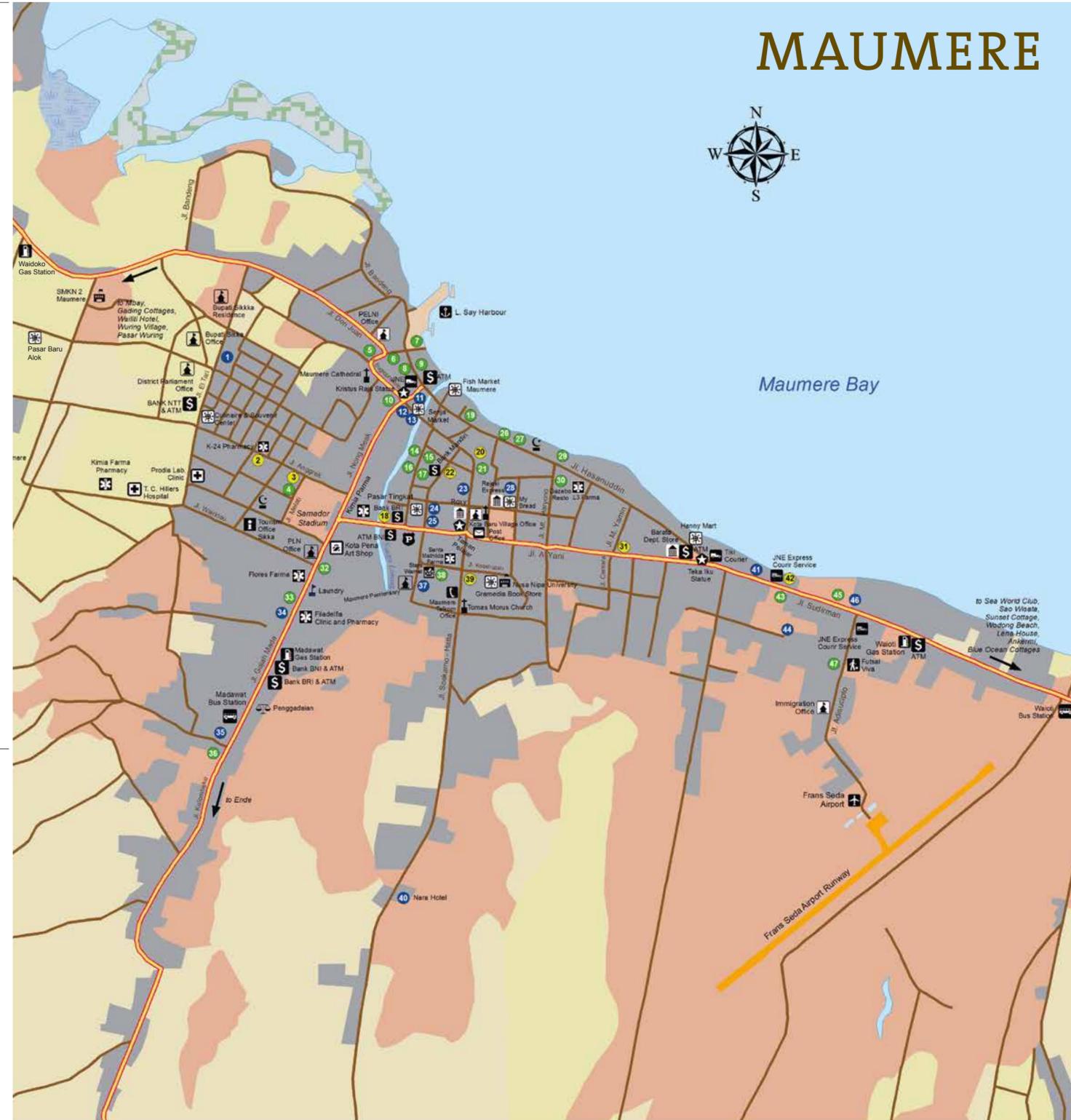




# MAUMERE



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## PLACES TO VISIT

### Watublapi, Sikka

Culture

This is 'the' venue for traditional Ikat textile adorns. Established in 2004, the women of Watublapi Village perform a demo on Ikat processing, from spinning the yarn to coloring that only uses natural dyes from home gardens. Short courses are available including accommodation and workshop. Take home with you the fondest memory of the long forgotten songs from the past the men and women of Watublapi had sung, and of course, the mesmerizing charm of the vibrant Indigo and earth colors of Ikat.



MURUSOBE WATERFALL, SIKKA

## TRAVEL PRACTICALITIES

### Getting Around

Flores will entangle you with its impressive landscape and unique cultural features. Be aware though that the roads are often steep, curvy, and in a mediocre condition, you will rarely go faster than 30km/hr. Thus, travelling in Flores requires some patience and some time to adjust.

