



Komodo Diving Cruise

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS CRUISE

Anne Bonny Liveaboard

Introduction

This is a sample itinerary for 5 nights / 6 days non-diving cruise around Komodo Islands. We can adjust this itinerary for shorter or longer cruises.

Itineraries and dive sites choice in Komodo is highly dependent on tides and meteorological conditions. Many dives must be performed at a particular moment of the tide, and the South of Komodo may be difficult to access if the winds are too strong. The waters are also colder with limited visibility, so the guests may prefer to stay in the North.

For these reasons, the itinerary displayed here is not a fixed itinerary but an example of the multiple ways this cruise can be done.

We will depart from the harbour of Labuan Bajo around noon time and return to the exact location on the late night of the day before last.





Dive Destination - Komodo

Komodo National Park is situated between the Islands of Sumbawa & Flores in central Indonesia.

The park counts almost 1000 islands, with the largest being Komodo, Rinca & Padar islands. This area is part of the Wallacea Region of Indonesia, identified by WWF as a priority conservation area.

This part of Indonesia is an amazing place for both underwater & terrestrial wildlife lovers, with world-class diving and of course is home to the legendary Komodo Dragons.





Highlights

- 1) Diving on the most famous dive sites of Komodo
- 2) Drift diving
- 3) Night diving
- 4) Trekking to Gili Lawa viewpoint
- 5) Diving with Manta rays
- 6) Dragon walk on Rinca Ranger Station (komodo dragons)
- 7) Observation of flying foxes on Flying Fox island
- 8) Paddleboarding and kayaking in the lagoons
- 9) Beach parties and hangouts
- 10) BBQ onboard



Daily Routine

Below is the approximate daily routine, which can change due to weather conditions, activities, and group requests.

6 am - Light Breakfast

7 am - First Dive

8 am - Breakfast

11 am - Second Dive

1.30 pm - Lunch

4 pm - Snack

5 pm - Third Dive

7 pm - Dinner and free time

or

7 pm - Night Dive

8.30 pm - Dinner



Day 1 | Embarcation

2 Dives

Following a short flight to Labuan Bajo (Flores), you will arrive at the airport where we will pick you up to take you to the harbor.

Our crew will welcome you aboard Anne Bonny. After refreshments and a short tour and explanation about the ship, your safety on board, and the plan for the day, we set off in the direction of Sebayur, where we will do a check dive near Sebayur Kecil.

That night we will also enjoy the first night dive of the trip close to the same island.



Day 2 | Batu Bolong

3 Dives and the Night Dive

The morning starts with a light breakfast followed by a first dive at a World Class Dive site named Batu Bolong (Hollow Rock) in the North of the Komodo strait. This dramatic underwater landscape is home to an incredible variety of fish and soft corals. Sharks, Giant Trevallies, Turtles, Barracudas, and Napoleon Wrasses are often spotted here.

Later in the day, we enjoy a colourful drift dive at Tatawa Besar, a site famous for its orange soft corals.

We head to Karang Makassar for our second dive, also known as Manta Point. It is the best site to see manta rays in large numbers (up to 20 or 30 if you're lucky).

We will do our last night dive for the day in the same area.



