



Eco Dive Resort,
Alor Archipelago, Indonesia

Alor Archipelago

Located between Flores and Sawoe Sea, Alor archipelago is one of Indonesia's last frontiers. Alor and Pantar are the main Islands and the strait between the two is a world class dive attraction.

A long time considerate too remote because of lack of infrastructure, Alor and its capital Kalabahi is now days easier to access. The latest development of Indonesian airlines makes this paradise just a little step further than big destination like Bali or Java. In Alor regency, the local government carefully plan and develop the ecotourism as a part of a conservation strategy. Aware of the potential of the Alor marine park, it works closely with local communities, encouraging sustainable fishing techniques to keep Pantar strait an authentic underwater paradise.

Diving

Alor Divers is situated on Pantar Island in north part of Pantar strait, all the dive sites are within 1 to 7 nautical miles (5 to 35 min speed boat).

Because of the large Pura Island in the middle of this narrow strait, the current can be quite strong at certain sites. Nevertheless, safety is our major concern and the dive locations are chosen according to the tide table in order get appropriate conditions.

Alor is a place for incredible surprises! Here nothing is "guaranty", but Mola Mola (Sunfish), Thresher shark, Hammerhead shark, whale, Marlin have been seen many times. Napoleons, giant Trevally, reef shark, turtles, Barracudas, Eagle rays, giant Grouper, huge dogtooth Tuna and more are usual encounter.



DIVE SITE MAP

And that's not all... These preserved reefs have a lot more to offer - from intact coral slopes and walls to scenic rock formation, Alor will enchant everyone. The growth is exuberant, with such an astonishing variety of soft and hard coral that you will "almost forget to breathe". Macro lovers will not be left out, critter diving is a highlight in Alor. The colorful slopes in Pura Island are home of the cute mandarin fish, but also frog fish, Blue Ribbon Eel, leaf fish, Harlequin ghost pipe fish, pygmy sea horse, etc... In south Pantar the water is generally colder, the reef coverage is mainly soft coral, fish life is amazing and an unbelievable variety of nudibranchs can be found. More north, the walls around Ternate offer beautiful underwater scenery, including caves and multiple overhangs; divers are often gently drifting, surrounded by schools of fusilier, sergeant and tuna.

We count now more than 20 absolutely world class dive locations and if you are keen on doing some exploratory dives, we are always excited to organize them. We like to say that for many of our guests, Alor is a concentrate of the best Asia diving.

DIVE SAFETY AND ORGANISATION

We insist on safe diving practice following computer profile and appropriate safety stops. As we do multiple dives per day we stay within the limits of decompression. These preserved coral reefs are all coming up close to the surface, thus it is a real pleasure to extend the dive time in these rich shallow waters. Every evening, the following day dive plan is made according to the guest's wishes. The dive sites are within 5 to 30 min boat ride from the resort and the house reef is open from 6.00 to 21.30 so there is more than enough possibility to satisfy any diving appetite.

The house reef is extending several hundred meters north and south of the resort. It is a drop off altering between steep slope and vertical wall, with generous growth and excellent fish life. At night, you will be surprised by the amount of incredible critters around.

The house reef dives are always planned with a gentle drift towards the resort and the boat will drop you -regarding the current direction - at the starting point. For the fanatics of very slow diving looking for critters, it is always possible to start in front of the resort and "hang around". There is always plenty to see. Solo diving is allowed on the house reef after clearance from the resort manager.

In some places and especially inside the narrow strait between Pantar and Pura

Island, the current can get quite strong. However many dive sites are protected and even the "sportive" ones can be planed according to the tide in order to get easier conditions. Our dive boat staff is trained to watch for divers at all times while they are underwater; still it is recommended to carry a safety sausage.

The dive boats are design for 8 divers plus 2 guides, so at most 4 divers per guide. These diving passionate will assist you with finding special "camouflage" and unusual marine life.

Equipment

- The regularly serviced Bauer compressors provide top quality air.
- Mares well maintained gear is available for rent. Please give us notice while booking.
- DIN fittings are NOT available, so any divers using regulators requiring this fitting are advised to bring their own adapters.
- We suggest you bring your own torch or flashlight for the night dives, although we do have few available for rent.
- The average water temperature is approximately 28 C° all year round. In south of the strait it gets often colder (24-25 C°) and is possible to encounter some up welling currents (below 20C°) during deeper part of the dives. Normally a 3 or 5 mm long wetsuit will be sufficient.

