

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

**Days 3-9:** Your Cruise Manager will schedule up to 4 dives per day; 3 day dives and, when and where possible, either a sunset or a night dive, typically 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

*\*due to the distances covered there may be some days with only 3 scheduled dives.*

**Day 10:** We schedule 2 morning dives\* before Indo Master cruises to port, where she will remain at anchor overnight.

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

**Day 11:** Breakfast on board followed by disembarkation between 08:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Following is a sample of some of the dive sites we may visit during your time aboard Indo Master. While we wish to show you the best diving possible, various factors determine the route taken and which sites we dive. *Weather, tides, currents and sea conditions all play a part in the Cruise Manager's decision of where the Indo Master is heading and which sites are chosen to dive.*

The safety of our guests is paramount and we always do our best to offer diving at alternative locations, should we be unable to visit any of the sites listed below, for any reason.

## Pantar Strait

The Pantar Strait is equally known for critter diving and stunning reef walls where larger pelagic species can often be spotted. Strong currents are to be expected but these bring the nutrients which feed the reef and the inhabitants of the strait. There are a variety of dive sites and we chose the optimum sites based on the conditions. The water is often colder than other areas 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.

## Clown Valley

Hundreds of anemones hosting the Clark's anemonefish cover the shallow reef slope on the south side of Pulau Pura. 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, molluscs 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 an abundance of smaller reef fish.

### Magic Log /Adonara Reef

Features a shallow slope with large coral heads adorned with a myriad of feather stars which open at night 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 devilfish. 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 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.