Day 3 | Siaba Kecil and Siaba Besar

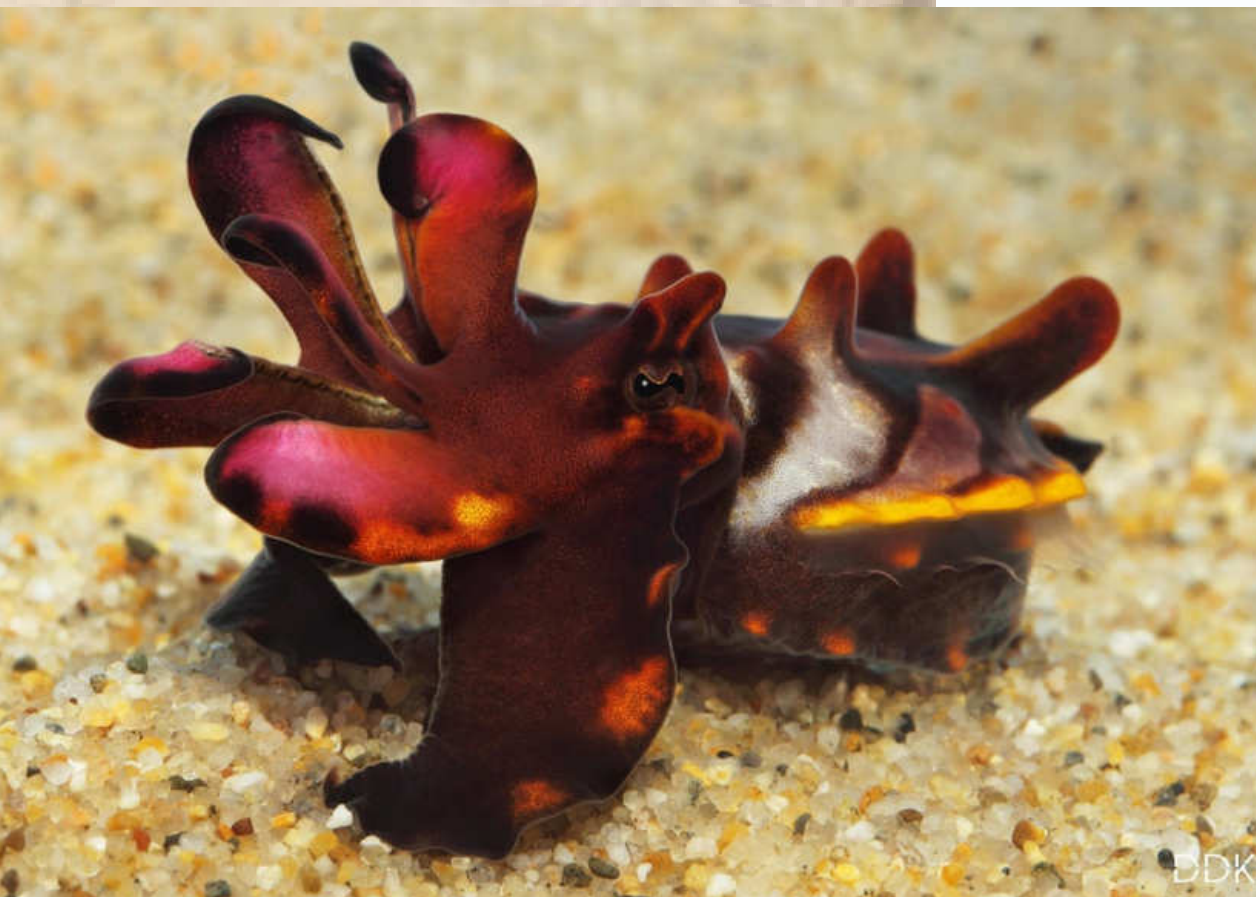
2 Dives and a Night Dive

Early in the morning, we dive the southern part of Batu Bolong, one of the most amazing dive sites of the Komodo archipelago.

We will then enjoy a drift dive running through amazing canyons, that lies 15 to 30 meter deep at Siaba Kecil. The canyons with spectacular caves are home to big pelagic fish, sharks, barracuda, and schools of giant trevallies and sweet lips. Lots of turtles can also be seen here.

Our third dive will be at Siaba Besar, a lovely Coral Garden, and a magical underwater playground. Satellite reefs grow beautifully in this protected bay, and a short swim over the sand will allow you to look at many different kinds of hard corals. This sheltered bay with a shallow reef is home to rare creatures such as dugongs, silver-tip sharks, ornate ghost pipefish, frogfish, and octopus.

We will end that great diving day with a night dive in the same location.