Emergency

- Oxygen and medic first aid are always on board.
- The closer recompression chamber is in Bali. Check with your insurance if they can effectively provide assistance and evacuation in case of emergency.

Fly after diving

The latest recommendations from DAN are that a minimum of twelve hours surface time is required before flying or twenty-four hours surface time in the case of multiple dives over multiple days.

Our resort

Our intimate resort is situated on a 400 m long white sandy beach on Pantar Island. To preserve the authentic atmosphere of the place, we took special care while integrating the resort in its natural surrounding. Construction was done with traditional methods, local timber and natural materials. The architecture part was made by local craftsmen and most of the work was done by local community. We were consciously planning the layout of the resort in a manner that no tree cutting was necessary. In a stretched layout, all of the bungalows as well as restaurant and dive center are seafront. To enhance friendly ambiance and personalized service, the number of guest is limited to 12. Locals from nearby village, few assistants from main town Kalabahi and Western management are the hospitable working team, all committed to give you memorable stay in our island retreat.

The climate of Alor is particularly pleasant: months from early April to late October are fairly dry and nights are often surprisingly cold, therefore acclimatization is less harsh as one might imagine. Moreover, due to lack of standing fresh water, mosquitoes are rare to encounter for most of the year.

RESTAURANT

The restaurant is a relaxing area that accommodates possibilities for some daily activities and "inactivity" if you want to relax and enjoy a drink or a book. It is a place that apart from dinning area embraces also library and computer corner as well as comfortable lounge. In a selection of books you can find some literature on marine life and choice of fiction and non fiction books. The computer is facilitated by resort and serves to download and manipulate digital photos. Three main meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) are generally served buffet or family style. Complementary tea and coffee are available at all times and in the afternoon we offer a selection of sweet or savoury snacks. On a request we can provide you with tea and coffee making facilities at your bungalow. Please take into an account that other beverages are not included on the price: we offer canned soft drinks and a choice of alcohol is currently limited to beer. If desired we can organise sampling of locally brewed palm wine.

KITCHEN & CUISINE

We receive many compliments on our selection and preparation of dishes. We offer variety of healthy meals using fresh produce from local market and fresh catch from local fishermen. We serve plenty of seasonal vegetables that accompany always differently prepared fish, sea food or other main course. The dishes are prepared with discrete amount of spices to make sure everyone can enjoy our cuisine. For the ones who like it hot, meals are always accompanied with complementary condiments or "sambal" (chilli sauce) to add more zest to the plate. Vegetable dishes include many common vegetables like pumpkin, potatoes, spinach, aubergine, cabbage, tomato, carrots, cauliflower, etc. You will also sample some more exotic type of greens and veggie like water spinach, papaya flower, banana blossom, mustard greens, long beans, bitter gourd and more. Deliciously seasoned salads and savoury soups are often found on a daily menu. For desserts and morning refreshments we offer seasonal fruits and home or locally baked cakes and cookies. Fruits in season may include several varieties of banana, mango, papaya, pineapple, watermelon, tangerine, snake fruit and others. Our food is prepared in high standard hygienic conditions and for additional safety all the raw served vegetables and fruits are properly washed with drinking water.

The meals are a well chosen combination of Asiatic and International dishes which will not leave any of the guests unsatisfied. We are usually able to accommodate special diet needs if given an adequate advance notice.

It's always appreciated when guests bring along goodies from their countries of origin...

BUNGALOW

The thatched roofed bungalows are built in the traditional Indonesian architectural style. Wooden construction enables the see breeze to bring the natural aeration and freshness indoor so there is no need for other air-conditioning. Occasionally the nights can get even surprisingly cold ...

All the bungalows are same size (36 m²) and same standard. Interior equipment and décor are designed with simplicity to enhance the pristine spirit of the place. They have an indoor sitting corner, ceiling fan, wardrobe, coffee table and large table for camera manipulation. Several 220V plugs are supplied with 24hrs

reliable electricity. The beds are double-size, all protected with removable mosquito net. Upon request it is possible to organize two twin beds for one bungalow. There is a private bathroom with western style toilet and shower (hot and cold running water). We provide you with towels and basic toiletries like soap, shampoo and toothpaste.

