

DEWI NUSANTARA

The Flores Sea: Route II

Makassar to Labuan Bajo | Dayan Dayang, Nambolaki, Belang Belang and more

Four of Indonesia's best-known diving regions in one route make a dazzling cross-section of what makes diving here so special.

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In the vast Taka Bonerate atoll the water is crystal clear, with plunging walls, manta rays, turtles, seasonal whale sharks and glowing bioluminescence at night.

Komodo National Park closes it with manta rays and sharks underwater and Komodo dragons ashore.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
12 days / 11 nights	Makassar	Labuan Bajo	Certified divers







Your route

THE TRIP

About this trip

A short journey from Selayar, Taka Bonerate National Park is a marine paradise celebrated for its vast atoll, the third largest in the world. Taka Bonerate's name, meaning "coral islands over sand," reflects its unique geology. Spanning over 5,300 square kilometres, this underwater wonderland is a haven for divers and snorkelers. Its crystal-clear waters teem with marine life, including vibrant coral reefs, manta rays,

turtles, and hundreds of species of fish. The park's biodiversity is extraordinary, making it a key conservation area and a sought-after destination for marine enthusiasts.

Wakatobi, an acronym derived from the four main islands: Wangi-Wangi, Kaledupa, Tomia, and Binongko, is a world-renowned marine paradise in south-east Sulawesi, Indonesia. This archipelago, part of the Coral Triangle, is home to some of the most biodiverse marine ecosystems on the planet. Designated as a national park and recognized by UNESCO as a World Biosphere Reserve, Wakatobi offers crystal-clear waters, vibrant coral reefs, seamounts, walls, and an astonishing array of marine life, making it a haven for divers and snorkelers from around the globe.

The underwater world of Wakatobi is a spectacle of colour and life, boasting over 750 species of coral and 900 species of fish. The region's dive sites are celebrated for their dramatic coral walls, colourful sponges, and encounters with sea turtles, reef sharks, and schools of barracuda. The pristine waters and gentle currents make it accessible to both experienced divers and beginners. Beyond diving, visitors can enjoy kayaking, island hopping, or simply relaxing on serene, white-sand beaches fringed with palm trees.

Komodo, part of Indonesia's Lesser Sunda Islands, is a destination of unparalleled natural and biological significance. Best known as the home of the Komodo dragon, the world's largest lizard, Komodo National Park encompasses the islands of Komodo, Rinca, Padar, and several smaller islets. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is a haven for adventurers, wildlife enthusiasts, and nature lovers seeking to experience the raw beauty of the Indonesian archipelago.

The region is rightfully renowned for its underwater world. The surrounding waters feature vibrant coral reefs, manta rays, sharks, sea turtles, and countless species of fish. Divers and snorkelers flock to sites like Batu Bolong and Shotgun, where the marine biodiversity is breathtaking. With its dramatic landscapes, unique wildlife, and vibrant underwater ecosystems, Komodo offers an unforgettable blend of adventure and natural wonder.

THE ROUTE

Your route, anchorage by anchorage

Areas are shown in the order visited. Sites and dives change with weather, sea conditions and the captain's decisions.

DAYAN DAYANG

Located at the southern end of South Sulawesi's Spermonde Archipelago, Dayan Dayang is a captivating destination for scuba divers seeking untouched beauty and tranquil waters. Just a short cruise from Makassar, and known for its rich marine biodiversity, the island offers an array of underwater experiences, from vibrant coral gardens to encounters with unique species.

The dive sites surrounding the island are known for their healthy coral reefs, which flourish in the warm, nutrient-rich waters. Hard and soft corals create an intricate underwater landscape, providing shelter to schools of reef fish, sea turtles, and an assortment of macro critters. Divers can spot everything from clownfish darting in and out of anemones to nudibranchs, shrimp, and pygmy seahorses hiding among the coral branches. The island's waters are also frequented by larger pelagic species such as eagle rays and, on lucky days, reef sharks.

