ADELAAR

Komodo Exclusive

Labuan Bajo to Labuan Bajo | Komodo National Park, Sangeang and Banta



Experience the unparalleled beauty of Komodo National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site that offers not only encounters with the famous Komodo dragons but also a dive into an extraordinary underwater world.

Komodo's waters are teeming with life, making it a top destination for divers worldwide, and a haven for encounters with sharks, turtles and a myriad of tropical fish.

At Manta Alley, in the far south, the cooler, nutrient-rich waters are perfect for mantas.

With towering cliff walls on all sides, the landscape of Nusa Kode in southern Rinca is breathtaking, and the resident dragons like to sun themselves on the beach.

Beyond the park, Sangeang, a volcano whose most recent eruption was in 2014, rises majestically from the sea, emitting the occasional puff of smoke.

At dusk, the dive at Lehok Sera searches for the elusive mandarin fish.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
10 nights	Labuan Bajo	Labuan Bajo	Certified divers







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Labuan Bajo, Flores

2 dives

A domestic flight from the island of Bali or Jakarta brings you to the harbour town of Labuan Bajo on the island of Flores.
You are greeted at the airport by our staff and transferred to your hotel (on day before departure) or to the harbour where Adelaar is anchored (on the day of departure).
As soon as everyone is aboard, we depart the harbour, with destination Sabolon island, where we will do 2 check dives.
We anchor in a quiet bay for the night.

DAY 2

Sangeang Volcano

3-4 dives

A very early morning departure, with destination Sangeang, a volcano whose most recent eruption was in 2014.
Upon our sunrise approach, Sangeang rises majestically from the sea, emitting the occasional puff of smoke.
The black sandy bottom of this site makes for spectacular diving.
In places, a steady stream of gaseous sulphur, bubbles up from the sand making its way towards the surface.
Swimming through, you have the feeling of being in an underwater jacuzzi!
We will anchor just outside the village for the night, with a night dive planned.
If we arrive early enough, there is a chance to go ashore to visit the village.

DAY 3

North Komodo National Park

3-4 dives

We depart Sangeang Island very early morning with destination Banta Island, which lies just outside the park boundary.
We plan two dives here on Banta's northern coastline.
During lunch we cross to enter the Komodo National Park and plan our first stop in North West Komodo.
Our afternoon and night dive will be in this bay.
We anchor here for the night.



DAY 4

North and Central Komodo National Park

3-4 dives

During breakfast we move to the north of Komodo.
We spend the day diving around the northern boundary of the park, off the uninhabited islands of Gili Lawa Laut and Gili Lawa Darat.
At sunset we move in closer to Komodo bay for our night dive.

DAY 5

Komodo National Park - Komodo Island

3 dives

Dragons!
We go ashore at 7:00 AM for a ranger guided hike into the interior of Komodo Island, to look for Komodo dragons.
This UNESCO World Heritage site is the only natural habitat of these giant monitor lizards.
The area was designated as one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature in 1991.
Once safely back aboard, we move around the corner to our dive site just off Komodo's famous pink beach.
During lunch we travel south for an afternoon dive along the coast of Komodo.
At dusk, we dive Lehok Sera to search for the elusive mandarin fish.

DAY 6

South Komodo National Park

3-4 dives

This morning we move to the extreme southern end of Komodo Island to our dive site, Manta Alley.
This area typically has much cooler temperatures with nutrient rich waters, perfect for Mantas!
After our two dives here, we enjoy lunch as the boat moves to southern Rinca to an area known as Nusa Kode.
With the towering cliff walls surrounding all sides, the landscape in this remote destination is breath-taking.
The resident dragon population likes to sun themselves on the beach from time to time.
Catch a glimpse of these prehistoric animals from the safety of Adelaar's main deck.
After the sun sets, we prepare for a night dive, and then a late dinner.



DAY 7

South Komodo National Park

3-4 dives

This morning we are diving the Southeast corners of Horseshoe Bay in Nusa Kode.
At lunch we move north to Padar for an afternoon dive.
Just before sunset, we go ashore and hike across Padar to a beautiful crescent bay, with a perfect view of the sunset.
Alternately, for those who prefer to be underwater, a night dive is planned.

DAY 8-9

Central Komodo National Park

8 dives

We enter the central park area, also known as 'current city'.
This area of the park is subjected to the strong tidal currents that run through the Lintah Strait, bringing with them, plenty of marine life.
These currents make for lots of action and exhilarating drift dives.
Mantas are often seen in these parts.
We spend the next two days diving the central park dive sites, with a night dive planned each evening.

DAY 10

Sebayur and Pungu

3 dives

Our last diving days is spent around the island of Sebayur just north of the park.
For the afternoon, keeping our no-fly time in mind, we plan a tour of the Atlas Pearl Farm on Pulau Pungu.
With their environmentally friendly approach, they assure a healthy ecosystem, essential for the finest white and silver pearls to be grown.
We anchor here for the night.

DAY 11

Labuan Bajo, Flores

We arrive in Labuan Bajo in the morning at 7:00 AM.
Disembark after breakfast for your onward journey.







GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Water sports

For non-divers, as well as snorkelling, the boat has stand-up paddle boards and a two-person kayak. Not every area is suitable, and the cruise manager finds the right times and places.

Small groups

Adelaar takes a maximum of 8 guests, with a Western cruise manager who is also a PADI dive instructor, a divemaster and a crew of ten.

Check in

Our team collects you from the airport or your hotel and takes you to the harbour where Adelaar is anchored. On the day before departure you can be taken to a hotel.

Check out

After breakfast on the last day you disembark, with an airport or hotel transfer. Please arrange your flight with the no-fly rule in mind.

Itinerary

All routes are examples, and the final plan depends on the weather, the sea conditions and any permissions.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Double or twin stateroom with private bathroom, bath towels and deck towels
- Fully crewed vessel, with all meals
- Coffee, tea, juices, soft drinks, drinking water and snacks
- The diving package described in the itinerary, with 12 litre tanks, weight belt and weights
- Land excursions described in the itinerary
- Transfers between the harbour and the nearest airport
- Stand-up paddle boards, a two-person kayak and a wakeboard
- Starlink Wi-Fi, up to 1 GB per guest
- Sensatia Botanicals toiletries

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights, visas and transit hotels
- Port and park fees per person, prepaid, with the amount shown for your dates
- Fuel surcharge, prepaid
- Nitrox and 15 litre tanks
- Dive and snorkel gear rental, a private dive guide and dive courses
- Compulsory dive insurance, and travel insurance is suggested
- Laundry and satellite phone use
- Crew tips, which are customary

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Completed diver medical questionnaire
- Details of your dive and travel insurance
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy
- Torch for night dives

AND ALSO

- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Personal medication and toiletries
- Passport

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

The itinerary may vary depending on weather and sea conditions

Good to know

All extra charges must be prepaid, and the fees are subject to change

Good to know

Proof of dive certification and enough diving experience for the programme is required, and divers sign a liability waiver





