

# Komodo (Labuanbajo to Labunabajo) 30+ dives recommended Open water Diver or equivalent required

#### 7 Nights / 8 Days | Up to 24 dives

# Day 1: Embarkation – Labuan Bajo (LBJ)

Upon embarkation aboard Malaillo, a general boat and dive briefing will be conducted Check dive at Sebayor Island, followed by a night dive if time permits.

### Day 2: Central Komodo (4 Dives)

Dive 1 at Tatawa Besar: A drift dive over stunning hard coral gardens with endemic orange soft coral along the slope. Reef fish, blacktip reef sharks, and eagle rays are often seen

Dive 2 at Karang Makassar: A popular manta ray cleaning station with coral bommies and rubble bottom. Eagle rays, blacktip reef sharks, and turtles are common sightings

Dive 3 at Pink Beach: A beautiful slope from 3–10 meters, transitioning into sandy terrain with coral bommies. Excellent site for macro photography

Night dive at Komodo Bay: A sheltered bay home to various crustaceans and the occasional Spanish dancer

#### Day 3: South Komodo (4 Dives)

Dive 1 and 2 at Manta Alley: Among the best manta dives in Komodo with rocky reefs and cooler water temperatures (20–24°C)

Dive 3 at Tanjung Lehoksera: A mix of wall and slope diving with regular sightings of turtles and whitetip reef sharks

Night dive at Lehoksera Bay

#### Day 4: Padar Island (4 Dives + Hiking)

Dive 1 at Three Sisters: Three submerged pinnacles offering coral variety, giant frogfish, and macro life

Dive 2 at Secret Garden: A macro lover's dream with gentle slopes, coral and sandy patches, mini walls, nudibranchs, ghost pipefish, and mobula rays

Dive 3 at Padar Kecil: Shallow reef diving ideal for macro enthusiasts

Hiking to the breathtaking Padar Island Viewpoint

Night dive at Padar Kecil

#### Day 5: Gili Lawa Laut (4 Dives)

Dive 1 at Castle Rock: A submerged reef rising to 5m, full of marine action. Expect whitetip and grey reef sharks, large schools of fish, trevallies, and occasionally dolphins or whale sharks. Negative entry and reef hook required.

Dive 2 at Crystal Rock: A must-do site with incredible fish activity including giant trevally, Napoleon wrasse, and schooling surgeonfish. Reef hook is mandatory

Dive 3 at Shotgun: A thrilling drift dive between Gili Lawa Laut and Gili Lawa Darat.

Best during falling tide, with frequent sightings of sharks, turtles, and feeding manta rays

Night dive at Gili Lawa Darat

# Day 6: Central Komodo (4 Dives)

Dive 1 at Batu Bolong: A solitary rock in Linta Strait with strong currents and rich marine life. Dives are often limited to one side depending on current flowDive 2 at Siaba Kecil: Features beautiful hard coral gardens, common sightings of

blacktip reef sharks, turtles, and sometimes dugongs

Dive 3 at Pulau Pengah: A reef covered in hard corals from 3–5 meters, sloping down with both hard and soft corals, Napoleon wrasse, trevallies, and turtles are commonly sighted

Night dive at Wainilu: One of Komodo's best night dives, full of critters like nudibranchs, crustaceans, ghost pipefish, and frogfish

# Day 7: Central Komodo (2 Dives)

Dive 1 at Siaba Besar: Pristine hard coral gardens, with frequent turtle and cuttlefish sightings

Dugongs occasionally pass through the area

Dive 2 at Mawan: A great site for manta rays with a cleaning station at 10 meters

A perfect way to wrap up your diving adventure

Optional trekking activity followed by sunset cruising to Pulau Kalong

# Day 8: Disembarkation – Labuan Bajo (LBJ)

Guests disembark from Malaillo by 11:00 AM, with transfers to Labuan Bajo airport or selected hotels in the city.

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

Please Note: This itinerary is a sample and may be adjusted based on weather conditions, local regulations, or other operational considerations. The final route, timing, and selected activities are at the discretion of the Captain and Cruise Director, who will always prioritize guest safety and strive to provide the best possible experience throughout the trip.