

# Our Beloved Sea Expeditions

with Dive Adventurer Wendy Brown & Marine Biologist Dr Richard Smith

Trip 1: Alor, Wetar & Eastern Flores (Maumere-Maumere) 13-24<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Trip 2: Flores to Wakatobi (Maumere-Bau Bau) 25<sup>th</sup> August to 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014



Join Wendy and Richard on an unforgettable journey to some of Indonesia's most remote and exciting areas

**Trip 1 - Alor & Eastern Flores:** The eastern isles of the Nusa Tenggara archipelago are rarely visited; yet brimming with opportunity. With a fantastic mix of reef and muck dives there is something here for everyone. Stunning topside scenery meets unique underwater ecosystems found nowhere else. The famed 'Clown Valley' is a site where anemones smother the entire reef. nearby *Rhinopias* and other muck critters inhabit some of the world's best muck dives.



**Trip 2 - Flores to Wakatobi:** This trip offers two rich and distinct areas of diving: the lush muck sites and unique reefs of Flores and Alor, followed by the bustling coral expanses of the Wakatobi region in Southeast Sulawesi. We will take in many of the best areas of Alor, before sailing northwards towards the Wakatobi region. During both trips we will have the opportunity to watch the active Kumba volcano. As we enjoy our evening meal, safely aboard Dewi, we will be dazzled by the erupting volcano. Once in the Wakatobi region, we will dive rarely visited sites, which are almost never visited by local operators.



**Wendy Brown** was born and raised in Sri Lanka, swimming before she learnt to walk. She has been diving for 30 years and has spent the last 10 working in Indonesia sharing her passion and enthusiasm for its wealth of marine life. As one of Indonesia's most experienced Cruise Directors, she is renowned for striving to deliver the very best customer care, making every guest's trip unforgettable.

**Richard Smith** is a British born marine biologist and underwater photographer. He has written dozens of articles, published internationally, with a focus on marine life and conservation. In 2011, Richard was awarded the first PhD on the biology of pygmy seahorses. He has a broad knowledge of terrestrial and marine biology to share during his evening talks.



**Dewi Nusantara** is an elegant and genuinely spacious 5 star vessel, sailing to the faraway corners of the Indonesian archipelago. At 57 meters, this three-mast topsail schooner moves with a grace and stability that only larger sailing vessels can offer. The 'Goddess of the Archipelago' was designed to be totally independent for long periods at sea, while offering unparalleled comfort.

Eight spacious, air-conditioned staterooms can be adapted to twin or double occupancy, each with an en-suite bathroom. The stunning Master Suite is the size of a large hotel room. Four dive masters complement her discreet and attentive Indonesian crew of eighteen. The name Dewi Nusantara has become synonymous with the ultimate live-aboard diving experience in Indonesia.



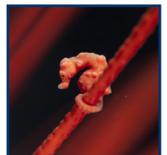
## Why dive with Wendy and Richard?

With over 20 years experience and thousands of dives in Indonesia between them, Wendy and Richard are some of the best qualified to share the country's rich and varied marine life. This wealth of knowledge allows them to tailor their trips, providing well-planned, safe, exciting and unique expeditions, all in a relaxed 'friends among friends' atmosphere. They will be on hand to teach and mentor throughout the trip. Be it fish identification, marine biology or photographic tips.

Together we will discover new and unexplored dive sites, as well as revisiting firm favourites. We will be hunting for exciting critters, experiencing the cacophony of jam-packed reefs whilst also learning about them from Richard's evening talks.

Richard will be conducting a series of evening lectures during the cruise, exploring the fascinating species, behaviours and ecosystems we encounter. Both Wendy and Richard assert that the more you learn about the reef, the more you will get from your diving experience. Not to mention improving your photography through knowledge of the subjects and where to find them.

Get more from your diving by allowing us to share Our Beloved Sea....



## Tour Costs

**Diver** - \$5399 (USD) per person in Deluxe Stateroom  
- \$6399 pp in Master Suite

### Tour Includes

- 11 nights in a double occupancy cabin
- 3-4 dives per day, including air fills, tanks and weights
- All meals and beverages (non-alcoholic and local beer)
- Transfer from airport to Dewi Nusantara

### Tour Excludes

- Airfare and airport departure tax, payable in local currency
- Spirits and wine (except a glass of wine with dinner)
- Nitrox (charged at \$200 per trip)
- For Trip 2 (Flores-Wakatobi), there is a long distance fuel surcharge of \$175
- Park and harbour fees: Trip 1 - \$150, Trip 2 - \$175

### Bookings

For bookings and/or with any questions, please contact Richard or Wendy:  
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**Mission Statement:** We at Our Beloved Sea are extremely passionate about protecting the marine environment. The focus of our trips will be to observe and photograph marine life in an environmentally friendly way, without harming or stressing animals. We want everyone to enjoy their diving, but not to the detriment of the reef and its inhabitants.