Day 4 | Gili Lawa Island

3 Dives and a Night Dive, Tekking

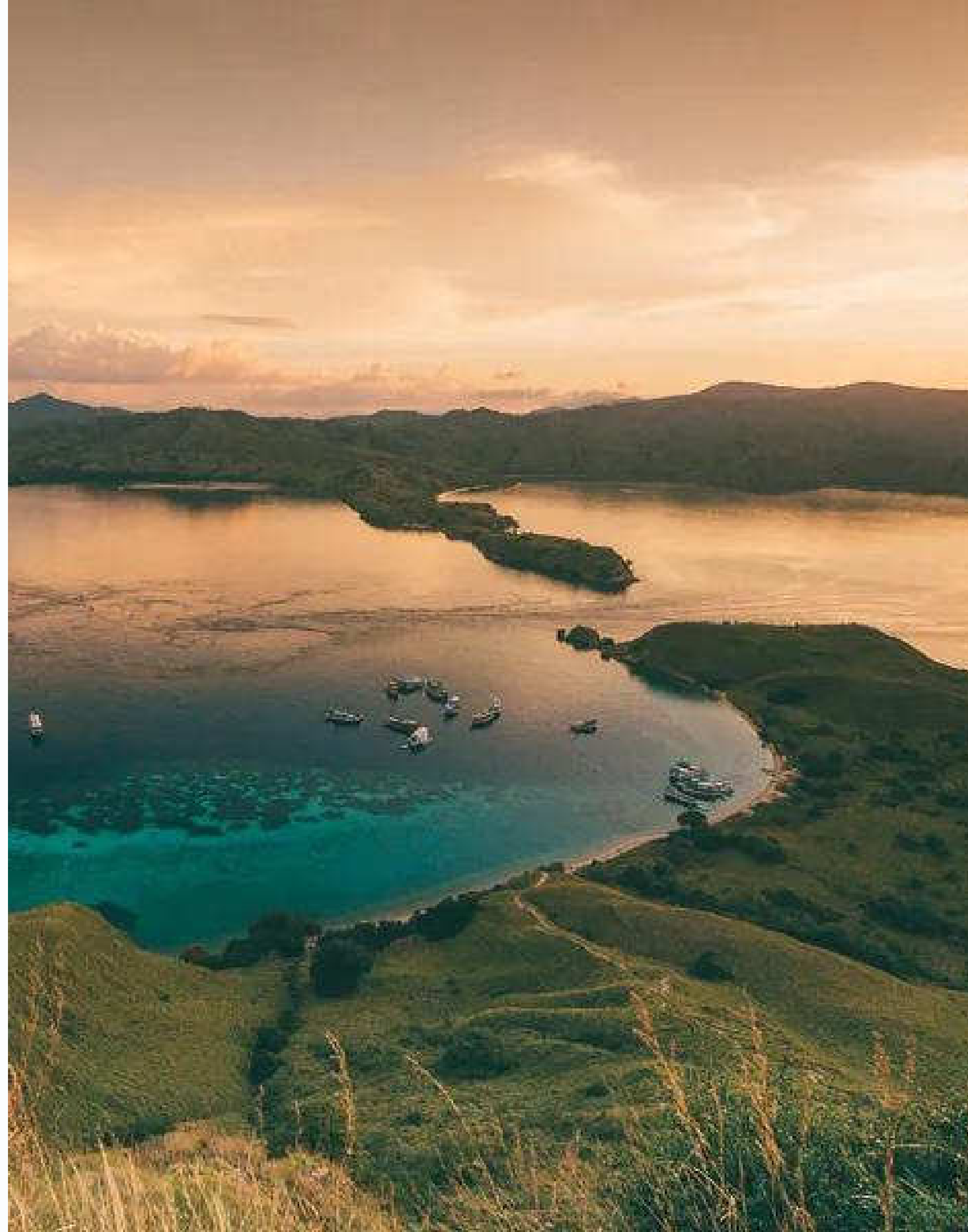
Early morning we move North to Gili Lawa where we have 3 great dives planned for you: Cauldron and the Golden Passage are 2 action-packed drift dives in channels between two islands, and very good sites to experience Komodo's famous currents.

Here we will find an amazing variety of marine life and underwater topography. The currents are perfect for schools of giant trevallies, groupers, turtles, white tip sharks, and sometimes Manta Rays.

The 3rd dive for the day will be at Coral Garden, a nice relaxing dive amongst some of Komodos' healthiest coral gardens and great for spotting turtles and critters.

We trek up to the famous Gili Lawa viewpoint in the afternoon to enjoy the sunset over the magnificent landscape.

Night dive is offered in the area.





Day 5 | Rinca Island

2 Dives, Komodo Dragons, Flying Foxes

In the morning, we dive the world-class dive sites of Crystal and Castle rock: a profusion of marine life with over 1000 fish species and 300 different corals to explore on these sites, including various kind of sharks, hunting giant trevallies, clouds of fusiliers, tunas, giant groupers and occasionally dolphins.

While enjoying lunch, we navigate south onto Rinca Island to enjoy a “Dragon Walk” to see the last representative of the Jurassic Park on earth, the infamous Komodo Lizard.

