

Wakatobi & Buton, Indonesia

Indo Master - 7 Nights Itinerary

Kendari to Bau Bau

- Embarkation: Kendari Harbour, Central Sulawesi at 13:00
- Disembarkation: Bau Bau Harbour, Central Sulawesi at 10:00

For embarkation in Kendari, we strongly recommend arriving the day before and arranging a hotel for the night. (see [domestic flight information](#))

Flights & Transfers

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

Domestic Airport

- Kendari: Haluoleo Airport, Kendari (KDI)
- Bau Bau: Betoambari Airport, Bau Bau (BUW)

Transfers between the domestic arrival and departure airports or local hotels and the harbour are provided free of charge on the day of embarkation and disembarkation only.

- Transfer between Kendari airport and the Harbour takes approximately 1 hour.
- Transfer between Bau Bau harbour to the airport takes approximately 25 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.

We strongly recommend arriving the day before and arranging a hotel for the night. (see [domestic flight information](#))

International Arrival & Departure

We suggest booking your international flights into and out of Jakarta International Airport (CGK) for the easiest domestic connections to Kendari & from Bau Bau. We advise spending at

least one day in Jakarta on either side of your liveboard dates to allow for possible changes to flight schedules and to ensure you are on time for your connections.

The Master Liveboards reservations team can help to arrange hotel accommodations and domestic flight connections between your international arrival and departure and [Indo Master](#)'s embarkation and disembarkation locations.

Domestic Flights

IMPORTANT: *Domestic flights in Indonesia are often subject to delays, schedule changes and cancellations, resulting in missed connections and arriving after the designated embarkation time or day.*

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. With this in mind, we recommend booking flights to arrive the day before embarkation.

Kendari flights

There are several direct flights per day operating between Jakarta and Kendari.

Flights from Bali involve a connection either in Surabaya or Makassar.

Bau Bau flights

There are no direct flights from Jakarta or Bali. Both options involve a connection in Makassar.

Diving Information

All divers are required 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.

The use of a dive computer, a 6-minute safety stop and an ascent rate of no more than 9 metres (30 ft) per minute are mandatory on all dives.

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

Mandatory Minimum dive certification and experience:

Divers joining this itinerary must have **PADI Advanced Open Water certification**, or equivalent, with a **minimum of 30 logged dives**. It is also strongly recommended that divers have previous *experience and are comfortable diving in currents*.

Guests who do not fulfil the mandatory requirements, or who the crew feel have insufficient experience in certain conditions, may be denied participation in some or all dives during the liveboard.

Diving Emergencies

The nearest permanently manned recompression chamber is in Manado; others are located in Bali, Makassar and Jakarta. In the event of a suspected DCI incident, depending on the boat's location, transfer from Indo Master to whichever chamber is available is likely to require a private speedboat, emergency air evacuation or both.

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 Temperatures & Exposure Suits

Wakatobi and Buton are located in the Banda Sea, where water temperatures are consistently between 28°C and 30°C (82°F - 86°F).

Most divers find a 3mm wetsuit is sufficient, while others are comfortable diving in swimwear and a hooded vest or rashguard. However, those prone to feeling cold after prolonged or multiple dives may prefer a 5mm wetsuit or to use additional thermal layers.

Itinerary Details

Participation in this liveaboard itinerary is subject to acceptance of our Terms & Conditions as outlined here: www.masterliveboards.com/terms-conditions.

Marine Park & Port Fees: 150 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 before disembarkation.

Marine park and port fees for this itinerary cover local fees and taxes for the areas visited during the liveaboard itinerary.

Number of scheduled dives: *Up to 24*

This itinerary involves some long-distance travel, and while we will aim to fulfil the number of scheduled dives, this is the maximum that is usually possible, but is not guaranteed. Bad weather and sea conditions can hinder the boat's ability to reach or remain at a specific area and may impact how many dives we are able to offer.

Included land tours

Land visits depend on cruising times and logistics, as noted above. Generally, there will be one visit in a local village

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, boat and safety briefings, and dinner. The vessel will usually leave port in the evening to be ready to dive first thing on day 2.

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

Days 3-9: Your Cruise Director will plan up to 4 dives per day; 3 day dives and either a sunset or a night dive, typically scheduled as follows:

- Light Breakfast followed by a briefing and dive 1
- Full Breakfast and relaxation
- Briefing and dive 2
- Lunch and relaxation period
- Briefing and dive 3
- Snacks and relaxation
- Briefing for Sunset or Night dive (where possible)
- Dinner

Day 10: For your last full day on board, we usually schedule 2 morning dives* before the boat cruises to port, where it will remain at anchor overnight.

Day 11: Breakfast on board, followed by disembarkation between 6:00 and 10:00.

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

The following is a sample of dive sites we may visit as Indo Master cruises through Wakatobi National Park and around Buton. *Weather, tides, currents, and sea conditions are just some of the considerations that play a part in the Cruise Director's decision of which sites are chosen to dive.*

Disclaimer: This information is intended as a general overview of the key areas this itinerary covers and some of the dive sites at each location. *The inclusion of specifically named dive sites is not guaranteed*, and the amount of time spent in each area will be determined by the factors noted above. Additionally, there may be dives at sites that are not listed below.

