

BLUE MANTA

Komodo: North and South

Labuan Bajo to Labuan Bajo | Komodo National Park

Komodo National Park is one of the most iconic dive destinations in Indonesia, and the north and south feel like two different worlds.

The south is cooler and nutrient rich, home to all manner of macro megastars, and you can fly with mantas.

Padar is one of the favourite regions in the park, with a visit to Pink Beach.

The north is crystal clear blue, with mantas, sharks, turtles, eagle rays and even dolphins, and drift dives full of hunting jacks and sharks.

The night dives are excellent, and a trek on a local island meets the Komodo dragons.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
8 days / 7 nights	Labuan Bajo	Labuan Bajo	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

4 dives

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

DAY 6

Day 6

4 dives

North Komodo: Batu Balong and Mantas on the Moon (Makassar Reef)

DAY 7

Day 7

2 dives

North Komodo: Siaba Bay plus Mawan or Pengah.
This is followed by a walk on the wide side in search of Komodo Dragons, and trekking on one of the local Islands.
Then we sail towards Labuan Bajo, where you spend the last night on Blue Manta in Bajo Port.
Plenty of time to wash and dry equipment, rest and relaxation, and if need be an early flight the next day.

DAY 8

Day 8

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 from Labuan Bajo to Bali or Jakarta.

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 - Bajo Port, Labuan Bajo, Western Flores. After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to the Airport in time for check-in and flight or local hotel. Note: Latest Blue Manta check-out at 10am, trip return day.
- Last dive ends: 12pm, penultimate day. Followed by a walk on the wild side in search of Komodo dragons, then sail back to Bajo Port where we spend the last night on Blue Manta. This 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.

DIVING

Diving days and notes

- Note: All schedules are subject to changes according to weather, sea, diving, and local conditions.
- Diving days: 7 days (22 dives)





CONDITIONS

Dive site information

KOMODO

- Water Temp: South 22-26 degrees Celsius, North and Central 26-28 degrees Celsius.
- Air Temp: 25-30 degrees Celsius
- Visibility: 20-40 metres. Current: Medium to strong
- Level: Intermediate to advanced. Best Time to Dive: Start of May to end of October

GETTING THERE

Getting to and from the boat

EMBARKATION AND DISEMBARKATION

- Labuan Bajo (LBJ), Western Flores

HOW TO GET TO AND FROM 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 the trip, then catch early morning flights from Jakarta to Labuan Bajo.
- On trip return if you have connecting international flights home, please allow enough time between your domestic flight landings.
- Airline carriers: Batik Air, Citlink, AirAsia Indonesia, Garuda Indonesia, Lion Air, Nam Air.





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) 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), 22 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