Spacious private terraces are all with impressive view on the sea and spectacular Pantar strait. Gentle breeze and calming sound of the sea can easily make you dream away so "be cautious not to miss your next dive" !

To assure you enjoyable staying with us we located the daily activity areas like dive center, restaurant and kitchen at the sufficient distance from private bungalows which are all at the seaside. To add to your privacy moreover we situated individual bungalows at min 15 m distance from each other.

DIVE CENTER

It accommodates place for equipment rinsing/storage and spacious camera coulter that comprise 220V charging station. Your diving gear as well as your UW photography equipment can be safely left at all times in the dive center. As a general rule the building is always (also during the night) under supervision or kept under key. However – if you like to keep your camera with you, there is a large surface table for entire maintaining practice in your bungalow.

For the non divers

Pantar Island, where Alor Dive Resort is located, is roughly 50 km long. There is a small road that connects coastal villages and allows for nice walks (even jogs) if desired. Closest "neighbours" from the resort are at app. 1 km distance and friendly villagers will accept any visitors with smile and curiosity.

If you like snorkelling we heartily recommend it just in front of your bungalow or you may join the diving boat when it goes off to one of the beautiful coral reefs.

If you are a book fan we suggest you bring your favourite reading with you. However we have a limited selection of literature in English and French. There are few shady chill out areas scattered around the beach to enjoy your book in a hammock or you can decide to relax right on your terrace or restaurant lounge. We also offer leisurely pursuits like board games and cards.

For additional payment and with a few days advance notice we can organise tour on a main island Alor. Guide is from Kalabahi and speaks good English.

Eco friendly management

With local government and community we share mutual efforts to preserve Alor's natural richness. The Pantar strait is free of destructive fishing practice like blast and cyanide fishing. Locals are using traditional fishing techniques (bamboo trap, fishnet, line) therefore coral reefs remain virgin and marine life abundant. This is what makes Alor world class, precious and attractive diving destination. A share of our guests' payment is used as contribution to conserve and protect Alor's marine legacy. Pantar strait is already regionally recognised as a protected area and is currently in a process of becoming a National Park. This will give opportunity to future generations of divers to admire the underwater beauty of Alor.

Because of its size and geological characteristics Pantar Island has a sufficient underground water reserve to cover its habitant's needs. At the location we dug water well for our own consumption. It is supplying enough freshwater for resorts needs; however – due to extended dry seasons and due to ecological principles we follow, we are committed to its sensible use.

We offer free of charge laundry service. Since the consumption of resorts freshwater supply is sparing, the laundry is taking place at the water well on Alor Island. For this reason we ask you to give us max of two days for the service.

Our waste is treated in eco friendly manner. Organic waste is composted and used for the garden. Glass, plastic and metal containers are sent back by boat to Java for recycling. Please assist us in keeping the waste volume to a minimum. If you have an adapter and battery charger bring them along to avoid disposable batteries. Thank you!

Alor Divers price list

	Diver package	Non diver package *
6 nights/5 full days	890 €	520 €
9 nights/8 full days	1285 €	755 €
13 nights/12 full days	1660 €	980 €
Every add night	125 €	75 €

*** Non diver package is sold only as an accompanist of diver package**

*** The 13 nights package include 1 night FOC .**

*** Arrival has to be on Sunday**

*** Departure can be on Tuesday or Saturday**

- **NO extra charge for single occupancy.**
- **Reduction available for group and returning guests, please contact us for further details**

INCLUDED ON PRICE:

- 2 boat dives /day
- Unlimited house reef dives
- Tanks, weights and unlimited air refills
- Beach bungalow accommodation
- Full board meal, drinking water, tea, coffee
- Laundry service
- Airport transfer in Alor
- Government taxes
- Entrance to Alor Marine Park

NOT INCLUDED ON PRICE:

- Rental equipment
- Alcoholic drink (beer 3€), soft drink (1€)
- Tip

Equipment rental price list:

BCD	5 € /day
regulator	5 € /day
Wet suit (3mm long)	5 € /day
Mask, fins, snorkel	4 € /day
Diving computer	5 € /day
Small torch 5w	3 € /day
Torch 35w/50min or 50w/40 min	7 € /day
Full equipment	15€ /day

PAYMENT:

In order to **confirm** a **booking** we kindly request that our guests pay 25% deposit (payable by bank transfer). The balance will be required by bank transfer before your travel or on site at your arrival by cash (US\$, Euros, IDR).

