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## **TIMOR DISCOVERY 10 NIGHTS**

### **TIMOR LESTE**

The following is a sample itinerary of where you might dive during your holiday with us. We wish to show you the very best diving but a number of factors can determine where we visit. Weather, tides, how busy a site is with other dive vessels all play a part in the Cruise Director's decision of which route the yacht takes. The safety of all on board is paramount and we always do our best in offering diving at alternate locations. The Cruise Director is happy to listen to requests from guests to visit or remain at certain sites and providing it is possible and the schedule allows, then guest's requests are respected.

#### **Timor Discovery - 10 Nights – Dili -Dili**

#### **Up to 33 dives including night dives**

- **Day 1 – Arrive Dili**

Meet a member of the Worldwide Dive and Sail crew and transfer to the Oriental Siren. After boarding settle into your cabin and assemble your equipment with help from our friendly crew. The boat briefing is followed by dinner and the opportunity to enjoy the rest of the evening at your leisure as we cruise to our sheltered overnight mooring.

- **Day 2 – West of Dili– 4 dives**

Dive 1 – We begin our diving adventure with a shallow check dive at “Bubble Beach”. The sloping sandy reef and coral gardens is an ideal spot to check equipment and practice buoyancy. Known for the bubbles, caused by volcanic activity.

Dive 2 – Tasi Tolu – The sandy slope drops to around 30m and in just a small patch can be found an amazing array of interesting critters from thorny seahorses and rhinopias to mimic octopus and coral cowries. It is also possible to see the resident dugong in the shallow seagrass bed but the macro life is the main draw.

Dive 3 – Pertamina Pier - The site with often the poorest visibility but some of the best macro critters that Timor has to offer. Frogfish, octopus, nudibranchs, leaf fish can all be found within the pier supports whilst in the deeper water at the end of the pier schools of barracuda and large sweetlips gather.

Dive 4 – Dusk or night dive at Gravel Pit - This shallow sloping coral garden is a fantastic place to watch bobtail squid bury themselves or dart about, pygmy pipe horses can be found clinging to the sea grass fronds along with many species of crustacean and mollusc.

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- **Day 3 & 4– Atauro Island – 8 dives**

We spend two days in this pristine diving area. The coral rich walls and schools of fish that cruise around the island are wondrous to behold. The visibility is typically 30m+ (100ft+) and currents can be strong.

We begin our diving day with a drift at “The Church”, on the northwest side of the island. Here the steep wall drops to around 50m and is covered with hard and soft corals- plenty of hiding spaces for small critters and creatures. Off the wall in the deeper blue water we see tunas, swordfish and schools of trevally. “Outer Reef” is the place to see large pelagic passing by and hunting. Grey reef sharks and eagle rays are frequently sighted, along with white tip sharks that cruise between the schools of fusileers.

Other sites we visit include Praia de Acrema, Big Fish rock, the awesome Manta Cove, with its superb scenery of sponge covered reef walls that form a u-shaped bay.

- **Day 5 – Manatuo East of Dili – 4 dives**

After an early start and cruise from Atauro Island we arrive at Black Rock, the wall drops from 8-30m and then slopes into the depths of some 50m+. Currents here can be tricky and changeable so diving is dependent on the conditions. Hawksbill turtles, lobsters and nudibranchs are among the creatures that can be found here, along with attractive square-spot anthias.

Dive 2 – Cristo Rei – A shallow reef garden to just 25m is an ideal site to see blue spotted rays and black tip reef sharks nestled amongst the coral bommies. Whale sharks are also sighted here.

Dive 3 – K41 – The coral garden attracts schools of midnight snappers, huge batfish and yellow-fin bass hold the attention, whiptail rays can be found sheltering under the bommies and in the shallow waters ghost pipefish and many critters are commonly seen.

Dive 4 – Night dive – Behau Village along the sandy slope with coral outcroppings and plenty of fish, including tomato anemone fish and juvenile angel fishes.

After the night dive we cruise to the eastern tip of Timor.

- **Day 6, 7 & 8– Tutuala & Jako Island – 12 dives**

Jako Island, off the eastern tip of Timor is part of Timor Leste and is one of the least visited areas of our itinerary. The reef walls that encircle the island attract many large pelagic species including white tip and grey reef sharks, tuna and swordfish, mobula rays and schools of big fish such as trevally and snapper. We spend 2 days diving around Jako Island and the sites closer to shore near Tutuala including the exhilarating Shark Lane & East Point – where strong currents bring many sharks and we sit back and enjoy the drift.

Morning dives will feature deeper drifts whilst afternoon and night dives will be at

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more relaxed sheltered sites including “Shark Bite” and “Com Pier” – where frogfish, crustaceans, nudibranchs, seahorses and many other creatures can be watched at a more leisurely pace.

- **Day 9 – Manatua East of Dili— 4 dives**

Dive 1 – K57 – The wall at K57 supports huge sea fans and attracts a wide variety of butterfly, angel and triggerfish, as well as turtles. The many cracks and crevices in the wall are there to be explored and shelter ghost pipe fish. The corals in the shallow water are extremely healthy and abundant and offer a fantastic place to stretch the dive time a little longer!

Dive 2 – Lone Tree – black tip sharks, manta rays, Napoleon wrasse and seahorses are all attracted to this coral garden. Whale sharks can make an appearance and at 5m there is a large anemone city with hundreds of tomato anemone fish – watch out they bite!

Dive 3 – Secret Garden – this sloping wall is otherwise known as Timor Leste’s nudibranch central. A wide variety of these delightful slugs can be found amongst the soft corals and sponges. Ribbon eels are also common and the staghorn corals are superb.

Dive 4 - Dusk dive at the Pinnacle – dropping to 40m this off shore pinnacle is best dived at dusk to experience large pelagics and watch the behavior change as the sun sets and night time hunting begins.

- **Day 10 – Dili - 2 dives**

Dive 1 - Dili Rock – Dived to the East or West depending on the best conditions. The sloping reef features a mix of hard and soft corals where leaf fish, frog fish and ghost pipefish all can be found attempting to blend in. The beautiful dugongs may be seen at this site, being attracted by the sea grass, and in the shallow water patches of anemones delight on the safety stop.

Dive 2 – Tasi Tolu – As one dive is never enough we return to this coral reef patch for our final dive of the trip and a further chance to get some shots of rhinopias..

Spend the afternoon snorkeling, kayaking or simply relaxing onboard and in the evening enjoy a barbeque and slide show of the week’s best photos, over a cocktail or two.

- **Day 11 – Disembarkation, Dili**

After a final breakfast transfer to Dili airport for your onward flight and begin planning your next adventure with Worldwide Dive and Sail and the Siren Fleet.

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