One of the highlights of diving at here is its excellent visibility, often reaching 20–30 metres, and calm currents that make it accessible to divers of all experience levels. The island's underwater topography includes sandy patches, coral bommies, and sloping reefs, offering diverse habitats to explore. For macro photography enthusiasts, the shallow reefs are a treasure trove of small, fascinating creatures, while those who prefer a more dynamic dive can explore deeper waters teeming with life.

Beyond its underwater attractions, Dayan Dayang Island itself is a picturesque haven, with white sandy beaches and crystal-clear waters perfect for relaxing between dives. Its remote location ensures a peaceful, crowd-free experience, allowing divers to immerse themselves fully in the natural beauty of South Sulawesi.

Dive sites: Dayan Dayang Utara, Dayan Dayang Timur, Dayan Dayang Barat, Dayan Dayang Selatan.

NAMBOLAKI

Nambolaki Island, a hidden gem in the heart of tropical paradise, is a dream destination for scuba diving enthusiasts. Its crystal-clear waters and vibrant marine ecosystem provide an unforgettable underwater experience. Divers are greeted by colourful coral reefs teeming with life, from schools of playful clownfish darting through anemones to majestic sea turtles gliding gracefully through the currents. The island's diverse underwater terrain, including dramatic drop-offs, intricate caves, and gentle sandy slopes, caters to divers of all skill levels. With visibility often exceeding 30 meters, exploring Nambolaki's underwater wonders feels like swimming through a living aquarium.

For those seeking adventure, Nambolaki Island offers more than just serene coral gardens. Advanced divers can explore shipwrecks encrusted with marine life or encounter thrilling pelagic species like reef sharks and manta rays. Night diving is also a highlight, revealing a completely

different world where bioluminescent plankton light up the dark waters and nocturnal creatures like octopuses and lobsters emerge from their hiding spots. With its pristine environment, welcoming dive operators, and a sense of untouched beauty, scuba diving at Nambolaki Island is a must for anyone eager to connect with the ocean's wonders.

Dive sites: Seamount, Nambolaki North-West, Sand Chute, Wall, Lighthouse!, Nambolaki South-East.





BELANG BELANG

Belang Belang, situated on the north side of the Taka Bonerate National Park in Indonesia, is a haven for scuba divers seeking pristine marine ecosystems and unparalleled biodiversity. This UNESCO Biosphere Reserve boasts the third-largest atoll in the world, making it a magnet for marine life and an unforgettable diving destination. The waters around Belang Belang are crystal-clear, offering exceptional visibility that reveals vibrant coral gardens, intricate underwater structures, and a kaleidoscope of tropical fish. From the gentle sway of soft corals to the darting movements of butterflyfish, parrotfish, and even the occasional sea turtle, the area's rich biodiversity enchants every diver.

For those who crave a touch of adventure, Belang- Belang's underwater seascapes include dramatic walls, steep drop-offs, and hidden caves that promise thrilling explorations. The region is also known for its seasonal appearances of larger marine creatures such as reef sharks, manta

rays, and even whale sharks. Night dives here unveil a mesmerizing world of glowing bioluminescence and rare nocturnal species. With the combination of a vibrant ecosystem, the warmth of local hospitality, and the sense of diving in one of the most unspoiled marine environments on Earth, Belang Belang along with the rest of Taka Bonerate atoll delivers an extraordinary experience for both novice and seasoned divers.

Dive sites: Belang Utara, Lighthouse!, Belang Selatan, Taka Gantarang, Atoll Channel East, Atoll Channel West, Rajuni Utara Sandyland, Taka Lamungan, Selibe.

BATUATA

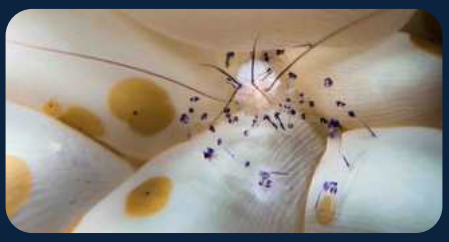
Batuata, a lesser-known treasure among Indonesia's many diving destinations, offers an experience of pristine beauty and untouched marine life. Located in the Flores Sea, this remote island is renowned for its incredible underwater biodiversity and crystal-clear waters. Batuata's reefs are a dazzling spectacle, with hard and soft corals thriving in vibrant health, creating an underwater landscape alive with colour. Divers can expect to encounter schools of tropical fish, including angelfish, surgeonfish, and barracudas, as well as larger pelagic species like manta rays and reef sharks patrolling the deeper waters. The calm currents around certain dive sites make it an excellent spot for divers of all

levels to explore.