Sorry, we don't accept credit cards .

Contact us for bank details

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- Cancellations made 60 days or more days prior to departure will be refunded less transfer expenses fee or totality of deposit usable for another departure date.
- Cancellations within 30 days of departure are subject to a 25% per person cancellation fee or totality of deposit usable for another departure date.
- Cancellations made less than 30 days prior to departure are fully non-refundable or totality of deposit usable for another departure date.

Practical information

ACCESS

Alor is easy to access: two airlines (Merpati and Transnusa) connect Alor to Kupang few times a week. Kupang itself is daily connected to all major Indonesian cities and has twice a week international flights to Darwin and Dili (see FLIGHT MAP under). On a request and for additional charge we can arrange in advance a transfer package of your domestic flights. You will receive the plane tickets upon your arrival in Indonesia (at Bali, Surabaya or Kupang airport).

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* **Departure from Alor can be on Tuesday or Saturday**

The transfer package includes:

- Return flights **Bali – Alor – Bali** OR **Surabaya – Alor – Surabaya** OR **Kupang – Alor – Kupang**
- Overnight stay in 3 star hotel
- Airport pick up and hotel transfer

Contact us for information on up-to-date price of the package.

We arrange the **transfer between Alor airport and ALOR DIVERS** and is **free of additional charge**;

30 min car drive from airport is followed by 30 min boat to reach the resort.

For your notice we have reliable agents in Bali, Surabaya and Kupang. They can arrange for you almost any travelling plan inside Indonesia. Don't hesitate contacting us to use their service.



FLIGHT MAP

Feel free to contact us for the latest flights schedule or any travelling advice.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Contact

You can contact us by email at: info@alor-divers.com or alordivers@gmail.com

We answer to all mails. If you don't get any answer within 2 or 3 days, please resend your original mail.

You can call us directly at the resort. **Tel: (+62) 81 317 804 133**

Our **mail address** is: **Jl. Tengiri N. 1, Kalabahi, Alor Island, NTT, Indonesia**

Visa

A visa free entry into Indonesia is granted to nationals of the following countries: Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Hong Kong, Macau, Malaysia, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

A visa can be bought on arrival in Indonesia for USD 25 by Nationals of the following countries: Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, South

Africa, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and United States

All other Nationals must secure a visa from their local Indonesian Embassy or Consular Office prior to their departure.

Passports must be valid for **6 months from the entry date**, and a valid ticket to leave Indonesia within 30 days of arrival must be presented upon arrival into Indonesia.

Airport Taxes

Visitors to Indonesia are required to pay departure taxes at the airport. The departure tax for domestic travel is 20,000 Rp (1.5€), while the tax for international departures is 100,000 Rp (7€).

Currency

The official currency is Indonesian Rupiah. The rate of exchange is approximately 1US\$ = 9,500 Rp. or 1 Euro = 13,500 Rp. There is only one ATM in ALOR and we advise you to bring along a sufficient amount of rupiah to cover your personal expenses. The resort accepts Rupiah, Euro and US, SING, AUS Dollars

Insurance

It is strongly recommended to have insurance that covers also diving activity and confirm well ahead of departure that they can effectively service the remote regions of Indonesia.

Malaria

For most of the year we have practically no mosquitoes since there is no standing freshwater or any open water containers. However – to be precautious all the beds are protected with removable mosquito-net and we can provide some mosquito repellent if you don't bring any along (needed in rainy season only, from Dec to end of Feb).

Indonesia is classified as a malaria risk country. Taking preventive (prophylactic) medication is a matter of personal decision

Vaccination

There are no vaccinations required.

Seasonality

The diving is possible all year round but the resort is not operating from 7th of Jan to 1st of March (maintenance and staff holiday) during the raining season pick.

The microclimate of Alor archipelago is relatively dry for most of the year.

Communications

At the resort you can get hand phone signal and we provide some Indonesian HP number if yours is not active in Indonesia, so you can reach and be reached by your relatives and friends.

Time difference

Alor is +8 GMT.