



KM Blue Manta

11 day/ 10 nights & 30 dives

Maumere-Forgotten Island-Saumlaki Itinerary

Blue Manta Trip Schedule

- **Departure; 3pm, 1st Day - Maumere, Flores.** Or earlier if everyone arrives before and all Trip Preparations completed. Free transfer from local hotel or [Frans Seda Airport](#), Maumere to Blue Manta on Trip Departure day.
- **Return; 5am, Last Day - Saumlaki.** After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to local hotel or [Olilit Airport](#), Saumlaki in time for Check-in & flight (transfer time 20 mins). **Note;** latest BM Check-out midday, Trip Return day.
- **Last dive ends; 12pm, Penultimate Day,** then sail back to Saumlaki where we spend last evening onboard. If you have booked an early flight, then you may have to skip 1 or 2 dives to allow for your minimum 18 hours' surface interval/ No Fly Time (as recommended by PADI) before flying next day.

Sample Itinerary

- **Note;** all schedules are subjected to changes according to weather, sea, diving, & local conditions.
- **Day 1.** (0-2 dives) 3pm. Our staff will meet you at Frans Seda Airport and take you to the awaiting Blue Manta. Arrivals before midday are best so we can make check dive(s) in Maumere; Pulau Babi or Pulau Besar before we get underway by 3pm for overnight sail.
- **Day 2.** (3 dives) Pulau Lembata area, Smoldering Volcanoes reaching down into crystal clear waters fringed with pristine coral reefs.
- **Day 3.** (3 dives) Alor; diving around the best sites; Karl's Dream and Critters diving. Beautiful reefs in (sometimes cold!) clear blue waters, great macro and fish life. Sail to Palau Wetar.
- **Day 4.** (3 dives) Wetar; excellent wall, pelagic life and fantastic drop off, before overnight sail.
- **Day 5-7.** (3 dives x3 days) Ring of Fire; diving around Volcanic Islands and stunning seamounts in search of hammerheads, encounter sea snakes, huge schools of fish, reef sharks, tunas, & more.
- **Day 8-9.** (3 dives x2 days) Forgotten Islands; Dai & Dawera. Pristine corals, pinnacles, & walls.
- **Day 10.** (2 dives) Dawera Island; easy shallow dives full of life for a great happy ending. Sail back to Saumlaki where you spend last night on board. Plenty of time to wash & dry equipment, rest & relaxation, and if need be, an early flight on Trip Departure day.
- **Day 11.** (0 dives) 5am-12pm. Check out after light breakfast & farewells, we transfer to local hotel or airport. Take your pre-booked flight to Ambon, then onto Bali or Jakarta via Ujung Pandang
- **Diving days:** 10 days (30 dives)
- **Note:** 3 dives are scheduled per diving day*. This is due to deeper dives and long distances covered between islands. Where possible a bonus night dive may be scheduled at the discretion of the Cruise Leader. *Except Trip Departure day & Trip Return day.

We begin our journey discovering pristine coral reefs around Alor & Lembata where fantastic macro life, stunning coral reefs and schooling fish provide amazing diving far from the crowds, you may even have the chance to spot pilot Whales or Dolphins during surface intervals. Heading towards the infamous Ring of fire, let our experienced crew show you these remote and almost untouched locations with wonderful reefs and stunning drop offs. Marine life here is in abundance from macro critters, sea snakes and

schooling fish to the 'big fish' favorites such as manta rays, reef sharks and even the chance to encounter Scalloped Hammerheads

Dive Site Information

Maumere-Banda-Saumlaki

- **Water Temp**; 26-28 degrees Celsius, however deep-water upwelling's & thermoclines especially in Sept-Nov can mean temps as low as 25C. **Air Temp**; 22-31 degrees Celsius
- **Alor Water Temp**; **22-26 degrees**, it can be cold in the waters around Lembetta & Alor and we do recommend you bring extra exposure suit for this section of the cruise.
- **Visibility**; 20-30 meters, **Currents**; mild to strong, **Level**; intermediate to advanced.
- **Best Time to Dive**; March, April, & mid-September to early December

Embarkation / Disembarkation

- Maumere (MOF), Flores / Saumlaki (S XK)

How to get to Maumere (MOF), Flores

- Daily flights with [Lion Wings](#) & between [Garuda Indonesia](#) & [Sriwijaya Air \(Nam Air\)](#) cover all days from Bali to Maumere (flight time around 2 hours).

How to get from Saumlaki (S XK)

- [Lion Wings](#) and [Garuda Indonesia](#) flights from Saumlaki to Ambon (flight time 1.5 hours). Can connect with Jakarta same day with Garuda Indonesia. If you wish to go to Bali, then via Ujung Pandang next day with Lion Air or via Jakarta/ Bali same day with Garuda Indonesia or Lion Air.

What's included?

- Land transfer from local hotel / airport from destination on trip start & end days (Maumere/ Saumlaki) to boat, all nights' accommodation on Blue Manta, all meals (Western & Indonesian) snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, Milo, soft drinks, towel, toiletries, cabin services, FOC replacement if equipment breakdown, 12-liter air tanks, weights & belt, warm towel & drink after every dive, 5 dive guides (1x Instructor, 4x Dive Master), 30 dives

What's excluded?

- All flights, hotels, pickups outside trip start & end dates fee applies per car, Marine Park & Harbour fee (**USD250/ pax**), dive & travel insurance, massage services (USD35/ hour), laundry services (USD5/ basket), Nespresso coffee (USD2), alcohol; beer (USD4), wine (USD30-50), Satellite Wi-Fi (USD30 for trip per person)
- Diving Gear; Full Set USD50/ diving day (except Large tank) or if individual items then; BCD (USD12), Regulator (USD12), wetsuit (USD8), fins (USD5), mask (USD5), torch (USD12), dive computer (USD12), 15L tank rental (USD12)
- Nitrox Enriched Air fills (USD15/ diving day or USD5/ fill).
- **Note**: Nitrox & Diving Gear Items priced per diving day and is subject to availability
- **Note**: Exposure suits; 3mm shorty wetsuits available ONLY.

Additional Trip Information

- For more Trip & Travel information plus FAQ's please see our [Banda Sea Fact Sheet](#)
- For more Information on KM Blue Manta please see our [Blue Manta Info Pack](#)
- **Note**; late receipt of Passport details may very likely lead to delayed departure & significant changes to the itinerary. We **MUST** receive guest's details well in advance in the trip.