

Timor-Leste Research Expedition: 17th November – 9th December 2026

This reconnaissance expedition represents a rare opportunity to conduct pioneering exploration where no rebreather divers have gone before. Diving the unexplored mesophotic depths of Timor-Leste and Ataúro Island — **home to the world's most biodiverse reefs** — we will execute specimen collection, ecological photogrammetry surveys, and research instrument deployment, pairing scientific objectives with local conservation and collaboration.

Expedition Field Research – *Not just a dive trip!*

Whether you are a snorkeller, recreational diver, or technical diver, this expedition isn't just for the “pros” — it is for anyone ready to dive deeper into the world of scientific research and discovery. This mission is designed to involve and train you in the methods, mindset, and skills of hypothesis-driven expedition field research. You'll learn at your skill level, build confidence and hours in the water, and leave with a foundation of transferable skills for future expeditions.

Dive Schedule:

The dive schedule runs 3–4 days diving with 1 degas/surface interval day. Variation depends on weather and research mission — this is remote-location expedition diving, and flexibility is certainly part of the adventure.

*A tentative schedule is provided on **page 4**.

Degas days are an extension of our mission: beyond specimen study, we can explore the 40,000-year-old rock art of Nino Konis Santana National Park, kayak the sacred straits of Jaco Island, and trek to the sunrise summit of Mount Ramelau or the hidden Dokomali Waterfalls. This is a rare opportunity to explore one of the world's newest and least-explored nations.

Dive Vessel Operator: Wasage Divers

Dive Research Support: Dream Divers Academy

Expedition Rates, Timor-Leste 2026

Days (Dives)	SCUBA & Snorkelling		CCR – TEC40		CCR – TEC60		CCR – TEC100+	
	Per/day(\$)	Total(\$)	Per/day(\$)	Total(\$)	Per/day(\$)	Total(\$)	Per/day(\$)	Total(\$)
7 (5 dives)	548	3,835	583	4,081	622	4,351	677	4,736
15 (10 dives)	374	5,610	407	6,105	451	6,765	501	7,508
23 (16 dives)	347	7,970	380	8,729	418	9,614	468	10,753

*Missed dives will not be reimbursed.

Prices Include

- Accommodation per person.
- Day rates inclusive except lunch & dinner.
- Cylinders: 80s for SCUBA, Air, NITROX.
- Airport transfers.
- Permits for research, and research diving and lodging.
 - Scientists wishing to conduct their own research may need to obtain their permits depending on the proposed study. Support and guidance will be provided.
- Research procedures, lectures, and safety training.

Technical Divers

- Cylinders: 80s for *bailout.
- Air, NITROX, *TRIMIX, Oxygen.
- Sofnolime® 797 by Molecular Products.

*Additional costs may be incurred at the organisers discretion if bailout is used/drained.

Prices Do Not Include:

- Flights and baggage fees.
- A 30-day visa on arrival (\$30 fee on arrival).
- Lunch & dinner (with the exception of dive operator refreshments).

*Basic equipment e.g., mask, fins, snorkel, BCD, regulators are available for hire.

Technical Divers

- Equipment: participants are responsible for their own dive equipment including on board CCR cylinders.

Eligibility and Requirements

- DAN insurance or equivalent.
- Highest diving certification (divers and freedivers only).
- Must sign expedition MOU, waiver and dive operator documentation.

Technical Divers

- CCR Divers: your own fully serviced rebreather and auxiliary equipment.
- Proof of 250 or more logged hours (CCR)*

*Dive within your limits: certification, experience, and your own ability.

Recommendations

- Bring as much of your own equipment as you can – this is remote location diving.
- Purchasing Sharkbanz®

Getting to Timor-Leste

Qantas: Darwin, Australia - daily.

Traveloka: SE Asia – daily.

**It is recommended to purchase your tickets well in advance.

Payment Schedule

- To secure your place on the expedition a 50% payment of the full cost is required. This payment is non-refundable.
- The balance (50%) is due on or before the 3rd September 2026.

Payment Options (USD)

Direct Deposit or Bank Transfer:

SJR LLC

Acc.# 1332357543

Routing # 321379656



Cheque/Check:

Please make a cheque to: **SJR LLC**

For additional payment options please contact [HERE!](#)



***Tentative Dive Schedule:**

Date	Day	Day of Week	Location
17.11.2026	1	Tuesday	Dili - Divers Arrive
18.11.2026	2	Wednesday	Dive - Dili - Local
19.11.2026	3	Thursday	Dive - Dili - East
20.11.2026	4	Friday	Dive - Dili - Black Rock
21.11.2026	5	Saturday	Dive - Dili - Black Rock
22.11.2026	6	Sunday	Degas Day - Transit to Ataúro Island
23.11.2026	7	Monday	Dive - Ataúro Island
24.11.2026	8	Tuesday	Dive - Ataúro Island
25.11.2026	9	Wednesday	Dive - Ataúro Island
26.11.2026	10	Thursday	Degas Day - Ataúro Island
27.11.2026	11	Friday	Dive - Ataúro Island
28.11.2026	12	Saturday	Dive - Ataúro Island
29.11.2026	13	Sunday	Dive - Ataúro Island
30.11.2026	14	Monday	Degas Day - Transit - Dili
01.12.2026	15	Tuesday	Dive - Dili - Black Rock
02.12.2026	16	Wednesday	Dive - Ilimano
03.12.2026	17	Thursday	Dive - Tutuala
04.12.2026	18	Friday	Dive - Yaon - Shallow
05.12.2026	19	Saturday	Degas Day - Transit - Dili
06.12.2026	20	Sunday	Dive - Dili - Black Rock
07.12.2026	21	Monday	Dive - Dili - East
08.12.2026	22	Tuesday	Dili - Breakdown equipment
09.12.2026	23	Wednesday	Dili - Divers Depart

*Green = National Public Holiday

**Schedule subject to change due to weather or logistic constraints.

