

ANKERMI INFORMATION

Hello everybody,

More and more people are writing to us to ask for general information about ANKERMI / HAPPY DIVE.

We have created this information document because we are not yet done with our website, but we like to give as much information as possible.

We hope you can find all the answers to your questions in this document, if not, please don't hesitate to write us again:

ankermi@yahoo.com or text us (please only text, because we are not always able to pick up the phone) to the mobile phone number: **+ 62- 8124669667.**

Thank you for being interested in our place.

LOCATION

We just moved our location. We have built a brand new Ankermi / Happy Dive just 1 kilometer further to the east. That means that we are now 29 km away from Maumere town on the eastern side of Flores Island. Our resort lies right by the beach surrounded by a rice field, banana trees, coconut trees and a bamboo forest. The village around us is basically formed of houses lining along the main road.

BUNGALOWS AND RESTAURANT

We built five simple, two storey bungalows, half stone and half bamboo with terraces and grass roof. They all have an open air bathroom with an Indonesian "mandi" style and a shower. Two of the bungalows have western toilets, three the Indonesian style toilets. We do not have hot water nor AC in the rooms.

There is always a nice breeze from the sea to keep the temperature comfortable. We have mosquito nets in every room. Every bungalow has direct view to the beach/ sea and in front of the bungalows is a white sand area to relax. Our beach has big, black rocks which are comfortable, natural chairs, the

sandy beach is just a few steps away. From our beach you can witness beautiful sunsets every day.

Our electricity power is provided by an own generator, for the moment, until we get connected to the governmental power station.

Our restaurant lies behind the bungalows, next to the rice field and also offers a sea view while you having your meals.

Our price does include: accommodation, breakfast, afternoon tea/ coffee and dinner, and is

Rp. 125.000.- PER PERSON PER DAY. Lunch is NOT included, we have an additional menu card with all the special Indonesian- food and our chef's creations.

DIVING

There are a number of dive sites to discover in our Maumere Bay. Our most famous place is probably the Babi Island which offers, besides of several, beautiful, steep walls and slopes also a fascinating crack in the shallow part of the reef. The earthquake of 1992 has ripped the reef apart on a few places but the crack is the most impressive one. It goes down to a 10m of depth and becomes a little cavern there. From the drop off towards the inland of the island it stretches about 50 meters along. A lot of different fish find shelter there.

The other dive sites are worth a visit too. There is Pangabatang Channel which usually has a bit of a current, offers lots of big fish like sharks, rays, barracudas, tunas, bump head parrotfish, many species of reef fish, cuttlefish, eels and a big variety of hard and soft coral.

On most of our dive sites there is a huge variety of macro life as well. Pygmy seahorse, frogfish, all sorts of scorpionfish, morays, nudibranchs, shrimps, in all shapes and colors and many more! Besides the beauty of coral and reefs we also are able to offer a wreck dive not far from Ankermi. The Japanese ship wreck sunk in the in the Second World War caused by an airplane bombing attack. It lays on 12m - 32m depth about 30m away from shore. Because it lays in the mud and silt, there are mostly

We also offer PADI dive courses, with our Swiss PADI Instructor, from OPEN WATER up to the DIVEMASTER course. We can conduct the courses in English and German.

We have to apologize for not being able to accept payments with credit cards. We only accept cash payments.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Besides relaxing, diving and watching sunsets, there is much more to do at Ankermi.

- Snorkeling
- Sun bathing
- Fishing
- Canoeing
- Volcano climbing (still active)
- Hiking to the hot springs
- Ikat weaving (local weaving)
- Arak processing (locally made spirit from lontar palm)

We can also help you with ticketing, transport to the airport or arranging cars to all interesting destinations on Flores.

HOW TO GET TO ANKERMI/ HAPPY DIVE

With this information you will find us:

ANKERMI/ Happy Dive

(Egon Cottage)

29km east of Maumere

(on the Trans- Flores Highway to Larantuka)

Watumita village

FLORES ISLAND- INDONESIA

If you arrive by plane, you just take a taxi outside the baggage claim and tell the driver to bring you to Ankermi. The taxis cost Rp. 75.000 – Rp. 100.000. Maumere airport has not a very good, friendly reputation as the drivers are shouting around and fighting to get passengers. Don't get upset of that, just choose

a friendly driver, there are many of them. For the drivers there it seems to be a kind of game to get loud to each other and to the customers, to local passengers too. Don't let them hassle you. You don't need to make any arrangements for overland tours or trips in a hurry. We can help you to organize your trip in peace and with comfort.

If you want to find us by public transportation you have to walk out of the airport or hire an ojek (motorbike taxi) to the Lokaria terminal. From there you can take a village bemo straight to WATUMITA, Ankermi. Most of the local mini bus drivers know us. The ojek is Rp.2000 to the Lokaria terminal and the bemo (mini bus) to ankermi is Rp.5000.

If you arrive by bus from Ende in the town terminal (west terminal), you may take a city bemo or ojek to Lokaria terminal (Rp. 2000) and then again the village bemo. If you are coming from Ende by bus it is advisable to take the ENDE- LARANTUKA bus. If so you don't need to get off the bus in Maumere, you can stay in the bus until Watumita- Ankermi, as the busses drive all the way to Larantuka, passing us.

If you arrive by bus from Larantuka, simply stop the bus at Watumita- Ankermi. Coming from the east, we are located before Maumere town.

AIRLINES

In the moment there is only Merpati flying to Maumere from Denpasar (via Sumba) and to Kupang on a daily schedule. This information can change anytime, nearly every month schedules change or flying times change. Sometimes additional airlines start operating and stop then again after just a short period of time. Only Merpati so far has been always operating. Airfares vary often too. The price from flying from Bali to Maumere is approx. Rp.800.000 – Rp. 900.000.-

MONEY CHANGING

The exchange rate in Maumere banks (BNI and DANAMON) to U\$ and Euro is not as good as in Bali or Java. There are bank machines (ATM) to get money with your credit card. Cash advances with your credit card inside the bank are not possible anymore please be prepared.

We thank you very much for your interest and your attention.
Best regards from Claudia, Kermi and staff.
Below some photos from our new resort.



Our bungalows



Bungalow inside





Restaurant

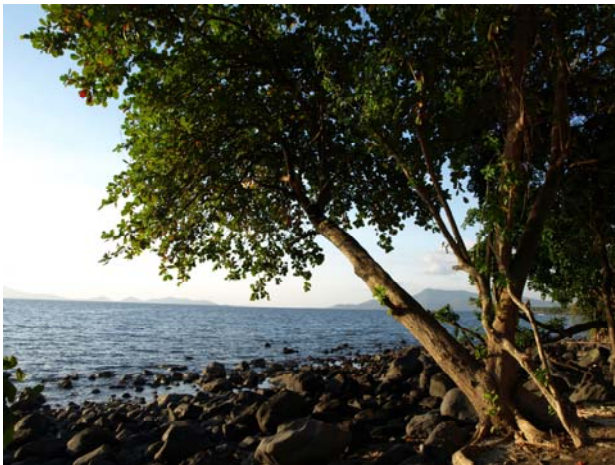


Sunset



view to the beach

The beach



The dive shop