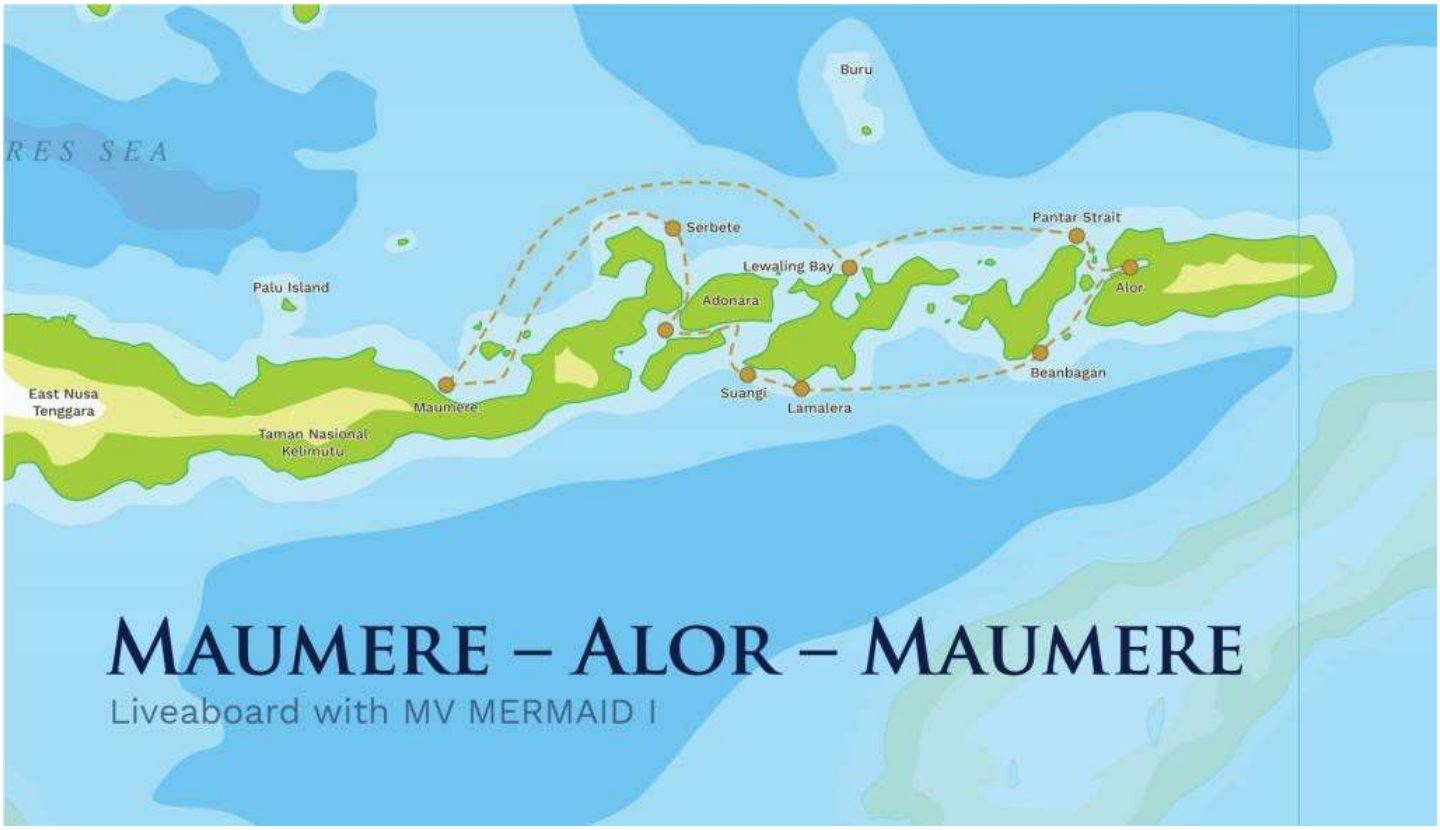

Day	MV MERMAID I MAUMERE-ALOR-MAUMERE 10 DAYS/9 NIGHTS ITINERARY	Dives
Day 1	Check-in on board MV Mermaid I between 12:00-15:00 hours in Maumere Harbour, Flores. After the boat and safety briefing, we'll set up equipment and you can settle into your cabin. Dinner will be served at 19:00 hours as we cruise into the sunset on our overnight journey to Kawula Island, east of Flores.	**0**
Day 2	We will start the trip by spending the day at Lewaling Bay, in the north of Kawula Island. The scenery of the bay is amazing since there are 2 volcanos in each side of the bay. There we will do 4 dives. The diving at Lewaling Bay is very diverse, consisting of walls, slopes and muck dives. With a great combination of large and small critters, from schooling barracudas and lots of schooling fish to pygmy seahorses. We will finish the day with a muck dive as a night dive in front of the village of Watu Warawutun, which stands at the bottom of one of the volcanos. After dinner we will cruise overnight to the Alor Islands, which are about 7 to 8 hours away.	**4**
Days 3-5	The next 2 days we will spend them diving around the Pantar Strait, which is the strait between the 2 major islands of Alor, Pantar Island and Alor Island. There are 4 islands in the Pantar Strait, Ternate in the north, Reta and Pura in the middle and Treweg in the south. Between these 4 islands plus the islands of Pantar and Alor, there are several dozen dive sites with an incredible variety of diving sceneries: walls with huge overhangs and hard coral gardens in the shallows, fringing reefs covered with pristine hard and soft corals and all kind of sponges surrounded by zillions of anthias and damsels, black sandy slopes covered with thousands of anemones, and muck dives where we can find rhinophias, fire sea urchins with coleman's shrimps and zebra crabs, channels between the islands where you just drift with some strong currents and look out for pelagic fish passing by. The water temperature can vary greatly in this area. In the northern and middle area, the temperature is usually around 27 C. And in the south, it can vary from 21C to 25C. Currents can be extremely strong in the Pantar Strait, which usually makes for 30 mts plus visibility.	**12**
Day 6	On the fifth day of the trip, we will skip the 2 morning dives in order to visit a traditional village at Alor Island, where the locals will perform a local dance and where the guests will be able to buy locally made handicrafts. Then we will return to Mermaid I in order to have lunch and do 2 more dives at the Pantar Strait.	**2**
