MERMAID I

Bali, Komodo and Maumere with Whale Sharks of Saleh Bay

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

Saleh Bay gives a whole morning in the water with whale sharks before the trip heads on to Komodo.

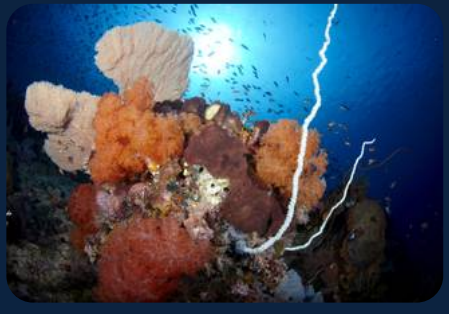
Manta Alley is home to a large school of reef mantas, and the Lintah Strait has crystal clear waters with sharks, rays including mantas, turtles galore and schooling fish.

A famous night dive at Pink Beach brings fire urchins, zebra crabs, frogfish, nudibranchs and amazing basket stars.

Sangeang has rare nudibranchs, pygmy seahorses and underwater hot springs.

A world famous reef has huge black coral bushes, turtles and cuttlefish, while dragons scavenge on the beach nearby.

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 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.
Dinner will be served at 19:00 hours as Mermaid I cruises into the sunset on her overnight journey to Moyo Island, north west Sumbawa.

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 hours to Satonda Island for a world class night dive.
After a great dive and dinner, she will cruise overnight to Saleh Bay in order to dive with the whalesharks the next day.

DAY 3

Saleh Bay whale sharks

Dives

Dive all morning with whalesharks!
After diving with the whalesharks, Mermaid I will start heading towards Sangeang Volcano.
If there is enough time, we might be able to do a dive around Satonda.
But that will depend on how long the whalesharks stay around the bagang.

DAY 4

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 cruise to 4 Gili Banta for the night dive at Gili Banta Bay or Star Gazer beach which will deliver many unusual species and hunters in action.

DAY 5

Gili Lawa and Pink Beach

Dives + night dive

Two dives around Gili Lawa Laut area then into the Lintah Strait, which has beautiful coral reefs, sea mounts and crystal clear waters.
The famous Pink Beach at Komodo Island offers a fabulous night dive with fire urchins, zebra crabs, frogfish, nudibranchs, amazing basket stars and more.

DAY 6

Komodo dragons and Manta Alley

Dives + night dive

Start your day with an exciting visit to Komodo National Park to walk with the dragons!
Then relax for around 1.5 hours as Mermaid I cruises south to Manta Alley, home to a large school of reef mantas.
After exhilarating manta dives, she will cruise to Horseshoe Bay for your night dive at Torpedo Alley.
This site offers some of the most weird and wonderful critters and macro diving you will ever see!

DAY 7

Cannibal Rock

Dives

Spectacular diving awaits you today at the world famous dive site Cannibal Rock – rare nudibranchs, frogfish, spectacular corals, sponges, ascidians, huge black coral bushes, turtles, cuttlefish, loads of reef fish and more.
Watch dragons on the beach, spot monkeys, deer and wild pigs along the shore, go beach combing.
There might even be a chance to follow whales and dolphins feeding in the calm bay.

DAY 8

Lintah Strait

3 dives

Three dives around the Lintah Strait, the strait between Komodo Island on the west and Rinca and Flores on the east.
Here, you can expect crystal clear waters and a vast diversity of marine life from sharks and rays, including mantas, to turtles galore, schooling fish and nudibranchs if you can take your eyes off the rest of the action going on around you!
There is a choice of dive sites including Batu Bolong, Takat Makassar, Tatawa Besar, Tatawa Kecil, Batu Tengah, and Siaba Kecil.
Cruise overnight to Maumere.

DAY 9

Maumere

Two dives

The last two dives will be done in Maumere Area, in Pomana Kecil Island or 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

Whale sharks

Saleh Bay, next to the fishing platforms.

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.

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