

Malaillo & Malayeka Liveboard

Komodo Trip Itinerary - 6 Nights / 7 Days | Up to 19 Dives

Trip Overview

Experience the highlights of Komodo National Park on this action-packed 7-day expedition. Combining thrilling drift dives, manta ray encounters, vibrant coral reefs, world-class macro diving, and breathtaking island scenery, this itinerary showcases the very best of Komodo in a shorter format.

From the manta cleaning stations of Karang Makassar and Manta Alley to the adrenaline-filled currents of Castle Rock and Crystal Rock, this journey offers exceptional marine biodiversity and unforgettable underwater experiences

Day 1 – Embarkation (Labuan Bajo-LBJ)

Guests board Malaillo in Labuan Bajo (LBJ), followed by a comprehensive boat and dive briefing.

A check dive will be conducted at Sebayor Island, offering an easy introduction to Komodo's marine environment. A night dive may be conducted if time and conditions permit.

Day 2 – Central Komodo | 4 Dives

Begin diving in the heart of Komodo's vibrant reef systems:

Tatawa Besar: A spectacular drift dive over pristine hard coral gardens, featuring orange soft corals along the slope. Common sightings include reef fish, blacktip reef sharks, and eagle rays.

Karang Makassar (Manta Point): One of Komodo's most famous manta ray cleaning stations. Expect manta rays, turtles, eagle rays, and reef sharks over sandy bottoms and coral bommies.

Pink Beach: A gently sloping reef with coral bommies and sandy patches, ideal for macro photography and relaxed exploration.

Night Dive – Komodo Bay: A sheltered site offering excellent macro opportunities, including crustaceans, nudibranchs, and occasional Spanish dancers.

Day 3 – South Komodo | 4 Dives

Dive the cooler, nutrient-rich waters of South Komodo:

Manta Alley (2 Dives): One of the best manta ray encounters in Komodo, featuring strong currents, rocky reefs, and frequent manta activity in cooler waters (20–24°C).

Tanjung Lehosera: A mix of wall and slope diving with regular sightings of turtles, reef sharks, and vibrant reef fish.

Night Dive – Lehosera Bay: A calm, protected bay rich in macro life and night-time reef activity.

Day 4 – Padar Island | 4 Dives + Trekking

Explore unique reef systems and iconic landscapes:

Three Sisters: Three submerged pinnacles offering diverse coral formations and macro life, including occasional frogfish sightings.

Secret Garden: A macro hotspot with sandy slopes, coral patches, nudibranchs, ghost pipefish, and occasional mobula rays.

Padar Kecil: A shallow reef site ideal for macro photography and relaxed diving.

Padar Island Trek: Enjoy a hike to the world-famous Padar Island viewpoint, offering breathtaking panoramic scenery.

Night Dive – Padar Kecil: A productive site for nocturnal macro life and reef activity.

Day 5 – Gili Lawa Laut | 4 Dives

High-energy diving in one of Komodo's most famous current zones:

Castle Rock: A submerged pinnacle with intense current, rich pelagic activity, and schooling fish. Expect reef sharks, trevallies, barracuda, and occasional dolphins or whale sharks.

Crystal Rock: One of Komodo's most iconic dive sites, known for dense fish activity, Napoleon wrasse, and strong currents. Reef hook required.

Shotgun (Drift Dive): A thrilling channel dive between Gili Lawa Laut and Gili Lawa Darat, often featuring sharks, turtles, and feeding pelagics.

Night Dive – Gili Lawa Darat: A calm site with excellent macro-opportunities.

Day 6 – Central Komodo | 2 Dives

Batu Bolong: A legendary Komodo dive site featuring a solitary rock formation in Linta Strait. Strong currents bring nutrient-rich water, creating an abundance of marine life and exceptional fish density.

Siaba Kecil: Known for its beautiful hard coral gardens and regular sightings of turtles, blacktip reef sharks, and occasionally dugongs.

In the afternoon, guests will enjoy a trekking excursion followed by a special farewell dinner on the island.

Day 7: Disembarkation – (Labuan Bajo) | LBJ

Disembarkation Information:

The latest disembarkation time from Malaillo is **11:00 AM**. Guests with afternoon or evening flights will be transferred directly to Airport at 11:00 AM. Guests with confirmed transit hotel reservations will be transferred directly to their hotel following disembarkation.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Flying After Diving: The last dive of the trip will take place on Day 6. Divers are strongly advised to observe a 24-hour surface interval before flying.

Travel Tip:

Arrival Recommendation: We highly recommend arriving in the city of embarkation one day prior to the cruise departure and staying at a local hotel. This provides flexibility in the event of unexpected flight or luggage delays, or cancellations.

Departure Recommendation: We strongly advise against booking international flights on the same day as disembarkation, to ensure a smooth and stress-free transfer.

Itinerary Disclaimer: This itinerary is provided as a sample only and may be adjusted due to weather conditions, sea conditions, local regulations, or other operational considerations. The final route, timing, dive sites, and activities remain at the discretion of the Captain and Cruise Director, who will always prioritize guest safety while striving to deliver the best possible experience.