





### Contact Us

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## Climate

Tropical Climate with an annual mean temperature of 27°C (82°F). Rain is frequent between the months of December to February.



## Water Temperature

Like most tropical countries, ocean temperatures ranges between 25°C - 30°C (77°F - 86°F) with thermoclines 18°C (64°F)



#### Time Zone

Time Zone: GMT +8



# Language

The official language is **Indonesian** in Indonesia, but English is also the working language of the country.

# Maumere with Solitude Adventurer

We appreciate that you have selected Solitude World for your getaway, and we trust that this pre-departure guide will assist you in preparing for your vacation with us.

# **Pre-Departure Information**



Here, we would like to offer some helpful tips to make your journey smoother, through to Maumere.

#### Location

Frans Xavier Sede aka Wai Oti Airport (IATA: MOF, ICAO:WATC)

#### **Solitude Compulsory Forms**

Form A, Registration Form\_and General Liability Release Form. Please complete and send to us.

#### Scuba Diving Insurance

This is compulsory for those that will be diving with us. If you have not already provided your details, please do so on arrival. You will need the following: the name of your insurer, the policy number, the emergency contact number and also any disclosed medical conditions you may have.

We also need your own personal emergency contact person back home – a friend or family member and their contact details.

#### **Postal Service**

You can track your package using the tracking service offered by POS Indonesia at ems.posindonesia. co.id. Please be aware that any items shipped to us from couriers (DHL, FedEx, UPS) or international postal services are subject to Customs and Duties. We highly advise against sending items like diving equipment or accessories to our resort via courier.

#### Visa and Immigration

On your Indonesian Immigration arrival form, please provide 'KM Solitude Adventurer' as your local address. If it is necessary to provide a contact number, you can use the phone number of our Solitude Adventurer's Cruise Director: +32 456 12 23 09.

Foreigners with Visa Exemption from 87 countries will be granted Visit Stay Permit for 30 (thirty) days. You

must possess a valid passport with minimum validity of 6 (six) months and with at least 2 blank pages for visa stamp. There is now an additional option to pre-apply and purchase e-VOA online before entering Indonesia, by visiting <a href="https://molina.">https://molina.</a> imigrasi.go.id/#e-voa

The e-VOA is priced at IDR56,000. Travellers can still acquire it by paying in cash (IDR500,000 or USD35), or by using a credit card with an additional 2% facility fee upon arrival. While ASEAN citizens receive a complimentary VOA, citizens from non-ASEAN countries are obligated to pay for the VOA upon entering Indonesia, unless they possess an alternative Indonesian visa.

#### Drones / AUVs / ROUVs

The Indonesian agency responsible for drone safety, DGCA, has provided many internet-accessible details on flying for fun or work.

Please check the following sites for the current regulations for drones/ AUVs/ROUVs:

- Ministry of Transportation Republic of Indonesia
  - https://dephub. go.id/?language=en
- Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) - https:// imsis-dipu.dephub.go.id/ SidopiGO/Web/

We highly recommend that you conduct thorough research for more advice or information.



# Currency

Currency is in Indonesian Rupiah (IDR). Credit cards are widely accepted in the Indonesia. Solitude Adventurer accepts cash IDR or USD, EUR, SGD. Visa / Master cards and WISE payments only, a facility fee will be applied. Please inform us at least one night before disembarkation.



Our guests may pre-purchase data packages and log in via our WIFI Network Hotspot on board. Your cruise director will provide you with the latest packages available for purchase and their costs.



# Electricity

On board, Solitude Adventurer are the same as in the British Standard (UK, SG, HKG - Single phase, 220volts AC). All power sockets in the room (and throughout the vessel) are 220V 50Hz rated and do not have regulated Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS).



# **Duty Free**

1 Adult is allowed: Maximum 1 litre of any alcohol and no more than 200 sticks of cigarettes, 25 cigars or 100g (3.52 ounces) of tobacco.



# Arriving in Maumere



Welcome to Maumere! We look forward to having you onboard shortly.

#### **REMINDER**

#### Port of Embarkation:

Maumere 06:00 - 13:00

Frans Xavier Sede (IATA: MOF, ICAO:WATC)

#### Port of Disembarkation:

Maumere 06:00 - 11:00

## **Paging Board**

To help identify our friendly airport transfer staff, please look for the SOLITUDE LIVEABOARDS paging board with your name.



