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Komodo Diving

Labuan Bajo to Labuan Bajo | Komodo Strait, Padar, Nusa Koda, Batu Bolong and Gili Lawa

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.

Manta rays gather in Komodo in large numbers, up to 20 or 30 if you are lucky, on drifts where sea turtles, white and blacktip sharks, huge trevallies and even bamboo sharks pass by.

The uninhabited island of Nusa Koda, in the south of the park, boasts some of the most spectacular diving in Komodo, with frogfish, Coleman shrimps, rare nudibranchs and leaf fishes among colourful soft corals and feather stars.

Off Padar, three impressive columns of rock rise out of the deep, populated by numerous coral-dwelling fish.

The trip ends with a stunning sunset and a beach BBQ on a white sand island.

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







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation

1 dive

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

North of the Komodo Strait

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 Tatawa Kecil is home to groupers, snappers and trevallies.
A night dive ends the day.

DAY 3

Padar Island

3 dives, trekking

At Padar, Three Sisters has three impressive columns of rock rising from the deep, busy with coral-dwelling fish, followed by Pillarsteen and Coral Garden.
The day ends with a sunset trek to the Padar viewpoint.



DAY 4

Nusa Koda

3 dives and a night dive

Nusa Koda, an uninhabited island in the south of the park, has some of the most spectacular diving in Komodo.
Cannibal Rock is full of critters such as frogfish, Coleman shrimps, zebra crabs, rare nudibranchs, leaf fish and sea apples, and Yellow Wall has colourful soft corals, feather stars and tubastrea corals.
A night dive at Torpedo Point ends the day.

DAY 5

Komodo Island

The day starts at Komodo Ranger Station with a walk among the famous Komodo dragons, looking out for deer, wild boar and tropical birds.
Pink Beach has a mini wall where clouds of glassfish swarm, with leaf scorpionfish, crocodilefish, mandarin fish and frogfish.
Karang Makassar, or Manta Point, is the best site for manta rays in large numbers, up to 20 or 30 if you are lucky, with turtles, sharks and huge trevallies on the drift.

DAY 6

Batu Bolong

3 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 7

Gili Lawa Island

3 dives, trekking

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.
Lighthouse is a lovely drift with trevallies, barracudas, grey reef sharks and sometimes mantas, and the day ends with the sunset trek to the Gili Lawa viewpoint and a night dive.

DAY 8

Gili Lawa 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.
The afternoon is for relaxing on a Gili Lawa beach with snorkelling, kayaking and paddle boarding, and the day ends with a sunset and beach BBQ on Hataming Island.

DAY 9

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