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Komodo

Labuan Bajo to Labuan Bajo | Central Komodo, Sangeang, Gili Banta and Horseshoe Bay



Komodo: the land that time forgot.

This World Heritage Site has action-packed diving, prehistoric Komodo dragons and spectacular scenery.

The central channel brings immaculate corals, giant napoleon wrasse, turtles and passing pelagics, with excellent drift dives where mantas come to be cleaned.

At Sangeang, yellow sulphur and champagne bubbles rise from the shallows, and the black sand hides the much sought after Rhinopias scorpionfish.

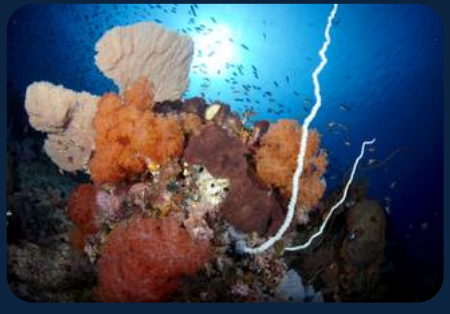
Gili Banta has a dramatic wall of intense coral and a night dive starring bobtail squid and stargazers.

In the north, two seamounts carry some of the best schooling fish action in Komodo, with sharks cruising among the clouds of fish.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 nights	Labuan Bajo	Labuan Bajo	Open Water certified







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival in Labuan Bajo

1 dive

Guests will arrive in Labuanbajo and have time to get comfortable on the boat.
After a short journey there will be the opportunity to do a check out dive and a night dive on the sloping reef at Sebolan Kecil in the middle of Komodo National Park.

DAY 2

Central Komodo & Wainilu

4 dives

Back to the middle of the channel to dive the Signature site of Batu Bolong; the ‘Rock with the Hole’.
This is a beautiful reef dive with plenty of fish, turtles and passing pelagics.
Just beside on the current rich Karang Makassar is an excellent drift dive with manta cleaning action.
For a macro afternoon head to the small island of Wainilu on the north coast of Rinca.
Diving along the sand slope in front of the beach should prove an excellent opportunity for critter hunting and some unusual nudibranchs.
This is the gateway to enjoy a walk in the park to view the prehistoric Komodo dragon.
You may also see monkeys, water buffalo and wild boar or just enjoy the panoramic views over the park.

DAY 3

Sangeang

4 dives

The smoking volcano Sangeang in the north has some great macro diving.
Bubble Reef has evidence of this volcano activity with both yellow sulphur and champagne bubbles in the shallows; Menceng Wall is an unusual black sand wall with a sand slope.
Keep your eyes open for unsual nudibranchs, shrimps and other amazing critters including the much sought after Rhinopias scorpionfish.

DAY 4

Gili Banta

4 dives

With the shape of a underwater caldera, the island is a Must stop on the way to the national Park. "Stairway to heaven" | the north west tip, is a dramatic wall, with intense coral development, schooling snappers, thousands of anthias, pelagic, for those in search of more adrenaline, GPS point is a seamount at the mercy of currents, that means: fish action!
In Banta we also can enjoy one of the best night dives of the area, with bobtail squid or stargazers as the stars of the show..

DAY 5

Tatawa & Central Komodo

4 dives

Into the middle of the channel to dive the Signature site of Batu Bolong; the "Rock with the Hole".
One of Komodo's world class signature dives.
Immaculate corals, thousands of anthias in the shallows, giant napoleon wrasse, turtles, passing pelagics.
Karang Makassar is an excellent drift dive with manta cleaning action, turtles and sharks.

DAY 6

Padar

4 dives

The island of Padar has some more secrets, seamounts and rocky formations, with an incredible marine diversity, plenty of fish life, invertebrates, soft and hard corals.
Top world class.
As we are in the south of Komodo, waters can get murkier and colder.
For those more active, a beautitul walk to Komodo's best view point.

DAY 7

Langkoi & Padar

4 dives

On the southern tip of the island of Komodo the Signature site of Manta Alley has some of the best schooling fish in the south.
Although the water may be chilly the potential for manta action is closely followed by sharks, napolean wrasse, humphead parrottish, sweetlips and turtles.
The island of Padar has the dive site of Pillarsteen with its dramatic seascapes of caves and swim throughs along the vertical wall.
The pinnacles at the 3 Sisters rise beautifully from the white sand bottom and are covered in colourful reef fish and the elusive frogfish.

DAY 8-9

Horseshoe Bay

4 a day

Horseshoe Bay has a variety of Signature sites; the world famous pinnacle of Cannibal Rock has excellent schooling fish action but certainly plenty of macro to discover; The black sand slope of Torpedo Alley has some interesting macro opportunities especially for the night dive; and Yellow Wall is a vertical wall covered in yellow softcorals and yellow crinoids.
Even the anchorage is exciting with Komodo dragons prowling up and down the beach; wild boars feeding from the shoreline; flying Brahminy Kites and White Bellied Sea Eagles; deer swimming in the sea; monkeys climbing the trees.

DAY 10-11

Gili Lawa Laut

4, then 2

For some of the best schooling fish action in Komodo we will head to the north of the park and dive on two seamounts called Crystal Rock and Castle Rock.
Keep you eyes open for cruising sharks amongst the clouds of schooling fish.

DAY 12

Departure

Guests will be escorted to the airport in Labuan Bajo and assisted with check in procedures, no doubt full of talk about the wonders of the most popular dive destination in the world.







GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Small groups

Dive groups are limited to 4 divers per guide, with unlimited diving.

Cruise Director

A Cruise Director and 18 crew look after the 12 guests on board.

Check in

Guests arrive at the start port and have time to settle in on the boat, with a check-out dive on the first day on some routes.

Check out

On the last day guests are escorted to the airport and helped with check-in.

Itinerary

This is a draft itinerary for the cruise, and the crew may change it to suit the weather and the guests on board.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Cabin accommodation with daily housekeeping
- Meals, snacks and drinks
- Unlimited guided diving, with a maximum of 4 divers per guide
- Two speedboats with experienced drivers
- Treks, village visits and beach stops as in the itinerary
- Airport assistance on arrival and departure days

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights
- Park fees and harbour fees, shown on our trip listings for each departure
- Dive and travel insurance
- Equipment rental and courses
- Crew tips, which are customary

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Dive and travel insurance
- Completed diver medical form
- 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 trip is weather dependent and there may be long crossings, and the crew adjusts the plan as best it can

Good to know

Divers must be flexible with the start time of the first dive at some sites, because they can only enter the water once the local village and officers give permission

Good to know

The crew can change the suggested itinerary to suit guests, if weather and time allow and everyone on board agrees