MERMAID II

Maumere, Komodo and Bali with Whale Sharks of Saleh Bay

Maumere to Bali | Komodo, Sangeang and Saleh Bay



Whale sharks in Saleh Bay, in Sumbawa, bring a whole morning in the water next to the fishing platforms.

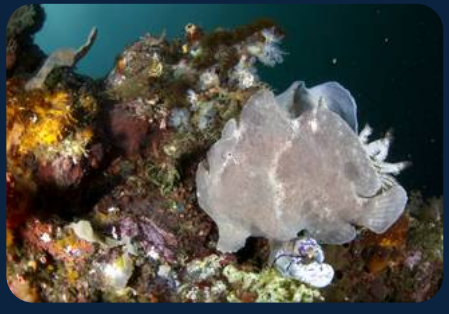
Komodo is covered in full, from the crystal clear strait between Komodo and Flores, with sharks, rays including mantas, turtles galore and schooling fish, to awesome gold and orange soft corals in the north.

A large school of reef mantas gathers in the south, and one famous reef has rare nudibranchs, frogfish, huge black coral bushes and cuttlefish.

Sangeang adds pygmy seahorses and underwater hot springs.

On land, you walk with the Komodo dragons.

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







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Maumere

Check in

Check-in on board Mermaid II between 12:00-14:00 hours at Maumere Harbour in Flores.
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 II cruises into the sunset on her overnight journey to Komodo National Park.

DAY 2

Lintah Strait

3 dives + night dive

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.
Your night dive can be either a critter dive at Wainilu or a reef dive in northern Komodo.
Cruise overnight.

DAY 3

Manta Alley and Torpedo Alley

Dives

Mermaid II 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 4

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 5

Komodo, Lintah Strait and north Komodo

Dives

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 II cruises north to the Lintah Strait for one or two dives and then on to Gili Lawalut or Gili Drat in north Komodo for a night dive to finish the day.

DAY 6

Gili Lawa Laut

Dives

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.

DAY 7

North Komodo and Gili Banta

Dives + night dive

Today we will do two more dives around northern Komodo before leaving to Gili Banta for the third and night dive.
Night dives at Gili Banta Bay or Star Gazer beach which will deliver many unusual species and hunters in action.

DAY 8

Sangeang

Dives

Two dives at Sangeang Island for rare nudibranchs, pygmy seahorses and underwater hot springs that support this very unique marine life.
Then cruise all afternoon and night to Saleh Bay in Sumbawa in order to dive with whalesharks.

DAY 9

Saleh Bay whale sharks

Two dives

Dive all morning with whalesharks in Slah Bay, Sumbawa, next to the fishing bagangs.
After diving or snorkrling for several hours, Mermaid II will start heading back to 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, 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 12 noon and 2 pm at Maumere Harbour in Flores. After the boat and safety briefing you set up your equipment and settle into your cabin.

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