Day 7	Today Mermaid I will start cruising early in the morning in order to get to a small bay at the south tip of the Pantar Strait called Beanbagan, where we will spend the whole day. Or we will do 1 or 2 dives at Treweg Island and then move to Beanbagan. The dive sites at Treweg island consist of rocky slopes	**4**

	covered in all kind of soft corals, and where one can just drift looking for all kind of pelagic fish such as dogtooth tunas and giant trevallies. The diving at Beanbagan Bay and village is very different from the rest of Alor. It consists mainly of blackish and grayish sand which is the perfect environment to find all kinds of different critters such as frogfish, ghost pipefish and different species of octopi. There is also a jetty at the village which large schools of scads and batfish. And it is also a great place to find more critters and all kind of nudis. The water temperature in the south of the Alor Islands can vary from 21C to 25C. After dinner we will cruise overnight to the village of Lamakera, in the south of Kawula Island	
Day 8	We start the day doing a dive at a fringing reef in front of the whaling village of Lamakera. And then we will move to the small island of Suangi, in the south of Kawula Island, to do 2 dives. The waters surrounding Suangi and steaming with schooling fish, pelagic fish and it is also a place where sharks are usually spotted. We will again move the boat after the 4th dive to finish the day in the Solar Strait, south of Adonara Island, in order to a muck dive as a night dive.	**3**
Day 9	The last day of diving will be at the small island of Serbete, just northwest of Adonara island, where we will finish with 2 dives. Spectacular walls covered in soft corals and sponges, where one can spend time looking for tiny critters among the soft corals and sponges, or just drift along the wall looking at the spectacular views of the walls. Sadly, after the 2nd we will start heading back to Maumere, approximately 6 hours away.	**2**
Day 10	After breakfast, Mermaid I staff will transfer you to the airport.	**0**
	This is a sample itinerary and is subject to changes beyond the operator's control. The exact itinerary, route and number of dives for your cruise may be adapted to best suit the weather conditions, tides and currents, season and other prevailing events.	
		TOTAL DIVES 27