The underwater terrain around Batuata is as diverse as its marine inhabitants. From shallow coral gardens ideal for macro photography to dramatic walls plunging into the depths, each site offers a unique perspective on the underwater world. The island's remote location ensures that

the dive sites are uncrowded, giving divers the feeling of discovering an untouched paradise. Night dives at Batuata are particularly magical, revealing nocturnal creatures like lobsters, cuttlefish, and the occasional shy octopus. For those seeking a truly off-the-beaten-path diving adventure, Batuata promises an extraordinary encounter with the wonders of the sea

Dive sites: Batuata Utara Timur, Batuata Utara-Barat, Cove Wall, Batuata Timur, Lighthouse!, Le! erbox, Wambongi Wall, Notch, Batuata Seletan.


WAKATOBI

Wangi Wangi and Kaledupa.

Wangi Wangi and Kaledupa, two of the four islands that comprise the Wakatobi marine protected area, are a paradise for scuba divers seeking diverse marine life and unspoiled coral reefs. Both of them offer dive sites that are as stunning as they are varied. The crystal-clear waters surrounding the islands reveal thriving coral gardens teeming with life, where colourful reef fish like butterflyfish, angelfish, and clownfish flit among vibrant hard and soft corals. The island's rich biodiversity also includes encounters with sea turtles, eagle rays, and even reef sharks, making every dive a thrilling experience.

The amazing underwater topography around the islands only add to their allure. Divers can explore gentle coral slopes, dramatic drop-offs, and intricate underwater caves, each offering unique challenges and opportunities for discovery. Macro enthusiasts will delight in spotting tiny critters like nudibranchs and shrimp, while more experienced

divers can venture into deeper waters to find larger pelagic species. The island's remote location ensures that dive sites remain uncrowded and pristine, allowing for an intimate connection with the marine environment. Whether you're a novice diver or an experienced adventurer, scuba diving at Kadelupa Island is an unforgettable journey into the heart of Indonesia's underwater treasures.

Dive sites: Patuno, Fan Wall, ! Lighthouse, Fish Market Pinnacle, Blue Corner, North Wall, Coral Garden Hoga Pinnacle, Lighthouse!, Twin Peaks, Double Spur.

WAKATOBI, CONTINUED

Tomea and Lintea.

Tomea Island, one of the jewels of Indonesia's Wakatobi Archipelago, is a premier destination for scuba divers seeking extraordinary marine biodiversity and pristine underwater landscapes. Renowned for its healthy coral reefs and crystal-clear waters, Tomea offers a variety of dive sites that cater to all levels of experience. The island's reefs are a vibrant tapestry of life, featuring colourful soft and hard corals teeming with fish such as fusiliers, parrotfish, and clownfish. Dive deeper, and you may encounter graceful eagle rays, curious reef sharks, and even the occasional whale shark passing through.

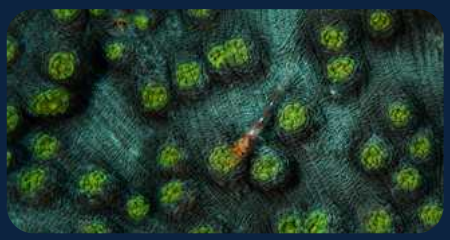
Tomea's underwater terrain is as diverse as its marine inhabitants, ranging from shallow coral gardens perfect for beginners to vertical walls and drift dives that challenge advanced divers. Sites like Roma and Cornucopia are

particularly famous for their dramatic coral structures and dense marine life. Macro photography enthusiasts will also find plenty to marvel at, with pygmy

seahorses, nudibranchs, and ornate ghost pipefish hidden among the reefs. The warm hospitality of the local community and the island's commitment to marine conservation further enhance the diving experience, making Tomea Island a must-visit destination for anyone passionate about exploring the underwater world.

