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Komodo Diving

Labuan Bajo to Labuan Bajo | Batu Bolong, Gili Lawa and Rinca



Komodo is a fantastic place for lovers of underwater and land wildlife, with world-class diving, and it is home to the legendary Komodo dragons.

Komodo's famous currents bring clouds of fusiliers, hunting giant trevallies, tuna, giant groupers, sharks and occasionally dolphins, over more than 1000 fish species and 300 different corals.

Drift dives run through amazing canyons with spectacular caves, and through action-packed channels between two islands.

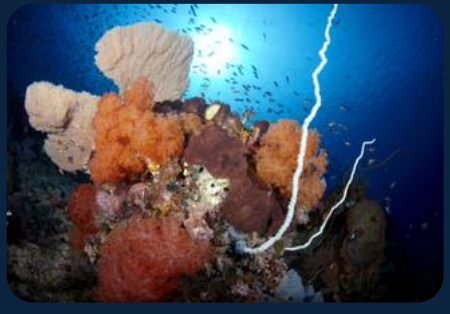
Manta rays gather in large numbers, up to 20 or 30 if you are lucky, and a sheltered bay is home to dugongs, silver-tip sharks, ornate ghost pipefish and frogfish.

On land, a dragon walk finds the last representative of the Jurassic Park on earth, and at dusk thousands of fruit bats return to Rinca.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
5 nights	Labuan Bajo	Labuan Bajo	Open Water, 10 dives







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation

2 dives

After a short flight to Labuan Bajo, the crew meet you at the airport and welcome you on board. After refreshments, a short tour of the ship and a safety briefing, the boat heads for Sebayur, with a check dive near Sebayur Kecil and the first night dive of the trip.

DAY 2

Batu Bolong

3 dives and a night dive

The first dive is at Batu Bolong, or Hollow Rock, a world-class site with sharks, giant trevallies, turtles, barracudas and Napoleon wrasse.
Tatawa Besar is a colourful drift famous for its orange soft corals, and Karang Makassar, or Manta Point, is the best site for manta rays in large numbers, up to 20 or 30 if you are lucky.
A night dive ends the day.

DAY 3

Siaba Kecil and Siaba Besar

2 dives and a night dive

The day starts on the southern side of Batu Bolong, then a drift through the canyons and caves of Siaba Kecil, 15 to 30 metres deep, with big pelagics, sharks, barracuda, giant trevallies, sweetlips and lots of turtles.
Siaba Besar is a sheltered coral garden, home to rare creatures such as dugongs, silvertip sharks, ornate ghost pipefish and frogfish, and a night dive ends the day.

DAY 4

Gili Lawa Island

Gili Lawa has the Cauldron and the Golden Passage, two action-packed drift dives through channels, with giant trevallies, groupers, turtles, whitetip sharks and sometimes manta rays.
Coral Garden is a relaxing dive among some of Komodo's healthiest corals, great for turtles and critters, and the day ends with the sunset trek to the Gili Lawa viewpoint and a night dive.

DAY 5

Rinca Island

Crystal Rock and Castle Rock are world-class sites with over 1,000 fish species and 300 corals, sharks, hunting giant trevallies, clouds of fusiliers, tuna, giant groupers and occasionally dolphins.
Over lunch the boat sails to Rinca for a dragon walk to see the Komodo dragon, and at sunset thousands of fruit bats fly home to Rinca before the last BBQ dinner.

DAY 6

Disembarkation

After breakfast and a last exchange of photos and memories, the crew take you to your hotel or the airport.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Small groups

Dive groups are limited to 5 divers per guide, with a dedicated tender.

Activities

Kayaks, stand-up paddle boards and snorkel gear are on board.

Check in

Private transfers collect you from the airport or your hotel and take you to the harbour, where the crew welcome you on board.

Check out

After breakfast on the last day the crew transfer you to your hotel or the airport.







INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Private airport and hotel transfers
- Air-conditioned en-suite cabin with hot shower, with daily housekeeping
- Three meals a day plus snacks, cooked on board
- 3 or 4 dives a day, with a night dive on alternating nights when the weather allows
- Groups of at most 5 divers, with a dive guide and a dedicated tender
- Snorkel gear, kayaks and stand-up paddle boards
- Starlink Wi-Fi when available, which varies in remote areas
- First aid kits and emergency oxygen

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights, airport taxes and visas
- Park and port fees, covering park entry, village contributions, dive permits, harbour clearances, trekking fees and regional taxes
- Dive equipment rental and dive courses
- Nitrox
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Alcohol, with beer and wine, and you may bring your own spirits

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 sample itinerary is an example, and navigation and dive sites may vary slightly with the weather and visibility