SAMAMBAIA

Komodo and East Flores

Labuan Bajo to Maumere | Komodo National Park and Pulau Raja

Sharks, jacks and fish soup in the north of Komodo National Park, with action fuelled by current.

In the south, Horseshoe Bay has some of the lushest diving the park has to offer, with an overwhelming growth of soft and hard coral and critter galore, from rhinopias and frogfish to wonderpus and coconut octopus.

Night dives bring starry night octopus and rare nudibranchs, and easy drifts run over impeccable reefs.

A morning trek on Rinca puts you eye to eye with the last dragons on this planet.

The trip ends on a stunning wall off the north coast of Flores, with very good coral growth and overhangs.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
7 nights	Labuan Bajo	Maumere	Certified divers







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation

Arrival with plane to Labuan Bajo.
You will be picked up by crew members at the airport.
Embarkation in the port of Labuan Bajo.
A general orientation follows.

DAY 2

Komodo Central

After an initial general dive briefing, we will do our check dive with you at an easy and protected dive site.
Check dive in the sense of you checking your gear and weights, making sure the camera housings are proper sealed and our guides checking your buoyancy.
No skill demonstrations are required.
Dive site: ‘Sebayur Kecil’.
Over the day we are heading south through the National Park and look into doing an easy drift dive over an impeccable reef, like ‘Tatawa Besar’.
To cap this first day of diving we offer a night dive at Wai Nilu, which ranks within the Top 5 favorite night dive spots allover Indonesia of our Cruise Director.

DAY 3

Rinca Trekking, then heading for Nusa Kode

Trekking with Komodo dragons in the morning before it gets too hot in the sun.
Expect to be eye in eye with the last dragons on this planet.
A must when coming here.
Local rangers take care of our safety.
After this adventure we will be heading to the south of Rinca, also known as Nusa Kode or Horseshoe Bay.
Some of the lushest diving Komodo National Park has to offer.
During the months of May until October however, the waters are quite cold (down to 23°C) and the visibility is rather poor.
You will be, however, rewarded with critter galore: Ambon Scorpionfish, Rhinopias, Frogfish, Wonderpus, Coconut Octopus paired with an overwhelming growth of soft and hard coral on the reefs.
A very common sight at the beach are Komodo Dragons, Deer, Wild Boar and up in the trees you might spot a sea eagle.



DAY 4

Nusa Kode

We offer three more day dives in the Horseshoe Bay.
Some of our favourite dive sites here include: ‘Cannibal Rock’, ‘The Yellow Wall of Texas’, ‘Devil’s Corner’ and ‘Torpedo Alley’.
In the afternoon we will leave this truly spectacular place and head back up north.
For a night dive we will pull into the island of Pantar.
Starry Night Octopus, Frogfish, rare Nudibranchs, this dive site never disappoints.

DAY 5

Komodo Central

Working our way back up north, we’ve got a few secret spots to offer or we may go instead for some of the popular highlights if the conditions allow us to do so.
Potential dive sites for the day: ‘Batu Bolong’, ‘Manta Point’, ‘Golden Passage’.

DAY 6

Komodo, The North

We arrive in the morning in the northern part of the famous Komodo National Park.
And straight away hit the signature dive sites ‘Crystal Rock’ and ‘Castle Rock’.
Sharks, Jacks, Fish Soup.
Action fuelled by current.
In the afternoon and at night two more world-class dives at famous site like ‘The Golden Passage’, ‘The Cauldron’ or ‘Lighthouse’.
Komodo National Park diving at it’s best.

DAY 7

Pulau Raja

In the morning we offer two dives to give your body time before flying out the next day.
We will be at the island of Pulau Raja, north of Flores.
On a stunning wall with very good coral growth and overhangs.
We will stay here until the afternoon and snorkelling is always a good option here.

DAY 8

Disembarkation in Maumere

Depending on your flight schedule, our crew will check your luggage in for you in advance so you can rest on board and let us shuttle you to the airport when your plane is ready to leave.







THE TRIP

On every cruise

Diving

Three day dives of at least one hour each, and one sunset or night dive unless the boat has many miles to cover overnight.

Tender rides

Scenic rides through lagoons and coves in the tenders.

Treks

Trekking to breathtaking viewpoints.

Beaches and villages

Visits to secluded beaches and excursions to traditional villages.

Whale watching

Whale watching on every cruise.

Water action

Water action such as wake boarding and water skiing.

Check in

The boat leaves before 1 pm on the first day, with transfers between the airport and the harbour.

Check out

On the last night the boat returns to the end harbour, so guests can catch early domestic flights.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Nitrox
- Weights and weight belts
- 12 litre tanks
- Inflatable kayak
- Beer, soft drinks, juices, Italian coffee, premium tea and snacks
- Transfers between the airport and the harbour in both directions
- Guided diving with the Cruise Director and dive masters

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights and hotels
- Wine and spirits
- Massages
- Laundry

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

The itinerary is decided by the Cruise Director as the boat cruises, based on the weather, the dive conditions, guests' requests and the schedules of other liveaboards.

Good to know

Four dive masters go with guests on the dives, usually one guide to every four divers, and solo diving is not allowed.

Good to know

Every diver carries a GPS marine rescue device for the whole trip, the dive staff are trained in Emergency First Response and oxygen is on board.