Dive sites: Gunung Waha, Lighthouse!, Roma, Wakatobi Resort, Blade, Magnifi ca Cornucopia, Turkey Beach, Galaxy, Trailblazer, Korner, Liabale, S! ngray City.





WAKATOBI, CONTINUED

Binongko and Karang Koka.

Binongko Island, located at the edge of the Wakatobi Archipelago in Indonesia, is a hidden gem for scuba divers seeking an authentic and off-the-beaten-path experience. Known as the "Island of Blacksmiths" due to its rich cultural history, Binongko is equally impressive beneath the waves, offering some of the most pristine and untouched dive sites in the region. The island's waters are home to flourishing coral reefs, where vibrant hard and soft corals host a dazzling array of marine life. Divers can expect to encounter reef fish like angelfish, snapper, and butterflyfish, as well as larger pelagic species such as manta rays and reef sharks patrolling the deeper waters.

drop-offs, underwater caves, and steep walls blanketed in coral. The island's relative remoteness means its dive sites are rarely crowded, providing an unparalleled sense of exploration and tranquility. Macro enthusiasts will delight in spotting camouflaged critters like frogfish and nudibranchs, while larger creatures like sea turtles are frequent companions on dives. Binongko's commitment to marine conservation and its status as part of the Wakatobi Marine National Park ensure that the island remains a pristine haven for divers. For those seeking an adventure far from the usual diving hotspots, Binongko Island offers a truly remarkable underwater experience.

Dive sites: Fish Wall, Cavern Wall, Binmo, ! Lighthouse, Lighthouse Wall, Pintu Masuk Timur, Koka Selatan.

KAKABIA

Kakabia Island, a remote and unspoiled paradise in South Sulawesi, Indonesia, is a hidden treasure for scuba diving enthusiasts. Surrounded by crystal-clear waters and thriving coral reefs, the island offers an extraordinary underwater experience for those seeking adventure and serenity. The dive sites around Kakabia are teeming with marine life, from vibrant reef fish such as damselfish and fusiliers to larger species like barracudas, reef sharks, and manta rays. The island's rich biodiversity and exceptional water clarity make it a favorite destination for underwater photographers and marine life enthusiasts alike.

The underwater terrain at Kakabia Island is as diverse as it is stunning. Divers can explore colourful coral gardens, steep walls, and sandy slopes that serve as habitats for unique critters like nudibranchs, frogfish, and pygmy seahorses. The remote location ensures minimal human interference, preserving the pristine condition of the marine ecosystem. With its tranquil

atmosphere, breathtaking underwater scenery, and the feeling of exploring an untouched paradise, scuba diving at Kakabia Island is an unforgettable experience for divers looking to immerse themselves in Indonesia's unparalleled marine wonders.

Dive sites: Break Point, Gorgonian Wall, Grumpy Wall, Interatoll, Kakapass Utara, Happy Wall, Kakapass Selatan,

Lighthouse!, Bump.





SOUTH TAKA BONERATE

Taka Bonerate, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve located in South Sulawesi, Indonesia, is a diver's dream come true. Known for hosting the third-largest atoll system in the world, Taka Bonerate boasts an underwater paradise that remains largely untouched by mass tourism. The crystal-clear waters and extensive coral reefs are home to over 500 species of coral and more than 300 species of fish, making it a hotspot for biodiversity. Divers are treated to a kaleidoscope of colours as they swim alongside vibrant reef fish, graceful sea turtles, and even majestic manta rays. The atoll's shallow lagoons and abundant marine life make it a prime destination for divers of all levels.

The underwater landscape of Taka Bonerate is nothing short of spectacular. It features a variety of dive sites, including coral gardens, vertical walls, and underwater caves. Advanced divers can explore the deeper drop-offs, where encounters with larger pelagic species like reef sharks, barracudas, and occasionally whale

sharks add an extra thrill. The visibility often exceeds 30 meters, providing crystal-clear views of the reefs and their inhabitants. Macro enthusiasts will also find plenty to admire, from tiny nudibranchs to elusive pygmy seahorses hiding in the coral. With such diversity, every dive at Taka Bonerate feels like a unique adventure.

