MERMAID II

Bali, Komodo and Maumere with Whale Sharks of Saleh Bay

Bali to Maumere | Moyo, Saleh Bay and Komodo

Whale sharks in Saleh Bay start the trip, with an early swim beside them for about three hours.

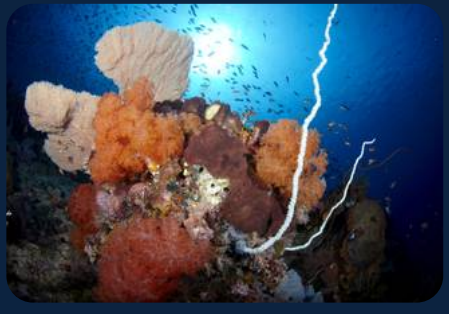
Moyo Island follows, with massive elephant ear and barrel sponges, and small whitetip sharks snoozing under massive table corals.

Komodo brings mantas on their cleaning stations, and when the mantas are flying the strait between Komodo and Flores is full of excitement.

In the north, giant trevally, eagle rays and hundreds of unicornfish and surgeonfish fill the water.

After sunset come night dives, with frogfish, bobtail squid and a million bats flying out at Satonda.

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







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Bali

Check in

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

DAY 2

Moyo Island

3 dives

Two great dives around Moyo Island in the calm, clear waters of Angel Reef, Little Angel Reef or Panjang Reef.
Massive elephant ear and barrel sponges and beautiful corals are home to big moray eels, schools of longfin bannerfish and red tooth triggerfish, frogfish, nudibranchs, surgeonfish, snappers and dogtooth tuna, and gentle currents find small whitetip sharks snoozing under massive table corals.
The garden eel garden on Angel Reef is a sight to behold.
A world-class night dive along the shallow reefs at Labuanhaji, off Moyo village, has frogfish, bobtail squid, cockatoo waspfish, devil scorpionfish and nudibranchs galore.
Afterwards Mermaid II cruises to Saleh Bay.

DAY 3

Saleh Bay whale sharks and Satonda

4 dives

An early start in Saleh Bay diving and snorkelling with whale sharks.
Mermaid II finds out which bagan (fishing platform) is being visited by the whale sharks, and you jump in around 6.30 to 7 am for about 3 hours with them.
Then the boat heads north to Satonda Island for a macro or reef dive, followed by a world-class night dive after watching a million bats fly out at sunset.
Cruise overnight to Gili Banta and Komodo National Park.

DAY 4

North Komodo

4 dives

The best dives for the conditions in the north of Komodo National Park, maybe starting with Gili Banta's GPS Point, currents allowing, or sites such as Batu Monco, Crystal Rock, Castle Rock and Lighthouse Reef.
A fish day with loads of reef fish, giant trevally, jacks, snappers, unicornfish and surgeonfish by the hundred, eagle rays, and a chance for whitetip and grey reef sharks.

DAY 5

Manta Alley and Komodo dragons

3 dives

The south of Komodo Island calls with the world-famous Manta Alley for two dives.
Then the boat heads back up the Komodo channel to Loh Liang for a visit to Komodo National Park to walk with the dragons.
After sunset there is a special night dive.

DAY 6

Lintah Strait and Gili Lawa

4 dives

One dive in the Lintah Strait, including Batu Bolong, the beautiful Tatawa Kecil, or Takat Makassar if the mantas are flying.
Then the boat moves to north Komodo, around the islands of Gili Lawa Laut and Gili Lawa Darat, for dives at sites such as Castle Rock, Crystal Rock, Lighthouse Reef and Shotgun, and a fascinating night dive on Gili Darat reef.

DAY 7

Lintah Strait

Two dives

More excitement in the Lintah Strait for the last two dives, at sites such as Tatawa Besar and Sebolan Kecil.
Then you cruise through the afternoon watching the sunset, and overnight to Maumere.

DAY 8

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, from the fishing platforms.

Komodo dragons

A walk at Loh Liang.

Manta Alley

Mantas on their cleaning stations.

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