INDO MASTER

Komodo National Park

Labuan Bajo to Labuan Bajo | Komodo National Park



Komodo is one of the best places to meet manta rays, which glide in the current and are cleaned in channels along the rocky reef wall.

Two pinnacles in a bay offer superb shark action, with eagle rays as frequent visitors and dolphins now and then.

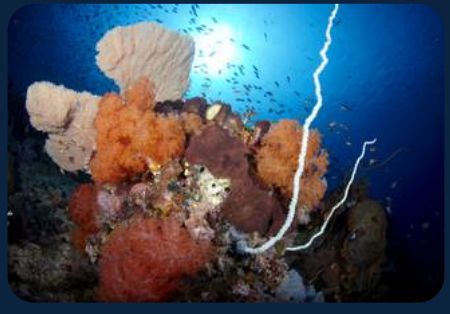
Fast-paced drifts run through coral gardens of soft corals and sponges to a deep ravine, where schools of snapper move in ever tighter formations.

At night the macro life comes out, with flamboyant cuttlefish, hairy frogfish, bobtail squid and pygmy seahorses.

On land, a guided walk finds the famous Komodo dragons.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
10 nights	Labuan Bajo	Labuan Bajo	Advanced, 30 dives







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Boarding

Embarkation is between 12:30 and 13:00.
When all guests are on board there are introductions and boat and safety briefings, and you assemble your equipment and settle into your cabin.

DAY 2

Check dive and first dives

Breakfast, then a check dive and up to 3 more dives.

DAY 3-9

Diving days

Up to 4 dives a day

Your Cruise Manager schedules up to 4 dives a day, three day dives and either a sunset or a night dive.



DAY 10

Last full day

2 morning dives

Two morning dives before the boat cruises back to Labuan Bajo, where it stays at anchor overnight.

DAY 11

Disembarkation

Breakfast on board, then disembarkation at 10:00.

THE DIVING

Dive sites on this route

Crystal Rock

In the bay next to Castle Rock, this site comprises 2 pinnacles, both offering superb shark action. Eagle rays are frequent visitors and dolphins have been known to make an appearance.

Shotgun

Typically a fast-paced drift dive, we spend time in the coral garden with soft corals and sponges before reaching a deep ravine in the reef where schools of snapper are often found moving in ever tighter formations.

Komodo Island

Guests will have the opportunity to venture ashore on Komodo Island to take a guided walk with the rangers through “Komodo Dragon Territory”.

Manta Alley

Channels form in the rocky reef wall where we can watch graceful manta rays gliding in the current and being cleaned. They make it look so easy, however strong currents can persist at this site.

Pink Beach

A shallow sheltered reef that is perfect for a night dive with superb macro sightings from flamboyant cuttlefish, hairy frogfish, octopus and bobtail squid to the barely there skeleton shrimp, Pegasus sea moths, crocodile fish and snake eels.

Current City

Takat Makassar / Manta Point The longest reef in Komodo National Park, Takat Makassar is one of the best locations for Manta Ray encounters.

Tattawa Besar

Boasting one of the healthiest, most stunning coral gardens in the Komodo archipelago, currents can sometimes be very strong making for an exhilarating, relatively shallow drift dive.

Batu Bolong

This little pinnacle to the east of Manta Point attracts an amazing amount of reef fish, but larger pelagic fish often stop by too.

Secret Garden

This sloping reef is a great spot for a relaxed sunset or night dive with plenty of crustaceans, molluscs and benthic fish. Sangeang Island Hot Rocks! A mix of sloping sand and coral formations.

The Estuary

Pygmy seahorses can be found clinging to the polyps of sea fans along the reef slope and a stunning hard coral garden is great for finding scorpion fish and leaf fish, whilst the sandy patches in between the reefs are a fantastic place to spot sawblade shrimp.

Techno Reef

The dark volcanic sand is dotted with green, orange and yellow “black” coral bushes and enormous red barrel sponges, home to ghost pipefish, long-nose hawkfish and pink squat lobsters.

Gilli Banta

Roller Coaster & Swiss Dream Manta rays, dog tooth tuna, blue-fin trevallies and rainbow runners can all be seen at this stunning reef wall.

Komodo hike

A guided hike in the national park shows the famous Komodo dragons, as well as buffalo, deer and monkeys.

Pink Beach and Rinca

A sunset visit to Pink Beach on Komodo Island is usually included, and a visit to Horseshoe Bay on Rinca, by tender, to see more Komodo dragons on the beach and in the water.

A typical diving day

Light breakfast, briefing and dive 1. Full breakfast, relaxation, briefing and dive 2. Lunch, relaxation, briefing and dive 3. A snack, then a briefing for a sunset or night dive where possible, and dinner.

Who can join

Divers need PADI Advanced Open Water or equivalent and at least 30 logged dives. Safety and dive briefings are given in English.

No-fly time

Leave at least 24 hours between your final dive and your flight home.

Transfers

Transfers between the airport or a local hotel and the boat are included on embarkation and disembarkation days.

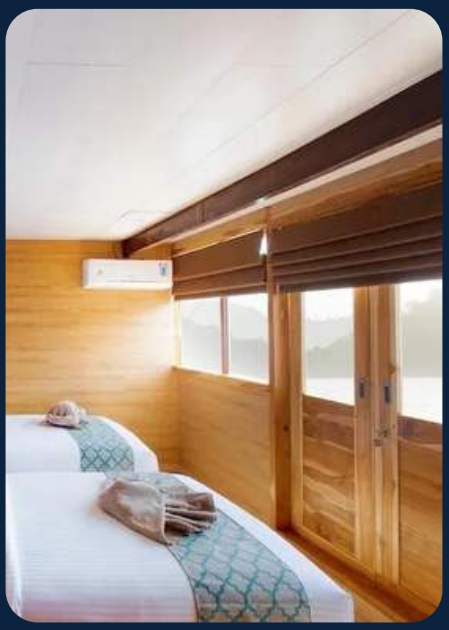
Check in

Embarkation is at Labuan Bajo harbour between 12:30 and 13:00. Some trips start or end in Bima, so please check your booking details.

Check out

Disembarkation is at Labuan Bajo harbour at 10:00.







INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Transfers between the nearest domestic airport or local hotel and the boat on embarkation and disembarkation days only
- En-suite air-conditioned cabin with towels, bed linen and shower gel
- Full board, with snacks, drinking water, soft drinks, fruit juices, tea and coffee
- Up to 4 guided dives a day
- 11 litre cylinder, weights and air fills
- Deck towels
- Land visits as described in the itinerary

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights, and hotel stays or day rooms
- Marine park and port fees, paid on board
- Travel and dive insurance, which is compulsory
- Alcoholic drinks, with beer, wine and spirits sold on board
- Equipment rental and 13 litre cylinders
- Nitrox up to 32%, at an extra charge
- Wi-Fi and laundry, at an extra charge
- Crew and dive guide
- Crew tips, which are customary

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card, Advanced Open Water or equivalent, and logbook
- Dive insurance, which is mandatory and must cover evacuation and recompression
- Marine park entry card, if you already have one
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy
- Torch for night dives

AND ALSO

- 3 mm wetsuit, or a 5 mm suit if you feel the cold
- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Passport and personal medication

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

The itinerary is an example, and the route and dive sites depend on weather, tides, currents and sea conditions, as decided by the Cruise Manager

Good to know

The number of dives depends on the weather and on how far the boat has to cruise

Good to know

Marine park and port fees are paid on board and can change without notice