MERMAID I

Bali, Komodo and Maumere

Bali to Maumere | Moyo, Sangeang, Komodo and Maumere

Manta Alley is home to a large school of reef mantas, and the Lintah Strait has super clear water full of sharks, many species of ray including mantas, turtles and schooling fish.

Fast drifts bring a chance for grey reef sharks, mantas, dolphins, turtles and napoleon wrasse.

Sangeang has rare nudibranchs, pygmy seahorses and underwater hot springs, and the night dives find some of the weirdest and most wonderful critters, from frogfish to basket stars.

One world-famous reef has spectacular corals, huge black coral bushes, turtles and cuttlefish.

Ashore, dragons scavenge on the beach, and whales and dolphins sometimes feed in the calm bay.

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







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Bali

Check in

Check in on board Mermaid I between 1 pm and 3 pm at Benoa Harbour in Bali.
After the boat and safety briefing you set up your equipment and settle into your cabin.
Dinner is served at 7 pm as Mermaid I cruises into the sunset on her overnight journey to Moyo Island, in north-west Sumbawa.

DAY 2

Moyo and Satonda

Dives + night dive

A great dive in the calm, clear waters of Angel Reef at Moyo Island, with massive elephant ear and barrel sponges, schools of longfin bannerfish and red tooth triggerfish by the hundred, frogfish, nudibranchs, eels, surgeonfish, snappers and dogtooth tuna.
Then two hours to Satonda Island for a world-class night dive.
Overnight cruise to Sangeang Island, off the north coast of Sumbawa.

DAY 3

Sangeang and Gili Banta

3 dives + night dive

Three dives at Sangeang Island, for rare nudibranchs, pygmy seahorses and underwater hot springs that support this very unique marine life.
Then to Gili Banta for the night dive at Gili Banta Bay or Star Gazer beach, which delivers many unusual species and hunters in action.



DAY 4

Gili Banta and Gili Lawa

Dives

Two dives at Gili Banta, with reefs, walls and submerged mounts offering dives with pelagics, turtles, schooling fish and clear water.
Then to Komodo National Park for two dives at Gili Lawa Laut or Gili Lawa Darat.
Sites like Castle Rock, Crystal Rock, Lighthouse Reef and The Old Passage have fast drifts and great fish action, with a chance for grey reef sharks, mantas, dolphins, turtles and Napoleon wrasse.

DAY 5

Gili Lawa, Lintah Strait and Komodo

Dives + night dive

Two more dives around Gili Lawa Laut and then into the Lintah Strait, with beautiful coral reefs, sea mounts and crystal-clear water.
The night dive at Pink Beach or Soro Lia on Komodo Island has fire urchins, zebra crabs, frogfish, nudibranchs and amazing basket stars.

DAY 6

Komodo, Manta Alley and Torpedo Alley

Dives + night dive

Start the day with a visit to Komodo National Park to walk with the dragons.
Then cruise south to Manta Alley, home to a large school of reef mantas.
After the manta dives, a night dive at Torpedo Alley at Horseshoe Bay offers some of the weirdest and most wonderful critters and macro diving.

DAY 7

Cannibal Rock

Dives + night dive

The world-famous Cannibal Rock has rare nudibranchs, frogfish, spectacular corals, sponges, ascidians, huge black coral bushes, turtles, cuttlefish and loads of reef fish.
Watch dragons on the beach, and monkeys, deer and wild pigs along the shore, or go beachcombing, with maybe a chance to follow whales and dolphins feeding in the calm bay.
You spend the night at this peaceful place, with a night dive at one of the many fabulous spots.

DAY 8

Lintah Strait

3 dives + night dive

Three dives in the Lintah Strait, between Komodo on the west and Rinca and Flores on the east.
The water is super clear and the marine life very diverse, with sharks, many species of ray including mantas, turtles, schooling fish and nudibranchs.
The choice of sites includes Batu Bolong, Takat Makassar, Tatawa Besar, Tatawa Kecil, Batu Tengah and Siaba Kecil.
The night dive is either a critter dive at Wainilu or a reef dive in north Komodo.
Then cruise overnight to Maumere.

DAY 9

Maumere

Two dives

The last two dives are in the Maumere area, at Pomana Kecil Island, Raja Island or Pulau Besar.

DAY 10

Disembark in Maumere

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

Komodo dragons

A walk in Komodo National Park.

Manta Alley

A large school of reef mantas.

Cannibal Rock

One of the top dives in Komodo.

Sangeang

Hot springs and rare nudibranchs.

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

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Boarding is between 1 pm and 3 pm, with departure at 4 pm