## Travelling to Maumere, East Nusa Tenggara

The Frans Xavier Sede Airport also know as Wai Oti Airport, is conveniently accessible from both Jakarta and Bali within Indonesia.

Previously, passengers had to pay a separate Terminal Passenger Fee/Tax at MOF Airport, but now it is included in the price of your air ticket.

The airport is situated near the town of Maumere, and the harbour can be reached with a short 20 minute drive from the airport.

The flight information provided in this document is for reference purposes only and was accurate at the time of writing. It is essential to check the latest flight status before making any travel or booking arrangements.

## **Airport Meeting Point**

Arrival meeting at the airport with the Crew will be from 08:00 on Embarkation Day. Embarkation (check-in) can begin as early as 06:00.

Solitude offers the option of arranging hotel/resort transfers to the embarkation point through a third-party transportation company. However, please note that additional charges will apply. The exact fees will depend on your

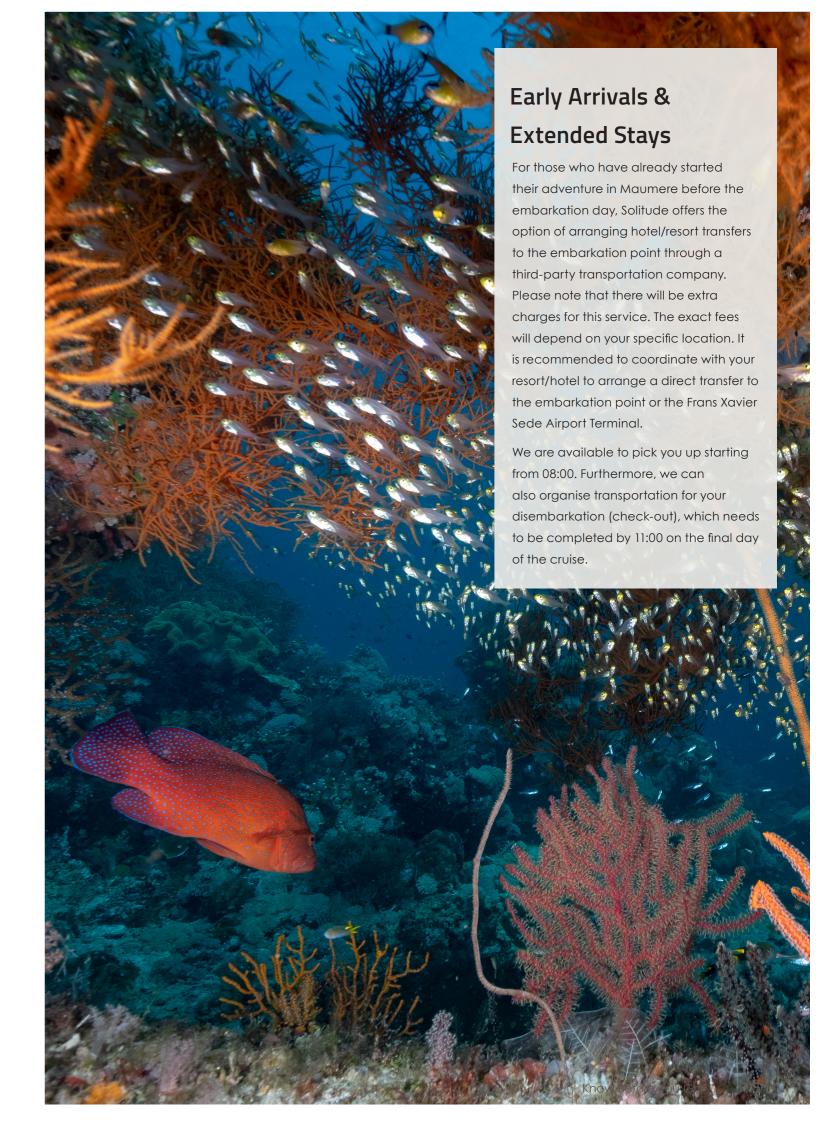
specific location. It is recommended to coordinate with your resort/hotel to arrange a direct transfer to the embarkation point or the Frans Xavier Sede Airport Terminal. We can pick you up starting from 08:00. We can also provide transportation for your disembarkation (check-out), which needs to be completed by 12:00 on the final day of the cruise.

