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Journey to the Islands of the

ALOR & FLORES ARCHIPELAGO

7 Nights

Itinerary specially prepared by Silolona Sojourns for
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An introduction to this unique journey....

The Flores Archipelago is composed of the narrow rugged island grouping strung with a chain of dramatic volcanoes. The landscape is beautiful in an untamed way, each island has its own traditional culture, handwoven textiles and languages, yet most people still live a traditional life of farming and fishing. The Islands of Eastern Flores include Alor, famous for its magnificent diving and ancient bronze drums used for bride price to this day.

The Portuguese came in the early 1500's in search of spices and left a strong imprint of Christianity upon the islands and gave the name "Cabo das Flores" or the Cape of Flowers as they were astounded by the beauty of the underwater coral gardens lining the bays.

You will begin your trip in Kalabahi, Alor in the easternmost region of Flores and end off the coast of western Flores in the Komodo Archipelago. Both regions are world renowned for their diving and snorkeling and the beauty and diversity of the corals and fishes. Although these islands are amongst Indonesian's most beautiful islands very few visitors sail these shores so you will have the secluded bays, beaches, and scenic anchorages virtually to yourself.

This itinerary includes world class snorkeling & diving, excellent fishing, hiking, with deserted beaches and volcanic peaks as the perfect backdrop for adventure, exploration, water sports and spectacular anchorages.



DAY 1

KUPANG, TIMOR TO KALABAHI, ALOR

From Kupang, it is only a short flight to Kalabahi, Alor where you will be met by the Silolona or Si Datu Bua crew and be whisked by car to the Silolona or Si Datu Bua awaiting your arrival in the scenic bay of Kalabahi, home to a large resident pod of dolphins and even the occasional migrating whale. The remainder of the day will filled with diving, snorkeling, and watersports while anchored off nearby Pura Island.



DAY 2

ALOR KECIL ISLAND



Alor is well known for the quality of its snorkeling & diving, with spectacular walls, varied coral and abundant fish life. Choose based on the tides, currents, and dive experience amongst some of Alor's most famous sites including Mike's Delight, Coconut Grove, Mirror Image, the Back Yard, or Manta Point. Visit the hill top village of Takpala, home of the Abui tribe for a specially arranged dance performance around their ancestral ceremonial dance place against a backdrop of their peaked traditional homes. Here you will see ancient bronze drums that are still an integral part of marriage negotiations as well as villagers clad in beautifully handwoven sarongs and brandishing bow and arrows still used in ritual and for hunting.



DAY 3

ALOR KECIL ISLAND

Using Alor Kecil as a base prepare for a dive at Kal's Dream known for large pelagic action and schooling fishes. Other dives include some thing for everyone including Babylon, the Edge, and mainland Alor. Many of the villagers in this area vare weavers and women may approach you in dug out canoes to sell their hand woven textiles with lovely fish and turtle motifs. Children in their own smaller dugouts will paddle by with hand carved wooden goggles fitted with bits of broken glass. Fishing and hiking are excellent in this area. Overnight or early morning departure to the islands west of Pantar for exploration including Lapan, Batan, Marisa, Rusa, or Kambing.



DAY 4

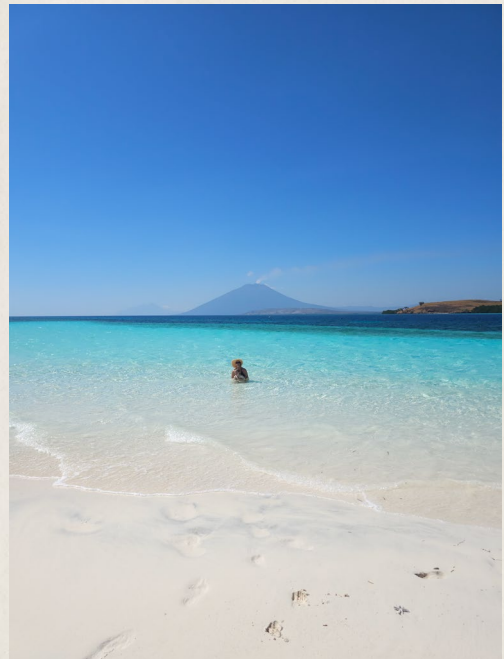
ISLANDS EAST OF PANTAR ISLAND

Exploration of the remote islands east of Pantar excellent for hiking, fishing and kayaking. On previous survey many lovely beaches were spotted. Overnight cruise to the Kedang area on the island of Lembata.

DAY 5

KEDANG AREA, LEMBATA ISLAND

Situated on the north coast of lembata island the Kedang Language group circles the bay around a beautiful cone shaped volcano, Gunung Uyelewun.



DAY 6

ILE APE VOLCANO AND BAY

Ile Ape is one of the most spectacular bays in Indonesia and villages line the thin line around the base of the perfectly cone shaped volcano. Excellent fishing and opportunities to hike in the area. This area is also well-known for textiles and an impromptu visit to any small village will produce an amazing display of hand woven textiles. Water sports and water skiing are also perfect in the calm waters of the bay.



DAY 7

SCENIC STRAITS CRUISE

The narrow straits between the islands of Lembata, Solor, and Adonara are spectacularly beautiful as volcanic peaks march along the shoreline within sight of one another as you pass through the straits of Lamareka to the Straits of Solor, overlooked by the ruins of an old Dutch fort in Lohaiyong, to emerge in the Straits of Larantuka. Overnight north of Adonara near 2 small islands with spacious sandspits. Great spot for a picnic. Overnight to north coast of the main island of Flores.



DAY 8

MAUMERE

From Maumere, a few nautical miles westbound,
the cruise can be extended to the Komodo Archipelago,
the Dragons islands.



Selamat Jalan!