



TRAVEL GUIDE

ROTE

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Rote is a quiet, off-the-grid island with white-sand beaches, reef breaks, and starry nights. Life here is simple and beautiful. Like any treasure, Rote takes effort to reach — a couple of flights and a short hop by plane or ferry — but that's what keeps it special.

The journey might be long, but trust us — it's worth every step. Once you arrive, you'll quickly realize that Rote's peaceful vibe and raw beauty could only exist in a place this wonderfully off the beaten path. Manduna Resort is committed to making the journey as seamless as possible.



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WHAT'S NEW FOR 2026

- New direct flights from Bali to Kupang with Super Air Jet and Batik Air
- Earlier fast ferry departures (7:00 AM from Kupang, 10:00 AM from Rote)
- New same-day connection guides, for both arriving in and leaving Rote



OVERVIEW

Rote is an Indonesian island in East Nusa Tenggara and the country's southernmost territory. Largely untouched by mass tourism, Rote remains a remote tropical paradise, known for its white-sand beaches, dramatic cliffs, caves, mangroves, pristine forests, and world-class surf breaks — the island's main attraction.

Getting to Manduna Resort involves three steps:

- 1 Fly to Kupang** (KOE) from Bali, Jakarta, or Surabaya.
- 2 Take a short flight or ferry** from Kupang to Rote.
- 3 Drive to Manduna Resort** in Nemberala — our car will meet you.

Depending on where you fly from and on which day, you may be able to reach Rote on the same day you land in Kupang — see **Same-Day Connections** on page 06. Otherwise, plan an overnight stay in Kupang. Some flights to Rote operate only a few times a week, so it pays to plan ahead.

If you're traveling with sports equipment such as surfboards, let us know in advance so we can arrange the logistics. We're happy to coordinate your transfers between airports, ferry ports, and hotels to take the stress out of the journey.

FLYING TO KUPANG

Kupang is the capital of East Nusa Tenggara, on the western tip of Timor Island. As the main gateway to remote islands like Rote, Sabu, Alor, and Flores, Kupang's El Tari Airport (KOE) connects travelers to major hubs such as Bali, Jakarta, and Surabaya. If your journey requires an overnight stay in Kupang, we recommend the [Aston Kupang Hotel](#).

DEPARTING CITY	FLIGHT DURATION	AIRLINE	FLIGHT DETAILS	OPERATES
Jakarta (CGK)	~ 3 Hours 15 Min	Batik Air	ID6540: 02:00 AM – 06:15 AM	Daily
		Citilink	QG602: 02:05 AM – 06:20 AM	Daily
		Super Air Jet NEW	IU796: 06:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Daily
		Garuda Indonesia	GA456: 06:45 AM – 10:45 AM	Selected days
Bali (DPS)	~ 1 Hour 50 Min	Super Air Jet NEW	IU137: 10:05 AM – 11:55 AM	Daily
		Batik Air NEW	ID6552: 06:25 PM – 08:15 PM	Daily
Surabaya (SUB)	~ 2 Hours	Lion Air	JT690: 05:45 AM – 08:45 AM	Daily
			JT694: 11:15 AM – 02:15 PM	Daily
			JT692: 05:15 PM – 08:15 PM	Daily

All times are local. Jakarta and Surabaya are on WIB (GMT+7); Bali, Kupang, and Rote are on WITA (GMT+8).

REACHING ROTE

From Kupang, you can reach Rote by a short domestic flight (about 35 minutes) or by ferry (2 to 4 hours, depending on the vessel). Flights are quicker but only run on certain days; ferries run daily but depend on the weather. Flights land at D.C. Saudale Airport near Ba'a, the fast ferry arrives at Ba'a Harbor, and the slow ferry at Pantai Baru Harbor. A Manduna Resort car will meet you and bring you to the resort. We recommend booking flights via [Traveloka](#).

TRAVEL METHOD	DURATION	PROVIDER	SCHEDULE	DEPARTURE & ARRIVAL	TICKET PRICES
Flight	~ 35 Minutes	Wings Air IW1937	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 3:35 PM – 4:10 PM	Kupang Airport (KOE) to Rote Airport (RTI)	From ~850,000 IDR
	~ 30 Minutes	Susi Air 12-seat aircraft	Monday, Wednesday, Friday approx. 7:30 AM		
Fast Ferry	~ 2 Hours	Express Bahari	Daily usually 7:00 AM	Tenau Harbor (Kupang) to Ba'a Harbor	Executive: ~200,000 IDR VIP: ~270,000 IDR
Slow Ferry	3.5 to 4 Hours	KMP Garda Maritim 3	Daily usually 1:00 PM	Bolak Harbor (Kupang) to Pantai Baru Harbor	Economy: ~100,000 IDR VIP: ~120,000 IDR

Good to know: Ferry operators announce their departure times the day before, and times can shift with the weather. We check the schedule for you and can buy your ferry tickets on your behalf.

SAME-DAY CONNECTIONS

Want to reach Rote on the day you land in Kupang? On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, the afternoon Wings Air flight to Rote connects with flights from both Jakarta and Bali.

