

2027 Timor Leste Marine Mammal Trip



All Photos courtesy of Dive Timor!

The Dates for 2027!

Dates:

Trip One: Sunday 14th Nov 2027 until Tue 23rd Nov 2027

Trip Two: Sunday 21st Nov 2027 until Tue 30th Nov 2027

With Dive Timor Lorosae

www.divetimor.com

Costs ex Melb

Diver: \$6310 twin share

Non-diver: \$5545 twin share, includes three whale snorkel trips

\$850 single supplement additional.

All prices in Australian Dollars.

Costs from other capital cities in Australia will be similar.

Please note:

Costs based on 0.70 USD to \$1AUD

Exact flight prices don't come out until 11 months before the trip. Allways have estimated a bit over what is currently happening, but have not factored in the current fuel price problems.

Current Itinerary:

Day 1: Travel to Darwin for a night's accommodation - currently the Argus Hotel.

Day 2: 1.50pm flight to Dili

Day 3-8:

Three full days whale swimming.

One day diving at Atauro Island - 2 dives.

Four shore dives.

From the dive operator about the whale swims:

There is no guarantee of entering the water. For example, if we encounter a pygmy blue whale with a calf, in water interaction is not allowed. If the whale appears relaxed and shows no signs of stress around the boat, we may conduct a controlled "drop" from 100 metres away, with a maximum of four snorkellers at a time accompanied by our official guide. If the whale continues swimming on a steady path without diving, you may have the chance to see it pass beneath you.

With sperm whales, entering the water can be possible even when calves are present, although the same distance rules apply. Throughout the year we also commonly see pilot whales and dolphins, and occasionally melon-headed whales and orca.

Day 9: depart to Darwin at 3.40pm for a night's accommodation

Day 10: Depart Darwin for home around 2.20pm

The Dive Timor accommodation in Dili has been described to me as a large house with various rooms that are doubles and twins. I may have to juggle who's in what group according to the rooming situation. Also, I can only take a maximum of eight divers per trip, plus two more snorkellers to make 10 all up. The dive boats take a max of 8 when diving, as a whale swim boat they can take 10.

There is what they call a resident dugong at a house reef in Dili. Whilst I would not call this a given, the photo proves that they are there sometimes at least!

The main aim of this trip however is the whale swims! They sit on a whale highway as they call it. At this time of the year many species use this highway to move from the Pacific to the Indian Ocean. Think sperm whales, pilot whales, Bryde's whales, fin whales, several species of dolphin, and if we're really lucky; blue whales. We're not sure what we'll get, but it will be interesting!!

Please contact me for the booking form, or if you need any further information.



And check out [Swimming with Blue Whales, Timor-Leste](#)

I'm not sure who the operator is in this video, but it shows you a bit about what happens.

And [Home | Whales and Dolphins of Timor-Leste](#)



Cheers

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