What sets Taka Bonerate apart is not only its natural beauty but also its sense of serenity. The remote location and limited access ensure that dive sites are uncrowded, offering a tranquil environment for exploration. Local communities play an active role in conserving the marine park, adding a sense of stewardship to the experience. Whether you're an experienced diver seeking an off-the-beaten-path destination or a beginner eager to explore one of the world's most extraordinary marine environments, Taka Bonerate promises an unforgettable underwater journey.

Dive sites: Taka Sepe, Sepe Point, Bubby Point, Taka Bubby, Bongko, Ampalas, ! Lighthouse.

KOMODO

Komodo National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Indonesia, is world-renowned as one of the planet's top scuba diving destinations. Famous for its rugged islands, dramatic landscapes, and the iconic Komodo dragon, the park's underwater world is equally breathtaking. The region sits at the confluence of the Pacific and Indian Oceans, creating nutrient-rich currents that support extraordinary marine biodiversity. Divers can explore vibrant coral reefs teeming with life, from tiny critters like nudibranchs and pygmy seahorses to larger species such as reef sharks, manta rays, and even dolphins. With crystal-clear waters and an abundance of marine life, Komodo offers unforgettable diving experiences.

The underwater terrain in Komodo is as diverse as its marine inhabitants. Popular dive sites like Batu Bolong and Castle Rock feature steep walls and pinnacles covered in colourful corals, swarming with schools of fish like fusiliers, snappers, and barracudas. For thrill-seekers, the strong currents

at sites like Tatawa Besar and Shotgun create exhilarating drift dives, where divers can glide effortlessly over the reefs. Karang Makassar is a highlight for many, where encounters with graceful manta rays are almost guaranteed. In contrast, the coral gardens of Pink Beach offer serene diving conditions, perfect for beginners or macro photography enthusiasts.

What makes scuba diving in Komodo truly unique is the park's balance between raw adventure and ecological preservation. Strict conservation efforts ensure the health of the marine ecosystem, allowing divers to witness some of the most pristine underwater environments in the world. Liveaboards are a popular way to explore the park's

numerous dive sites, providing divers with access to remote and untouched locations. Whether you're navigating thrilling currents, marveling at the diversity of coral reefs, or simply soaking in the natural beauty of Komodo's underwater world, scuba diving here is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that leaves a lasting impression.

Dive sites: Lighthouse!, Sabolan, Batu Moncho, Gili Lawa Laut, ! Lighthouse, Gili Lawa Darat, Sebayor, Linta Strait, Wainilu.

ROUTE MAP

Cruise route



CRUISE NOTES

Cruise notes

- Flexible Itineraries: Our cruise routes are intentionally adaptable. Throughout the journey, the captain and cruise director continuously assess sea conditions, weather, and tides to ensure the best possible experience. Guest preferences for specific dive sites are always considered whenever feasible.
- More Than Is Listed: The locations featured in these itineraries represent only a portion of what's possible. Numerous additional anchorages and activity options are available along the way, making each voyage truly unique.
- Simplified for Clarity: The destinations shown in our presentations are not necessarily listed in the order they will be visited. They are organized for clarity and to help guests visualize the overall routing.
- Extended Stays: If a particular anchorage offers exceptional experiences, guests may opt to linger a bit longer. The captain and cruise director have the flexibility to accommodate such preferences, provided they align with the overall cruise schedule.
- Overnight Passages: To maximize daylight hours at our most spectacular destinations, longer transits between anchorages are typically conducted overnight.
- Escape the Crowds: With the exception of embarkation and disembarkation points, our itineraries are carefully crafted to avoid congested areas and busy commercial ports, allowing for a more tranquil and immersive experience.
- Beyond the Dive: Many of our anchorages offer more than just diving and snorkelling. Guests can enjoy kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, and occasional visits to local villages and cultural sites — adding even more richness to the journey.