The safety and comfort of our guests are paramount, and we always do our best to offer diving at alternative locations should we be unable to visit or remain at any of the locations listed below.

Tomia Island

The reefs around Tomia are known for their excellent coral condition, with expansive gardens giving way to steeper walls and ridges covered in hard corals, soft corals and large sea fans. Fish life is plentiful, with turtles often encountered along the reef and schooling fusiliers and snappers gathering where currents brush the outer slopes. The varied reef structure also provides plenty of hiding places for smaller critters among the coral.

Roma

Roma is a submerged coral pinnacle rising from deep water to a shallow reef top. The slopes are typically alive with fusiliers, snappers and surgeonfish, while the reef itself supports dense coral growth with large table corals and scattered anemone fields. Careful searching often reveals ribbon eels, scorpionfish and other well-camouflaged reef inhabitants tucked among the coral formations.

Mari Mabuk

Mari Mabuk is formed by a long ridge descending gradually into deeper water, decorated with large sea fans and colourful soft corals. A saddle along the ridge can hold interesting smaller life, while currents along the outer edges tend to attract schooling reef fish and hunting trevallies.

Ali Reef

Ali Reef is an exposed underwater mountain linked to a neighbouring reef system. The slopes are dotted with large gorgonian sea fans and table corals, with shaded ledges supporting clusters of tubastrea. Schools of jacks are often seen circling the reef, and the exposed position occasionally brings passing pelagic fish into view.

Table Coral City

This site features an impressive concentration of layered table corals forming broad terraces across the reef. Fusiliers and other schooling fish gather above the coral formations, while careful observation among the plates may reveal frogfish, octopus and other well-camouflaged reef residents.

The Zoo

True to its name, this reef is known for the sheer variety of marine life found across the site. Healthy coral growth supports large numbers of reef fish and invertebrates, making it an enjoyable dive for relaxed exploration and for photographers searching for subjects at multiple depths.

Fan 38

Fan 38 is known for its dramatic reef scenery and large gorgonian sea fans. A shallow coral plateau leads to walls, ridges and small channels where current-facing sections support impressive fans surrounded by clouds of anthias and glassfish. The reef structure includes small swim-throughs and overhangs where patient searching may reveal pygmy seahorses and other small reef inhabitants.

Fan Garden

Fan Garden features slopes and reef edges lined with impressive gorgonian sea fans. Schools of reef fish are commonly seen in the water column, while the shallower sections offer long dives over colourful coral gardens. Humphead parrotfish are occasionally encountered cruising along the reef.

Magnifica Reef

Magnifica Reef offers attractive reef scenery with vibrant soft corals and well-developed coral structures. Anthias, fusiliers and other reef fish bring constant movement to the reef, and the generally good visibility makes this a rewarding location for wide-angle photography.

Wangi-Wangi Islands

The reefs around Wangi-Wangi present a variety of underwater landscapes, from shallow coral gardens and sloping reefs to steeper walls and pinnacles dropping into deep water. Healthy coral growth supports abundant reef fish and turtles, while current-exposed sections may attract schooling species and the occasional reef shark. Sandy patches between reef areas can also reveal rays and smaller bottom-dwelling creatures.

Gunung Waha

Gunung Waha is a pinnacle rising from deep water with a shallow summit around 6–10 metres. The reef top is covered in hard corals, sponges and soft corals before the slopes drop away into deeper water decorated with sea fans and whip corals. Its exposed position often attracts schooling fusiliers, jacks and hunting trevallies.

Waha Top

This dive begins across a gently sloping coral garden before the reef drops into a wall with ledges and small overhangs. Whitetip reef sharks are sometimes found resting beneath these ledges, while the reef top supports dense coral growth and abundant reef fish. On the sheltered side of the reef, sandy areas are home to garden eels and occasional stingrays.

Buton Area

Buton & Pasarwajo

The reefs around Buton and Pasarwajo offer varied diving with sloping reefs, coral bommies, sandy bays and sheltered walls. Healthy coral growth supports a wide diversity of marine life including reef fish, turtles and rays, while sandy sections often reveal nudibranchs, crustaceans and other smaller macro species.

Batutura Escape

Batutura Escape features attractive reef structure with ledges and overhangs that shelter schools of red-tooth triggerfish and groups of jacks. Whitetip reef sharks are occasionally seen resting along the reef, and the exposed position can bring passing pelagic species close to the reef.

Cheeky Beach

Cheeky Beach is a black sand muck dive where patient searching can reveal a variety of unusual critters. Seahorses, ghost pipefish and Coleman shrimp are among the species reported here, while flying gurnards and other well-camouflaged animals may also be found moving across the sandy seabed.

Gua Loba-Loba

Gua Loba-Loba features an interesting limestone reef formation with small caverns, swim-throughs and overhangs carved naturally into the reef. The dive typically begins along a

gentle coral slope before reaching a wall dotted with openings where sunlight can create striking underwater light effects.

Siompu

The reefs around Siompu remain relatively little visited and feature healthy coral slopes leading to scenic walls covered in hard corals, sea fans and sponges. Good visibility and vibrant reef life are typical, and reef sharks are encountered here more frequently than at many nearby sites.

Should you have any questions about the diving on this itinerary, or whether it is suitable for your experience level, please contact our team at dive@masterliveboards.com