

Malaillo & Malayeka Liveboard

Komodo Trip Itinerary - 7 Nights / 8 Days | Up to 23 Dives

Trip Overview

Explore the legendary Komodo National Park, one of Indonesia's most iconic dive destinations and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This expedition offers an exceptional combination of strong currents, vibrant coral reefs, manta ray encounters, shark action, and world-class macro diving.

From the famous manta cleaning stations of Manta Alley and Mawan to the adrenaline-filled currents of Castle Rock and Shotgun, this itinerary delivers some of the most dynamic and diverse diving in the Coral Triangle.

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

Night Dive – Lehoksera 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 | 4 Dives

Return to Komodo's diverse central reefs:

Batu Bolong: A legendary site with strong currents and dense marine life concentrated around a solitary rock formation.

Siaba Kecil: Beautiful coral gardens with frequent sightings of turtles, reef sharks, and occasional dugongs.

Pulau Pengah: A sloping reef rich in hard and soft corals, with Napoleon wrasse, trevallies, and turtles.

Night Dive – Wainilu: One of Komodo's best night dive sites, featuring frogfish, ghost pipefish, nudibranchs, and crustaceans.

Day 7 – Central Komodo | 2 Dives + Sunset Cruise

Siaba Besar: Pristine coral gardens with frequent turtle encounters and excellent macro life.

Mawan: A manta cleaning station with regular manta ray sightings at around 10 meters depth. Optional afternoon trekking activity, followed by a sunset cruise near **Pulau Kalong**, famous for its flying fox colony.

Day 8: 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 7. 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.
