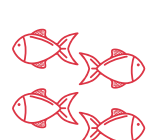




Discover Forgotten Island

Overview



Marine Life

Bumphead parrotfish, Big-eye and Giant trevallies, mackerel, barracuda.



Dive Info

Advanced AND minimum 75 logged dives.



Reefs

Reefs, coral bommies, drop-offs.



Scenery & Beach

Last frontier! No connection to the rest of the world for several days.



Currents

Strong daily tidal flows with nutrient-rich upwellings.



Water Temperature

26°C to 30°C

This is quite a special trip that visits very **remote places where** not many people have dived. Also, very interesting seeing to different worlds just **divided by islands**. We will start in **Maumere Bay**, we will visit some islands like Pulau Babi, that suffer and devastating earthquake on December 1992, originating a Tsunami and creating a crack on the island that can be seen underwater.

The scenery above water is also **spectacular** as we can see **3 volcanos** from our anchor place. In the **north Flores Sea**, we can find **beautiful coral walls** with overhangs and crevices, where you can find the **tiniest pygmy seahorse to white tip reef sharks sleeping** in the corals.

Weather depending, we could visit the south of **Pantar Island as Pulau Lembata** that has to offer a very different landscaping. In the **South Savu Sea** has currents with different **nutrients** and a colder water temperature give life to another dimension. Bays full of exceptional **world-class macro** and isolated rocks out at sea make this especial diving were the critters seems from another planet.

In **Alor**, we find yet again great diversity, from vertical **coral walls to sloping gardens** covered in **anemones** for miles on end. We can dive an **active volcano** where you can see **hot air bubbles** coming from the rocks. Because we are in the **Pantar Strait** that brings lots of nutrients, we can also expect to see some **dolphins** or even **whales** welcoming us into the bay. With a bit of luck, the coolers currents bring us the **Mola Mola** or even **Thresher shark**.

We can **visit a village** that still lives the **traditional** ways and they will invite us for a traditional **ceremony** with **dance performance**. Near our anchoring in **Pura Island** we get the village kids with their **wooden crafted goggles**, showing off their free diving skills. Almost always locals approach the boat with their finest handcrafted "Ikat" Fabrics made by a traditional technique in which they wrap threads and tie-dyed before weaving.

Kalabahi Bay in West Alor has **world-class muck diving** in the bay, many different **ghost pipefish** hide in the mucky bottom, many nudi's and all families of scorpion fish even the **elusive rhy-nopia** commonly spotted here.

Wetar island has spectacular drop offs, walls covered in **black coral** bushes with **massive barrel sponges**.

Gunung Api is an **active volcano**, but is most famous for its population of **sea snakes and seabirds**. The birds will come and greet you far before you reach the island. From the moment you jump in you are surrounded by sea snakes.

They are very friendly and will leave you alone to enjoy the **dramatic lava** formations in this unique underwater location. **Huge barrel sponges, sea wipes, sea fans, hard and soft corals**. We have been very lucky to spot **hammerheads** here.

In Damar, Terbang Selatan and Terbang Utara **deserted islands** with steep walls and the most **pristine coral garden** on top of the reef.

Nil Desperandum is an **underwater seamount** rising from the depths to about 3 meters below the surface right in the middle of **Banda Sea**. Besides the **unspoiled coral encounters** with the bigger **pelagic tuna, rainbow runners, spanish mackerel**. **Serua** Island from September to November is known as **migrations** areas for **Hammerheads** sharks.

On **Dawera Island** we can visit a small but very **self-sustainable village**. They have solar power panels and a generator. There is a school and a doctor's office and is full of overly friendly people to welcome you and show you around the village where the streets even have names. They have a good understanding of self-sustainability and therefore are very protective and regulate their fish population. They have shown us 2 amazing underwater pinnacles booming with fish life.

If you have time to spend in **Saumlaki** on Tanimbar island, we recommend you to go visit the **woodcarvers**.

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