MERMAID I

Bali and Komodo with Whale Sharks of Saleh Bay

Bali to Bali | Moyo, Komodo, Sangeang and Saleh Bay

Whale sharks in Saleh Bay are the grand finale of this Komodo trip, with about three hours spent with these amazing creatures, diving or snorkelling, from early in the morning.

Before that comes Komodo, where manta rays feed, play and get cleaned at the many cleaning stations, and reef sharks, turtles and napoleon wrasse come face to face with you.

Pink Beach has a famous night dive of spectacular colours, frogfish, slipper lobsters and basket stars.

An active volcano has black sandy bottoms, bubbles and beautiful coral reefs, with amazing critters.

On land, Komodo dragons roam the bush and scavenge on the beach.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
9 nights	Bali	Bali	Certified divers







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Bali

Check in

Check-in on board Mermaid I between 13:00-15:00 hours at Benoa Harbour in Bali.
After the boat and safety briefing, you'll set up equipment and you can settle into your cabin.
Mermaid I cruises into the sunset on her overnight journey to Moyo Island, north west Sumbawa, 145 nautical miles.

DAY 2

Moyo and Satonda

Dives + night dive

Start your adventure with a great dive in the calm, clear waters of Angel Reef at Moyo Island.
Massive elephant ear and barrel sponges, schools of longfin bannerfish and red tooth triggerfish, frogfish, nudibranchs, eels, surgeonfish, snappers and dogtooth tuna.
Afterwards, Mermaid I will cruise for two and a half hours to Satonda Island for a macro dive followed by a world class night dive after watching a million bats fly at sunset.
Cruise overnight to Sangeang Volcano.

DAY 3

Sangeang, Gili Banta and Gili Lawa

Dives

We will do our first dive at Sangeang, a beautiful volcano with black sandy bottoms and beautiful coral reefs.
Then we will move to Gili Banta where we have many options, pinnacles, walls, or easy-going reefs.
Then we will head to the northern islands of Komodo NP, Gili Lawa Laut and Gili Lawa Darat for an afternoon and night dive.

DAY 4

Gili Lawa Laut and Pink Beach

Dives + night dive

Gili Lawa Laut has several great dives – if the tide is right, you will have a chance to spot grey reef sharks and dolphin at Taka Toko.
Lighthouse Reef and The Old Passage offer fast drifts with pelagics, perhaps a manta if you are lucky!
Crystal Rock offers awesome soft corals in gold and orange hues plus the chance for sharks, turtles, Napoleon wrasse and fishes galore.
Tonight, you will dive the famous Pink Beach or Soro lia – spectacular colours, frogfish, slipper lobsters, basket stars, robust sea cucumbers unique to the area and more!

DAY 5

Komodo dragons and Cannibal Rock

Dives + night dive

Start your day with an exciting visit to Loh Liang Komodo National Park to walk with the dragons! As you quietly walk through the bush, look out for not only Komodo dragons, but deer, wild boar and birds as well.
Next stop is a diver's paradise – Horseshoe Bay at Rinca Island, home of one of the top ten dives in the world, Cannibal Rock.
Here, you will discover an abundance of corals, sponges, ascidians, sea apples, black corals, turtle, cuttlefish, loads of reef fishes and so much more!
You can also watch dragons scavenging on the beach as well as monkey, deer, wild pigs along the shore or go beach combing.
There may even be a chance to follow whales and dolphin feeding in the calm bay.
Mermaid I will overnight at this peaceful place, diving at one of the many fabulous spots for your night dive.

DAY 6

Manta Alley and Lintah Strait

Dives

Today you'll head on over to Manta Alley to watch in awe as these magnificent creatures feed, play and get cleaned at the many cleaning stations.
In the afternoon, you can do some more big fish dives at Tatawa Kecil or the infamous "Current City" Batu Bolong.
Come face to face with reef sharks, turtles, Napoleon wrasse and more.
Many good night dives around here as Wainilu.

DAY 7

Central and north Komodo

4 dives + night dive

This will be our last day at Komodo NP, we will be diving around the central and northern part of Komodo, we will do 4 dives here.
Then you'll head off for a night dive at Gili Banta.
Overnight, Mermaid I will cruise to Sangeang Volcano.

DAY 8

Sangeang

Dives

Sangeang is an active volcano off the north eastern coast of Sumbawa.
Black sand, bubbles and a colourful reef and amazing critters are awaiting for you.
After the second dive we will start heading towards Saleh Bay in Sumbawa in order to arrive early in the morning for an amazing day of diving or snorkelling with whale sharks.

DAY 9

Saleh Bay whale sharks

Dives

The last day of the trip will be at Saleh Bay in Sumbawa diving or snorkelling with whale sharks. We will start early in the morning, at around 6:30-07:00 and will spend approximately 3 hours with these amazing creatures.
Then we will start heading back to Benoa Harbor in Bali.

DAY 10

Disembark in Bali

After breakfast there is a transfer to the airport or your hotel.
Disembark is at 8 am.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Whale sharks

Saleh Bay, from the fishing platforms.

Komodo dragons

A walk at Loh Liang.

Cannibal Rock

One of the top dives in Komodo.

Satonda

A night dive after a million bats fly out.

Check in

Check in on board is between 1 pm and 3 pm at Benoa Harbour in Bali, with the boat leaving at 4 pm. Guests making their own way to the port should board between 1 pm and 2 pm. The transfer from the airport to the boat takes about 1.5 to 2 hours including clearing the airport.

Check out

Disembark after breakfast at 8 am, with a transfer to the airport or your hotel.

Last dive

Divers should wait at least 24 hours after their last dive before flying, so please keep to the no-flying rule when you book your flight home.







INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Transfers to and from the boat: anywhere in southern Bali on Komodo trips, and Sorong airport on Raja Ampat trips
- All meals and snacks, fruit, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, soft drinks and drinking water
- All dives, with tanks, weights and weight belts
- Diving with experienced divemasters and instructors
- Land visits to villages, beaches, viewpoints and wildlife where the plan includes them
- 3 GB of Starlink internet on board

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights, including any domestic flight
- Nitrox fills
- Rental equipment and on board courses
- Alcoholic drinks
- Marine park fees, port and national park fees (subject to change with government regulation)
- Dive and travel insurance

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Completed diver medical questionnaire
- Details of your dive and travel insurance
- 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

Itineraries are a sample and can be changed because of the weather, tides, currents, season and other events beyond our control

Good to know

There is no guarantee of seeing whale sharks. Boarding is between 1 pm and 3 pm, with departure at 4 pm