



East Flores & Alor

(9 night trips | September/October & March/April)

This itinerary is not for beginners. Most dives will involve going to depth and currents can be strong. We recommend you have 50 logged dives to join this trip and require that you are Deep Diver/Advanced Open Water or equivalent. Currents can vary from medium to extremely strong in both Flores and the Banda Sea. Inexperienced divers may find some dives challenging and may be asked by the Cruise Director to skip dives that are not suitable for their diving experience.

All diving is made from zodiacs to give precise entry and exit points.

Port of Embarkation: Maumere, Flores **Port of Disembarkation:** Kalabahi, Alor

Further East of the famous Komodo National park lays the island group also known as "East Nusa Tenggara". Located in the warm tropical waters of The Flores Sea, this huge island chain is the mountainous result of volcanic activity, which makes for stunning scenery both above and below the water.

Our East Flores and Alor itinerary is a leisurely 180 nautical mile exploration of this wonderful region well off the beaten track and away from the crowds. There are plenty of opportunities to find those rare critters like frogfish, mimic octopus, fire sea urchin and even rare rhinopias in the hundreds of bays and coves that are featured in the island chain. Dolphins and whales are often encountered as this area is also part of the migration routes between the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

If you don't mind the water being a bit "frisky" from time to time, this itinerary is beautiful and, sometimes quite extraordinary.

This cruise may, depending on the route chosen, but not limited to, include the following highlights:

- Cruising the North Coast of Flores.
- Diving the Straits of Alor.
- Famous muck diving in Kalabahi Bay.
- Dive sites such as Clown Valley, the Boardroom and Babylon
- Land visits to traditional markets and villages.

Please note: In parts of Alor Strait water temperature can drop dramatically to around 20 degrees Celsius. It is highly recommended to bring a 5mm wetsuit and/or hooded vest.

Liveboard Trips - What's included and what's not

- **Prices** are per person sharing a twin/double cabin.
- **Included:** Shared cabin, 3 meals a day; afternoon snacks; 1 cocktail party on a local island (weather allowing); unlimited drinking water, tea, coffee, guide, 12 litre air tanks, weights, Nitrox. Return airport transfer.
- **Not included:** Flights, diving equipment, 15 litre tanks, alcohol, soft drinks, juices.
- **Liveboard Dive Courses:** Pre-book and pay in advance for courses and extras onboard any of our Indonesian liveboards.