At sunset, we set sail again to the Flying fox island, where every evening, around 6 pm, thousands of fruit bats return to the main island of Rinca. After watching their flight, we enjoy our last BBQ dinner.





Day 6 | Disembarkation

After breakfast and the last exchange of photos and memories, the crew and Calico Jack will say our fondest farewell and transport you either to your hotel or airport.

We are looking forward to welcoming you aboard.

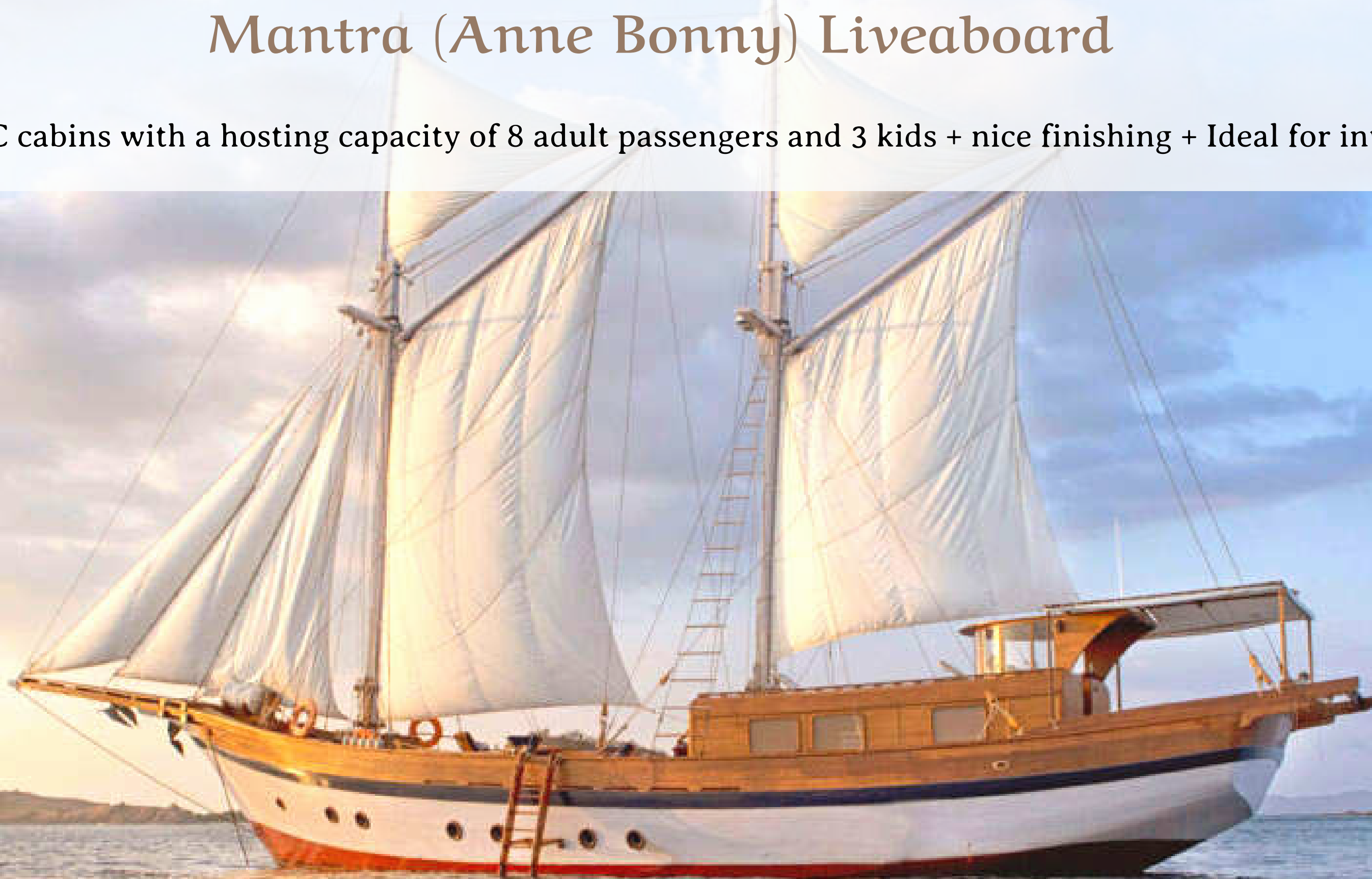
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Welcome onboard!