



Destination: Alor

Ports of embarkation/disembarkation: Maumere and/or Labuanbajo or Saumlaki (**see trip schedule for details**)

Please note: this is a sample itinerary. Itineraries may change without further notice due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances.

Alor can be dived on Coralia as part of an extended tour either to the Forgotten Islands or combined with Komodo.

Maumere is on the island of Flores and is the departure or arrival point of any cruise that visits Alor. The islands of Alor and Pantar are part of the Alor regency. You will also dive next to the island of Kawula and Adonara which are both west of Alor.

Pulau Raja, close to Maumere is a beautiful island with a fantastic fringing reef. This island is the perfect stopover on the way from Komodo to Alor. Pulau Babi is also close to Maumere and this will usually be where the last two dives of a trip finishing at Maumere will be. Here the walls are decorated with huge gorgonian sea fans and pygmy seahorses make these their home. Nudibranchs, moray eels, lionfish and a myriad of reef fish live at Babi. The topography at one dive site is fascinating, with a huge crack seemingly splitting one side of the island in two.

Bacatan is on the island of Kawula. At the entrance to this big bay is a dive site called Bacatan Ledges. A drift dive will take you past a wall full of sea fans and sponges with a chance to see schooling jacks and pelagics such as eagle rays, tunas and sharks. Inside the bay is the sea mount of Takat Prau and the reef and sand of Padang Pasir. Takat Prau has a small wooden fishing boat on one side of the pinnacle and in the shallows, are resident leaf fish. During the day, the reef at Padang Pasir holds delights such as pyjama cardinal fish, juvenile barramundi cod and stonefish, and at night star gazers, crocodile flatfish and demon stingers emerge from the sand.

The Pantar Strait is formed between the islands of Alor and Pantar. Here is the island of Pura, right in the middle of the channel. Anemone City is one of the highlights of this area, the reef is entirely covered in anemones, a rare phenomenon. Yan Village is where you will be greeted by ladies selling ikats, the traditional weaving of this area. There is a dive site on the point of the bay which holds the village. Here you can see the traditional fishing cages used by the local people in Alor. The small is colourful with sponges and on the top in the shallows is a very healthy hard coral reef. The children on Pura make goggles out of wood and bottle tops and they love to greet divers on the surface and underwater. On the sandy slope, down from the village there is a good chance to see frogfish, ghost pipefish, a great variety of nudibranchs and perhaps a Rhinopias.

Alor is home to the holy grail of fish, Rhinopias. Something about the conditions here make this area one of the top places in the world to see this rare fish. There are several dive sites where there is a good chance to find them. Kalabahi Bay is one such place. This bay is where you will experience the fantastic muck diving of Alor. Alongside Rhinopias we will look for all types of octopus, frogfish, ghost pipefish, squid, cuttlefish, weird and wonderful shrimps and nudibranchs galore! Mucky Mosque, Rocky Church and Pertamina Jetty are the dive sites inside Kalabahi.



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Alor is home to an ancient tribe called the Abui. During any cruise to Alor, Coralia will visit a traditional village to watch and take part in dances and ceremonies of these friendly people. An absolute highlight of any tour to Alor.

Waiwowan is on the island of Adonara. This is a full day of muck diving where we will again look for Rhinopias. Rare shrimp, mimic octopus, candy crabs, cuttlefish, leaf fish, frogfish, ghost pipefish have all been spotted here. There is also a chance to dive at a jetty here. Giant frogfish seem to favour this spot, along with schools of catfish.

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