BAJAU

Across the Flores Sea: Wakatobi, Taka Bonerate and Komodo aboard Bajau

Kendari to Labuan Bajo | Wakatobi, Taka Bonerate and Komodo

The Flores Sea is a world of quiet villages, aquamarine lagoons and remote atolls at the heart of the Coral Triangle.

Taka Bonerate, the world's third biggest atoll, has islands that are mostly empty, with beaches and reefs for snorkelling and barbecues on remote sand.

In Wakatobi, islands fringed by mangrove forest and coconut beaches sit beside Bajo villages built entirely on stilts above the sea.

Komodo has manta rays, turtles and over 1,000 species of tropical fish above 260 species of coral.

Rinca is the place for the famous Komodo dragon, and the day ends with a flock of bats against the sunset.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	HIGHLIGHTS
12 days / 11 nights	Kendari	Labuan Bajo	Wakatobi, sea gypsies, Komodo







Your route

STOP 1

Upon arrival at Kendari Airport, we will transfer to the harbour where we embark on our vessel, the BUGIS.
While sailing, our cruise director will provide a briefing to familiarize you with the vessel and our safety procedures.
In the late afternoon we will meet the local community of Saponda island.

STOP 2

Wake up to the breathtaking vista of Wangi Wangi Island in the morning.
Our day begins with a visit to Bajo Mola, the original Bajo village on Wangi Wangi Island, established 65 years ago.
Join our crew as we embark on a shopping adventure to the local market to gather fresh produce.
Following an exciting snorkelling session near the boat and exploring this beautiful region.

STOP 3

Days 3 and 4

We will drop the anchor early morning at the southern tip of Hoga island, nearby Kaledupa Island.
Fringed by mangrove forest and beaches shaded by coconut trees, those islands have a lot to offer for the two days we'll spend there.
A visit to a Bajo village entirely built on stilts above the sea is a must.
In the past these `sea gypsies` were more nomadic, living on their boats.
Today they live more sedentariously in houses on stilts but they still rely.

STOP 5

With its high cliffs towering over a heavenly beach lined with coconut trees, Batuata is definitely one of the most scenic island of the region.
After setting foot ashore, we pay respect to the local Chief, ask for permission to go around and see the island.
We visit the local school, hear the children singing the latest local hits.
This is truly a remote place, far away from other islands and you will definitely enjoy the remoteness of it.

STOP 6

Days 6 to 8

We spend three full days exploring the many islands of the Taka Bonerate National Park, some inhabited, most empty.
There will be plenty of beach combing, snorkelling, zodiac exploration in lagoon, visits villages with hordes of children in tow, meeting the locals and of course beach BBQ on remote beaches.

STOP 9

After a night of navigation, we arrive at Bonerate island, in the middle of the Flores Sea.
We visit the main village: sandy streets, traditional houses built on stilts and elegant Lambo boats being built on the beach.

STOP 9

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Midday, we cross the narrow strait to the eastern tip of Kalao island and anchor along a spectacular beach.
Snorkelling on a nearby reef, hike to the nearby village.
Apero on the beach at sunset and quite night at anchor.

STOP 10

After this journey, we will arrive in the morning on the north coast of Flores along a beautiful beach.
We will visit a picturesque fishing village where our Nomad Plastic foundation has set up a plastic waste collection system.
In the late afternoon, we will witness a sunset while observing a flock of bats.

STOP 11

Today we will start by an early trek Rinca Island, to see the famous “Komodo dragon”.
After the hike and the visit of the museum, we will go back to the boat, have a swim along a nice beach and sail to Karang Makassar to explore, a superb reef surrounded by a lovely beach where Manta ray and turtles can often be spotted.

STOP 12

You will wake up along a charming little island just 30 min away from the harbour.
There, you can unwind on a delightful beach and explore the vibrant marine life after that, we say farewell to the crew and we will transfer you to the airport with a great memory to keep.

THE ROUTE

Route map



SNORKEL

Manta rays, turtles, pristine coral reefs, and warm water temperatures–snorkelling in Komodo is not to be missed. Swimming with manta rays is one of the must-dos in Komodo, but there is no shortage of beautiful coral reefs and marine animals in Komodo either. Situated in the Coral Triangle, the national park hosts over 1,000 species of tropical fish, 260 species of coral, and just a spectacular biodiversity overall. Much of Komodo's underwater beauty can be observed from the surface without any scuba gear, making it an excellent snorkelling destination. Our experienced team can take you to the best snorkelling spots within the park, at the best time, so that you can have the best time marveling at what Komodo's waters have to offer.

HIGHLIGHTS

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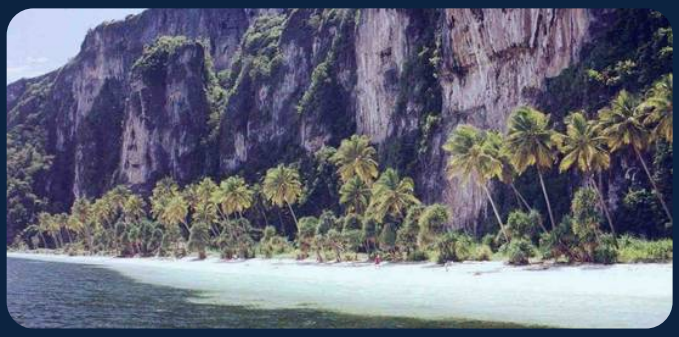
- Meet the Bajau "Sea Gypsies" in Sulawesi region, explore the world's third biggest atoll, snorkel at Indonesia's hidden gems, encounter beautiful beaches along the way before cross the untouched Flores Sea and Discover Komodo's top highlights.





ACTIVITIES

Activities on board

- Snorkelling
- Kayaking
- Stand-up paddleboards
- Beach BBQ
- Fishing
- Alcoholic beverages
- Yoga
- Board games

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE	NOT INCLUDED
Full board accommodation on a shared cruise	Harbour and park fees
Stand-up paddle board	Alcoholic Beverage
Kayak	Travel Insurance
Yoga Mat	Pickup from outlying hotels
Snorkelling gears	Onboard or local purchases
Land excursions according to the safari program	Relocation fees if applicable
Three meals/day and snacks	Diving equipment (only on private cruise)
Water, Tea, Coffee, Softdrink	Diving session (only on private cruise)
Multilingual guides on board (English and Indonesian)	Additional passenger
Transfer from/to embarkation/disembarkation airport	Single supplement
	Crew and Cruise Director gratuities, which are customary