After collecting your luggage and exiting the passenger area to the public area one of our staff will be waiting to greet you. Please keep an eye out for the SOLITUDE LIVEABOARDS paging board held by one of our crew members (we do not employ third-party representatives). If you are unable to locate our crew, kindly contact our Cruise Director and/or Boat Manager. On the following number: WHATSAPP +32 456 12 23 09

#### Friendly Reminder

We do not offer currency exchange services or accept foreign currency as payment at our resort. We only accept payment in PHP or USD cash or major credit cards such as Visa / Mastercard and WISE payments.

For your convenience, currency exchange services are available at international airports, or you can utilise local ATMs with your debit/credit card to withdraw PHP on your way to the ship.





# Safety

Ensuring safety has been our top priority at Solitude World since the beginning. We recognise the importance of having well-trained crew and being well-equipped to handle any situation, especially given the remote areas we operate in.

# **Our Top Priority**

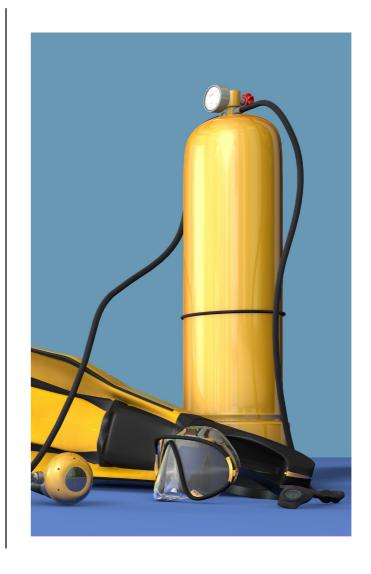
SAFETY is Solitude's top priority, we take every precaution to ensure the safety of our guests and crew. As we operate in remote areas we ensure that we are well-equipped to handle any emergency scenario.

During your stay onboard we provide our guests with a complimentary Nautilus Marine Rescue GPS to provide that peace of mind when out diving in the remote parts of Palau and the Philippines.

Our Features & Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) equipped with:

- Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB)
- Life Rafts
- Emergency Survival Packs
- Semi-Automated Fire Suppression Sprinkler System

- VHF/SB Radios
- VSAT Satellite Phone & Internet
- Inmarsat-C
- Local Navigation Maps with Furuno GPS Chart Plotter
- Radar (Long/Short)
- Weather Plotter
- · Depth Sounder
- 6,000L Water Storage with On-board Water-Maker capable of producing 15,000L of fresh water per day.



#### Safe Diving

We understand that your time and investment in a holiday are valuable, and we aim to provide you with as many dives as possible while ensuring your safety.

In order to prioritise safety, make sure you are adequately rested and hydrated prior to your initial dive as well as for subsequent dives.

We recognise that although you have learned about safety during your scuba course/s, the excitement and anticipation of a diving holiday can sometimes cause us to neglect our own readiness for a dive.

Our crew's safety is also important, so we limit the number of dives to four per day, including a night dive, to minimise fatigue and reduce the risk of accidents.

Itineraries are subject to change due to weather and logistics, but our cruise directors will keep you informed.

# What to Know

Please note that your chosen package excludes certain expenses like Equipment Rentals, Satellite Communications, EANitrox, Alcohol, Laundry Service, Marine Park Fees, and Local district administration permits. Some fees collected at **check-in** and the rest at **check-out.** 



# **Your Cabin**

#### **Amenities**

In-room amenities consist of airconditioning, a wardrobe, an electronic in-room safe, an ensuite bathroom with a toilet and shower, a hair dryer and shower amenities.

Daily cabin cleaning is provided, while sheets, bath and face towels are changed every three days of use. Nevertheless, you may request a change at any time if needed.

You can find more about your cabin type here and Solitude
Adventurer General Arrangement here.

## Check-Out

Fuel Surcharge, Laundry, Bar, Satellite Usage fees, EANitrox and other incidentals will be paid at check out.



Mode of Payment is in IDR or USD cash or Credit Card Visa/Master Card only. There is an applicable facility fee charge.