FROM JAKARTA

FLIGHT TO KUPANG	LANDS IN KUPANG	ONWARD TO ROTE	ARRIVE IN ROTE
Batik Air ID6540 or Citilink QG602 overnight flights, daily	06:15 – 06:20 AM	Wings Air IW1937, 3:35 PM Monday, Wednesday, Friday	4:10 PM
Super Air Jet IU796 (daily) or Garuda GA456 (selected days)	10:15 – 10:45 AM		

FROM BALI

FLIGHT TO KUPANG	LANDS IN KUPANG	ONWARD TO ROTE	ARRIVE IN ROTE
Super Air Jet IU137 10:05 AM, daily	11:55 AM	Wings Air IW1937, 3:35 PM Monday, Wednesday, Friday	4:10 PM

Arriving on a Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, or Sunday? Plan one night in Kupang and take the 7:00 AM fast ferry to Rote the next morning. We can recommend a hotel and arrange your ferry tickets.

Your flight to Kupang and your flight to Rote are separate tickets, so if your first flight is delayed the connection isn't protected. Leave some buffer time.



RETURNING HOME

Getting home from Rote is the journey in reverse, though times differ. Take the ferry or flight to Kupang, then connect to Bali, Jakarta, or Surabaya. Always check schedules in advance, as weather can affect connections.

TRAVEL METHOD	DURATION	PROVIDER	SCHEDULE	DEPARTURE & ARRIVAL	TICKET PRICES
Flight	~ 35 Minutes	Wings Air IW1934	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 7:25 AM → 8:00 AM	Rote Airport (RTI) to Kupang Airport (KOE)	From ~850,000 IDR
	~ 30 Minutes	Susi Air 12-seat aircraft	Monday, Wednesday, Friday approx. 8:15 AM		
Fast Ferry	~ 2 Hours	Express Bahari	Daily usually 10:00 AM	Ba'a Harbor to Tenau Harbor (Kupang)	Executive: ~200,000 IDR VIP: ~270,000 IDR
Slow Ferry	3.5 to 4 Hours	KMP Garda Maritim 3	Daily usually 7:00 AM	Pantai Baru Harbor to Bolok Harbor (Kupang)	Economy: ~100,000 IDR VIP: ~120,000 IDR

Heading home the same day? Take a morning flight from Rote. It lands in Kupang in time for the midday flights to Bali and Jakarta (see **Same-Day Connections Home** on page 08). The fast ferry reaches Kupang around midday, which is too late for these flights, so if you travel by sea, plan a night in Kupang.

LEAVING KUPANG

Kupang has daily domestic flights to Jakarta, Surabaya, and Bali, so it's easy to continue your travels across Indonesia or connect home.

DESTINATION	FLIGHT DURATION	AIRLINE	FLIGHT DETAILS	OPERATES
Jakarta (CGK)	~ 2 Hours 55 Min	Citilink	QG603: 06:35 AM – 08:30 AM	Daily
		Batik Air	ID6541: 07:00 AM – 08:55 AM	Daily
		Super Air Jet NEW	IU797: 10:55 AM – 12:50 PM	Daily
		Garuda Indonesia	GA457: 11:35 AM – 01:35 PM	Selected days
Bali (DPS)	~ 1 Hour 45 Min	Batik Air NEW	ID6553: 06:30 AM – 08:15 AM	Daily
		Super Air Jet NEW	IU136: 12:35 PM – 02:20 PM	Daily
Surabaya (SUB)	~ 2 Hours	Lion Air	JT693: 06:00 AM – 07:00 AM	Daily
			JT697: 09:25 AM – 10:25 AM	Daily
			JT695: 02:55 PM – 03:55 PM	Daily

SAME-DAY CONNECTIONS HOME

LEAVE ROTE	ARRIVE IN KUPANG	ONWARD FLIGHTS
Wings Air IW1934, 7:25 AM Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	8:00 AM	To Bali: Super Air Jet IU136, 12:35 PM → 2:20 PM To Jakarta: Super Air Jet IU797, 10:55 AM → 12:50 PM
Susi Air, approx. 8:15 AM Monday, Wednesday, Friday · 12-seat aircraft, no surfboards	~ 8:45 AM	

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TRAVEL TIPS

- ◆ **Double-check before you book.** This guide is for reference and was last updated in September 2026. Flight schedules change often; check **Traveloka** for the latest times and prices.
- ◆ **Ferry times are confirmed daily.** Operators announce departures the day before, and the weather can change plans. We'll confirm the schedule for you and can buy your ferry tickets on your behalf.
- ◆ **Plan for a night in Kupang if needed.** If your arrival doesn't match a same-day connection (see page 06), we recommend the Aston Kupang Hotel. It makes for a relaxed start the next morning.
- ◆ **Leave some buffer time.** Your flights to Kupang and your onward flight or ferry are separate bookings, so a delay on one isn't covered by the other. This matters most on your way home.
- ◆ **Traveling with surfboards?** The planes between Kupang and Rote are small with limited space, and extra fees apply for boards. Contact us in advance: we can send your boards separately by ferry with one of our drivers and make sure they arrive safely.
- ◆ **Book early in peak season.** Flights to Rote have limited seats and fill up quickly, especially from June to September.
- ◆ **Staying 7 nights or more?** When you book directly with us, round-trip transfers from Rote Airport or the ferry harbor are complimentary.



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We'd love to make your stay at Manduna Resort unforgettable. Whether you have questions or special requests, or need help coordinating your journey (transfers, a private driver, ferry tickets, or surfboard transport), just reach out. We're here to help every step of the way.

