

ANNE BONNY

Komodo Diving

Labuan Bajo to Labuan Bajo | Komodo Strait, Padar, Nusa Koda, Batu Bolong and Gili Lawa

Manta rays gather in Komodo in large numbers, up to 20 or 30 if you are lucky, on drifts where sea turtles, white and blacktip sharks, huge trevallies and even bamboo sharks pass by.

The uninhabited island of Nusa Koda, in the south of the park, boasts some of the most spectacular diving in Komodo, with frogfish, Coleman shrimps, rare nudibranchs and leaf fishes among colourful soft corals and feather stars.

Off Padar, three impressive columns of rock rise out of the deep, populated by numerous coral-dwelling fish.

The trip ends with a stunning sunset and a beach BBQ on a white sand island.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
9 days / 8 nights	Labuan Bajo	Labuan Bajo	Open Water, 10 dives







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation

1 Dive

Following a short flight to Labuan Bajo (Flores), we will be waiting at the airport to take you to the harbour, where 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 Sebaya, where we will do a check dive near Sebayor Kecil.
That night we will also enjoy the first-night dive of the trip close to the same island.

DAY 2

North of the Komodo Strait

3 Dives and a 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 will enjoy a colorful drift dive at Tatawa Besar, a site famous for its orange soft corals.
We will then dive into Tatawa Kecil, a great site home to numerous groupers, snappers, and trevallies.
We will do our last night dive in the same area for the day.

DAY 3

Padar Island

3 Dives, Trekking

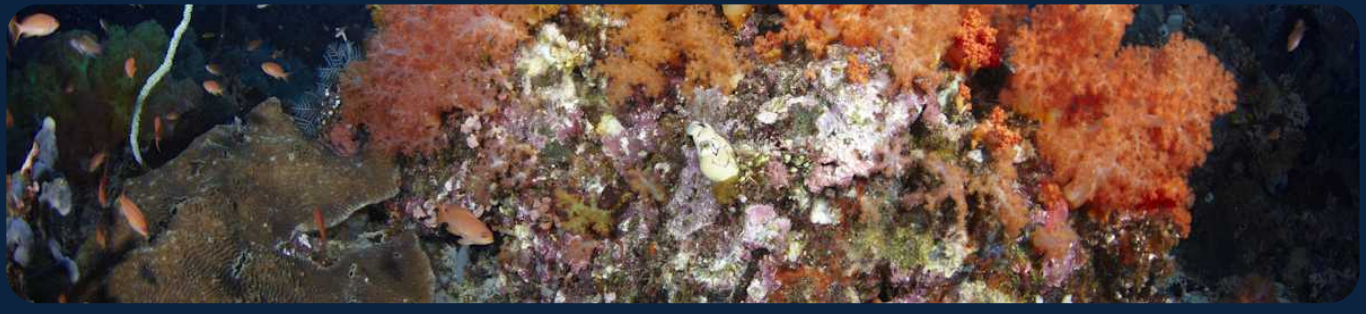
Early in the morning, we set sail to the island of Padar.
Our first diving spot will be Three Sisters where three impressive columns of rock rise out of the deep and the sea is populated by numerous species of coral-dwelling fish.
After a short rest, we dive again to explore the waters of Pillarsteen, another renowned diving site in Padar.
We end the day with a dive at Coral Garden, another beautiful dive site in the area.
Sunset tracking on Padar Viewpoint.

DAY 4

Nusa Koda

3 Dives and a Night Dive

We start the day with a short navigation to Nusa Koda.
This uninhabited island in the south of the park boasts some of the most spectacular dive sites in Komodo.
Here we enjoy a morning dive at Cannibal Rock, one of the most famous dive sites in the southern part of the Park.
Its coral is populated by an amazing variety of fish and critters (Frogfish, Coleman Shrimps and Zebra Crabs on fire urchins, rare nudibranchs, leaf fishes, sea apples).
The bay offers sheltered anchorage and excellent opportunities to observe local wildlife like Komodo dragons, monkeys, deer, wild boar, and birds.
During our second dive at Yellow Wall, you will be amazed by colorful soft corals, feather stars, and green and yellow tubastrea corals.
We end the day with a night dive at Torpedo Point.