The so-called Transflores 'highway' is the main road that connects Flores from west to east. Starting from Labuan Bajo and ending in Larantuka, this 700km-long road twists and tumbles across the island and lead you to waterfalls, crosses mountains, and passes traditional villages.

### Bike and car rental

Hiring a car with an experienced driver is an alternative to public transport. Most of the cars are privately owned, and no cars are rented for self-driving. A motorbike is a good option for travelling around Flores as well, since some of the remote areas can only be reached by this means of transport.

### Public transportation

Within the district capitals and larger towns, it is quite easy and cheap to cover short distances by hopping on and off bemo (minibuses). The ojek, a motorbike taxi is another option for shorter distances. Price is negotiable. For longer distances, you may choose to ride on one of the many buses and trucks that bring their passengers from one town to another. It is advisable to reserve a seat in advance at a local travel agent. They mostly depart and arrive via public bus stations. Exact time schedules are not available, and buses will only depart once all seats are occupied.

### Money

In Flores, only Indonesian rupiah (IDR) is accepted for cash payments. In general, the payment in Flores is cash-based. There are ATMs in the district capitals which – depending on the bank – accept major credit cards (Visa/Mastercard) where you can get cash. The ATMs of BNI (National Bank of Indonesia) are the most reliable. You also have the option of changing your money at local money changers. Be sure to check their exchange rates and fees before the transaction. Traveler's checks are rather difficult to change.

### Shopping

The hustle and bustle of Flores markets will bring you closer to an important part of Flores daily life. Not only will you see a range of familiar or unknown local products, you may also witness a barter transaction, which used to be the traditional way of doing business in Flores. Of all Flores products, Ikat cloth, which is sold in locally different forms, colors, and styles, is definitely the most meaningful, valuable, and unique souvenir. Flores Ikat is mostly hand woven, and some of the cloth is made out of all-natural local ingredients. Traditional Flores coffee is another typical island product that you should not miss.

### Dos and Dont's

**Dress conservatively!** For female travelers, it is highly advisable to dress rather conservatively – a shirt covering the shoulders and a lower body garment to the knees – especially when visiting villages and cultural objects. Unless you are on a dive boat or on the beach or islands frequently visited by tourists, you should wear more than just a bikini to swim. Please also consider that it is inappropriate for men and women to change clothes in the same place.

**Smile a lot!** Probably the most important thing is smiling. Arrogant visitors who do not respond to smiles or greetings will find it hard to get close to the local people.

### Murusobe, Sikka

Trekking, Culture

Murusobe, in local Lio dialect, means straight plunge. "muru" means plunge/jump/dive/leap and "sobe" means straight, like a bamboo pole. In a freefall from about 100 meters, the twin cascading waterfall of Murusobe will bring out the "child" in you, urging you to jump-in in glee into the refreshing cool water basin from one of its surrounding cliffs. Explore also Poma, a small village amidst rain-catcher rice fields with flowering Fairy Duster Calliandra shrubby, and lush clusters of coffee, cocoa, vanilla and candlenuts trees in the background.

### Wair Nokerua, Flores Timur

Pilgrim, Trekking

Tracked in the notable history of Catholicism in Flores, Wair Nokerua attracts both nature and religious-interest travellers flocking to Kolisia Village. The cross country trek endeavours not only a journey to the time of St. Francis Xavier pilgrimage, but also a relaxing moment with Wair Nokerua's gentle waves by the lagoon. Take time to also rejoice in the rural Flores village living whilst at the same time; adore the pleasure of sighting the lush of green rice paddy and the thrilling exotic flora and fauna.



### Ile Padung, Flores Timur

Culture

An exceptional historical landmark for East Flores, Ile Padung (±30 km from the East Flores capital, Larantuka) is a sanctuary for treasured well-conserved traditional house. The houses are still in splendid shape proudly preserved by the local villagers as loving homes and the venue of many enchanting holy ceremonies. Also known as Leworahang Village, Ile Padung also serves as the base for an organic cashew plantation whose harvest is mainly delivered to Wolowaru for packaging and distribution.

### Watotena, Flores Timur

Relaxing

One of the most beautiful virgin beaches Flores Timur has is Watotena in Adonara, an island in the eastern of Flores, reachable by 2.5 hour-sailing from Larantuka. Watotena is well-known for its white sand beach and black magma rocks adorned the shoreline. The dark greyish almost black rocks in various shapes give it a unique impression that set Watotena apart from any other coasts found in Adonara or Flores mainland. The crystal clear water and the pearly sand beach are the reasons to visit Watotena.

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