

BLUE MANTA

Komodo, Maumere and Alor

Labuan Bajo to Alor | Komodo, Maumere and Alor

Komodo has something for everyone, from adrenaline-pumping current-fuelled dives to stunning coral reefs in crystal clear blue water.

In the north, mantas, sharks, turtles, eagle rays and even dolphins pass pinnacles, with drift dives full of hunting jacks and sharks.

Tons of anthias and Napoleon wrasse fill the reef, and the night dives are excellent.

The cooler, nutrient-rich waters of the south are home to macro megastars, and larger pelagics too, including mola mola, thresher sharks and hammerheads.

The trip finishes in Alor, far from the crowds, with fantastic macro life and schooling pelagics.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 days / 10 nights	Labuan Bajo	Alor	Intermediate to advanced







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Day 1

1-2 dives

3pm: Our staff will meet you upon your arrival to Komodo Airport or local hotel and transfer you to Blue Manta.
Depending on arrival time, we do check dive(s) at Bidadari and night dive at Pulau Sebayor.

DAY 2

Day 2

4 dives

South Komodo: Manta Alley to fly with mantas, Cannibal Rock, Torpedo Alley at Nusa Kode.

DAY 3

Day 3

3-4 dives

South Komodo, Padar Island: one of our favourite regions in the park with some stunning and diverse dive sites such as 3 Sisters and Pillarsteen.
Plus, a visit to Pink Beach.

DAY 4

Day 4

4 dives

North Komodo: Castle Rock, Crystal Rock, and Shot Gun at Gili Lawa Laut.
Pinnacles, drift dives full of action with hunting fish: jacks and sharks!

DAY 5

Day 5

3 dives

North Komodo: Batu Balong and Mantas on the Moon (Makassar Reef).
This followed by a walk on the wide side in search of Komodo Dragons and trekking on one of the local Islands.

DAY 6

Day 6

4 dives

North Komodo: Tatawa Besar and Kecil, Siaba Kecil, and Wainilu.
Tons of Anthias, Napoleon wrasse, sharks, and excellent night dive.

DAY 7

Day 7

3 dives

Maumere: Nearby Pulau Babi and Pulau Besar.
Sail to Alor.

DAY 8

Days 8 and 9

3-4 dives a day

Alor and Pantar Strait (Islands of Kepa, Pura, Ternate, and Buaya between Pantar and Alor); nutrient-rich adventurous currents and a diversity of dive site formations, make for an abundance of coral and fish, both big and small.
We may visit a local village and substitute for a dive.

DAY 10

Day 10

2 dives

Alor: Chance to repeat the final 2 dives.
Then we sail back to Alor, where you spend last night on Blue Manta in Kalabahi Port.
Plenty of time to wash and dry equipment, rest and relax, and if need be, an early flight the next day.

DAY 11

Day 11

No diving

Check out (between 5am-10am) after light breakfast and farewells, we transfer to local hotel or airport in time for check-in and flight.
Take your pre-booked flight to Bali or Jakarta, via Kupang.

THE TRIP

Departure, return and timings

- Departure: 3pm, 1st day - Bajo Port, Labuan Bajo, Western Flores. Or earlier if everyone arrives before and all trip preparations have been completed. Free pickup upon arrival from Komodo Airport (15 mins) or local hotel (10am) to Blue Manta on trip departure day.
- Return: 5am, last day - Alor, East Nusa Tenggara. After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to local hotel or Mali Airport, Alor in time for check-in and flight or local hotel (transfer time around 1 hour). Note: Latest Blue Manta check-out at 10am, trip return day.
- Last dive ends: 12pm, penultimate day. Plenty of time for R&R while we sail back to Alor where we spend the last night on Blue Manta. This also allows for your minimum 18 hours' surface interval/ No Fly Time (as recommended by PADI) before flying the next day.







THE VOYAGE

About this trip

Its popularity grows exponentially with every passing season and keeps guests coming back for more with its unique blend of adrenaline pumping current fueled dives, stunning coral reefs, beautiful scenery and of course the world's largest lizard, the Komodo Dragon. Whether you love big fish or are a macro enthusiast, Komodo truly has something for everyone, Manta, shark, turtles, eagle ray and even dolphins can be spotted in crystal clear blue waters of the North, while all manner of macro megastars can be spotted in the cooler, nutrient rich waters of the Southern areas of the park. Finishing in Alor, far from the crowds, this region has fantastic macro life, stunning coral reefs, an abundance of fish, and schooling pelagic providing amazing diving. Watch out for larger pelagic in the cooler waters of the South, including mola mola, thresher and hammerhead sharks. During the surface interval you may even have the chance to

spot dolphins or pilot whales.

DIVING

Diving days and notes

- Note: All schedules are subject to changes according to weather, sea, diving, and local conditions.
- Diving days: 10 days (28 dives)







CONDITIONS

Dive site information

KOMODO-MAUMERE-ALOR

- Water Temp: South: 22-26 degrees Celsius, North and Central: 26-28 degrees Celsius.
- Visibility: 20-40 metres. Air Temp: 25-30 degrees Celsius
- Level: intermediate to advanced. Currents: Mild to strong
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- Best Time to Dive: start of May to end of October. Best Time to Dive (Alor): March to December.

GETTING THERE

Getting to and from the boat

EMBARKATION AND DISEMBARKATION

- Labuan Bajo (LBJ), Western Flores / Alor (ARD), East Nusa Tenggara

HOW TO GET TO LABUAN BAJO (LBJ), WESTERN FLORES

- From Bali. Stay 1 night in Bali before the trip, then catch early morning flights from Bali to Labuan Bajo.
- From Jakarta. Check international flight arrival and domestic flight departure. You may be able to arrive to Labuan Bajo same day. Note: Allow enough time for landing, collect luggage, clear customs, possible change in terminal, check-in and boarding. Else stay 1 night in Jakarta before trip, then catch early morning flights from Jakarta to Labuan Bajo.
- Airline carriers: Batik Air, Citlink, AirAsia Indonesia, Garuda Indonesia, Lion Air, Nam Air.

HOW TO GET FROM ALOR (ARD), EAST NUSA TENGGARA

- To Mali Airport, Alor. From boat to airport, estimated 1hr transfer time.
- From Alor (ARD): Early morning domestic flight from Alor to Kupang (KOE) with Lion Wings. Then connect onward flight to Bali (DPS) with Lion Wings or Jakarta (CGK) with Batik Air, Garuda Indonesia, or Lion Wings.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Land transfer from local hotel / airport from destination on trip start and end days (Labuan Bajo/ Alor) to boat
- All nights' accommodation on Blue Manta
- All meals (Western and Indonesian) snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, milo, soft drinks, towels, toiletries, cabin services
- FOC replacement if equipment breakdown
- 12-litre air tanks
- Weights and belt
- Warm towel and drink after every dive
- 6 dive guides (1x instructor, 5x dive master), 28 dives

NOT INCLUDED

- All flights, hotels
- Pickups outside the trip start and end dates (a fee applies per car)
- Marine park and harbour fee (paid in advance of the trip)
- Fuel surcharge (paid in advance of the trip)
- Dive and travel insurance
- Massage services
- Laundry services
- Nespresso coffee, alcohol: beer, wine, satellite wi-fi
- Diving equipment rental
- Nitrox (enriched air) fills