DAY 5

Komodo Island

3 Dives, Pink Beach, Diving with Manta Rays, Komodo Dragons

We start the day with an exciting visit to Komodo Ranger Station, where we take a stroll with the famous Komodo dragons!
During our exploration, we will also be on the lookout for deers, wild boars, tropical birds, and giant lizards.
We then sail to the heart of Komodo Park and dive at Pink beach.
The simple topography of this site is ideal for an afternoon dive: a mini wall can be found in the middle of the reef, where clouds of glassfish swarm in the cracks and crevices.
Unusual critters such as leaf Scorpionfish, Crocodile fish, Mandarin fish, Nudibranch, and Frogfish also live here.
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).
This place is perfect for drift diving, you may also meet sea turtles, white or blacktip sharks, huge trevallies, and even bamboo sharks.
We will do a night dive in the same area in the evening.

DAY 6

Batu Bolong

3 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 then enjoy a drift dive, running through amazing canyons 15 to 30 meters deep at Siaba Kecil.
The canyons with spectacular caves are home to big Pelagic fish, Sharks, Barracudas, 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 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 end that great diving day with a night dive in the same location.

DAY 7

Gili Lawa Island

3 Dives, Trekking

Early morning we move North to Gili Lawa, where we have 3 great dives planned for you: The 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.
In the afternoon, we dive at the Lighthouse site, a lovely drift dive where schools of trevallies, barracudas and grey reef sharks, and sometimes Mantas rays can be spotted.
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 8

Gili Lawa Island

2 Dives, Beach Time, Hataming Island Beach BBQ

In the morning, we dive at the world-class dive sites of Crystal and Castle rock: a profusion of marine life with over 1000 fish species and 300 different corals, including various kinds of sharks, hunting giant trevallies, clouds of fusiliers, tunas, giant groupers, and occasional dolphins can be seen there.
The afternoon will be dedicated to relaxation on one of Gili Lawa's stunning beaches, where you'll be able to set off for snorkelling, kayaking, and paddle boarding explorations.
At sunset, we set sail again to the Hataming island and will enjoy a stunning sunset on a beautiful white sand island and beach BBQ dinner.

DAY 9

Disembarkation

After breakfast and the last exchange of photos and memories, the crew and Anne Bonny will say our fondest farewell and transport you either to your hotel or airport.
We are looking forward to welcoming you aboard.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Small groups

Dive groups are limited to 5 divers per guide, with a dedicated tender.

Activities

Kayaks, stand-up paddle boards and snorkel gear are on board.

Check in

Private transfers collect you from the airport or your hotel and take you to the harbour, where the crew welcome you on board.

Check out

After breakfast on the last day the crew transfer you to your hotel or the airport.

Itinerary

Each sample itinerary is an example, and navigation and dive sites vary with the weather.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Private airport and hotel transfers
- Air-conditioned en-suite cabin with hot shower, with daily housekeeping
- Three meals a day plus snacks, cooked on board
- 3 or 4 dives a day, with a night dive on alternating nights when the weather allows
- Groups of at most 5 divers, with a dive guide and a dedicated tender
- Snorkel gear, kayaks and stand-up paddle boards
- Starlink Wi-Fi when available, which varies in remote areas
- First aid kits and emergency oxygen

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights, airport taxes and visas
- Park and port fees, covering park entry, village contributions, dive permits, harbour clearances, trekking fees and regional taxes
- Dive equipment rental and dive courses
- Nitrox
- Crew gratuities, which are optional, with 10% of the charter cost suggested
- Alcohol, with beer and wine, and you may bring your own spirits

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

The sample itinerary is an example, and navigation and dive sites may vary slightly with the weather and visibility

Good to know

Park and port fees are paid in addition to the cruise price