# Required On Board Payments

#### **Embarkation**

During **check-in**, you will be required to pay for Marine Park and Port Clearance fees, while other incidental expenses will be charged at checkout. The following is an overview of some of these fees, which are subject to change:

Marine park and port clearance fees are included in the passenger handling service fee of IDR3,750,000 (USD250) per person, which must be paid in **cash** before boat departure

#### **Fuel Surcharge**

Kindly refer to our <u>booking terms</u> and <u>conditions</u> in order to determine whether the Fuel surcharge is applicable to your cruise.

Please note that all permits and taxes should be paid during the welcome briefing on board and are subject to change. However, the most up-to-date information will be provided within a month before the cruise embarkation.

#### **Incidentals**

#### **Special Diets**

Kindly inform us in advance of any special dietary requirements you may have. This is essential for us to accommodate your needs, as sourcing certain items can be challenging at different times of the year. If you have a medical dietary condition, please consider bringing your preferred alternative products, such as gluten-free pasta or soy milk.

### Money Changer / Currency Service

The accepted mode of payment is in Indonesian Rupiah (IDR). Currency exchange services are available at international airports, or you can withdraw Indonesian Rupiah from local Indonesian ATMs using your debit/credit card.

For convenience, cash payments in USD, Euros, or SGD may be accepted (subject to the condition of the notes presented, as local currency exchange services carefully inspect the condition of the notes).

#### Alcoho

Our bar provides a thoughtfully selected and limited assortment of wine and beer. Additionally, we permit guests to bring and consume

# On Board

We extend a heartfelt welcome to you and hope that your stay with us will be both pleasant and comfortable. Our staff is committed to ensuring your satisfaction, so please don't hesitate to inform us of any ways we can improve your comfort during your stay.

their own alcoholic beverages, as long as they are in a reasonable quantity without incurring any corkage fees.

#### **Laundry Services**

A laundry service is provided at an additional cost. Kindly inform our staff whenever you require this service.

#### **Entertainment**

Onboard, there is a diverse range of multimedia content, books and board games to keep you entertained during your down time.

#### Mobile SIM

Pre-paid SIM cards are readily available upon exiting the airport baggage collection area. Telkomsel is the primary and recommended mobile telecom provider. When purchasing a SIM card, the salesperson can assist you in setting up your chosen prepaid package.

#### Phone Calls, SMS and Emails

In areas without local mobile signal,
Solitude Adventurer's on-board VSAT
satellite communication system is the
only option for urgent calls. Guests will
incur a fee of USD3 per minute for a
SATcall or USD2 for a SATmessage for all
incoming/outgoing calls and messages.

To make a voice call, please use the following number:

#### +65 6429 1043

Although this is a Singapore landline, the system uses VSAT satellite band to relay the calls. For more information and instructions please view the How to Contact Me For more information and instructions please view How to Contact Us.

#### Satellite Wifi Tips

To avoid wasting precious data traffic and incurring high charges for satellite internet, it is highly advised that you manage your device settings while using it. Our crew will be available to assist you with this.

To make the most of satellite internet, we suggest keeping your messages brief and using shorthand or acronyms to minimise data usage. Also, disable auto-updates and auto-sync on your devices to save on data. If possible, set the onboard WIFI SSID as metered to let your device know that data is limited.

Solitude Adventurer is not liable for any outcomes due to the use or non-use of satellite communications, including hardware failure. As connectivity relies

on a third-party service provider (VSAT K-Band) and can be impacted by weather, Solitude Adventurer, her crew, and management are not responsible for any resulting inconveniences or losses or lack of service, either.

#### Social Media

We encourage you to share your encounters with the fascinating new critters you'll undoubtedly encounter, as well as your enjoyable experiences with us. Feel free to tag us on social media platforms:

#### Instagram:

@solitudeadventurer

@solitude.world

#### Facebook:

<u>@SolitudeAdventurer</u>

@solitudeliveaboardsandresorts

# We wish you a delightful and enjoyable stay with us.

Please do not hesitate to inform us of any ways we can improve your comfort during your stay.



# The Diving

Throughout the entire year, it is possible to embark on a Maumere diving cruise, thanks to the wonderful tropical climate and the diligent management team that upholds the dive sites' quality. The Dry season spans from April to November, with the busiest period occurring between May and October.

The Dry season offers the most favourable weather conditions, featuring calm seas and minimal rainfall. On the other hand, the Rainy season extends from November to March, bringing slightly stronger winds and the majority of the annual rainfall to the region.

The average water temperatures vary depending on whether you are diving in Maumere and its vicinity or the north or south of the Alor/Pantar Strait area.

Water temperatures around Maumere and north of the Pantar Strait tend to be warmer, peaking at 28°C (82°F), while to the south of the Alor/Pantar Strait area, water temperature can drop as low as 20°C (68°F).



# Scuba Diving

For scuba diving in Maumere and Alor, it is advisable to possess an intermediate or advanced certification. The challenging currents and unpredictable tides can be daunting for individuals with limited diving experience.



# **Digital Studio**

#### **Amenities**

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- 1 Very Large Rinse Tank and Towels just for Cameras
- Pressurised Air for Drying
- Camera Setup Bench on
  Dive Deck
- Universal Power Socket with USB (1A). Studio Power Type: 200V-220V/50Hz
- Electrical Plug Adapters and Extensions available

# **Dive Days**

Solitude Adventurer cruises the oceans of Indonesia all year round.

The diving schedule is confirmed daily the night before. Solo diving is not allowed. The dive duration is set to 60 minutes with surface intervals conducted back at the ship.

Water temperatures range between 27°C - 30°C (81°F - 86°F) with thermoclines but may drop slightly from November to February.

It is suggested to wear a fulllength 3mm wetsuit, or a 5mm suit if planning multiple dives.

For your peace of mind we do provide a complimentary <u>Nautlius</u> <u>Marine Rescue GPS</u>. Please Note, that if you use the Nautilus Rescue Device, you are responsible for replacing it if lost or damaged.

Throughout the week, you may need to rent dive equipment, purchase additional dives, or switch to EANitrox. These additional expenses will be added to your account and settled during check-out.

## **Dive Centre**

1	EANitrox prices are as follows: USD8 per dive OR USD20 per day.	Yes
2	100 cu.ft. / 15L cylinders - additional charge USD10 per cylinder per diving day (pcpdd)	Yes*
3	Side mount support - additional 12L/80cu.ft. cylinder and twin tank 12L/80cu.ft. available. Air USD10, EANitrox USD28 pcpdd. Whole trip use: 10% discount applies	Yes*
4	DIN valves with option of Yoke (A-clamp)	Yes
5	Rebreather and Twin Tanks - Full charter only and BYO system Scrubbers can be organised with advanced min. 60 days notice but no guarantee.	No
6	Rental gear available	Yes*
7	PADI Advanced Open Water Diver scuba certification and Enriched Air Nitrox certification courses. We only accept e-learning students.	Yes*



\* Subject to availability/change

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# Disembarkation The day of disembarkation signifies the conclusion of our journey, and bidding farewell to newfound friends can be bittersweet. Although it is a designated "NO DIVE DAY," we strive to make this last day a memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone. Disembarkation is scheduled for 11:00. On the day before disembarkation, our staff will coordinate with you to settle your account. We accept cash in USD, IDR, credit card, or WISE payments (please inform us in advance if you plan to use a credit card or WISE, noting that a facility fee applies). Following a light continental breakfast, there will be an appreciation briefing, followed by the final disembarkation for our guests. Regrettably, we are unable to accommodate late check-out requests as we need to prepare for the upcoming cruise.

# More Information

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emailus@solitude-liveaboards.com

Data Sheet

### Solitude Adventurer Vessel Data Sheet

For more details about the vessel, cabins, facilities and amenities.



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# <u>How to Contact Solitude Adventurer</u>

## **About Our VSAT Internet**

For instructions and how to.



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## Form A, Registration Form

### **General Liability Release Form**

Compulsory for all guests.



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While aboard Solitude Adventurer, if you've had a pleasant stay, we appreciate your consideration of leaving a gratuity for our hardworking staff. However, please note that tipping is entirely voluntary. We value all team members equally, irrespective of direct interactions. To ensure fairness, all tips are distributed equally among the staff. A customary gratuity is typically around 5-10% of the total stay cost. If you feel a particular staff member, like your dive guide, has exceeded expectations, you are welcome to give them an additional amount as a personal thank you.



