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Itinerary Central & West Komodo
Labuan bajo – Labuan bajo
8 days/ 7nights

This trip would be best described as the **"Best of both sides and everything in between".**

The region around Sumbawa and especially Pulau Kelapa hosts stunning landscapes and underwater world, making it an ideal spot for UW photo shootings, drone videos and beach time without being under the curious eyes of other visitors. **Pure privacy will be guaranteed during the first of the cruise! This also includes the dive sites.**

Our current captain has many years of experience, while the owners (German/Indonesian married couple) have been exploring the underwater world of Komodo since 2010. In 2016 Kalimaya Dive Resort was constructed, opening the gates to a whole new world: West Komodo, East Sumbawa and its surrounding islands. Having basically the "exclusive" knowledge of the region makes it so special and unique. By joining a cruise on Fenides Liveaboard we will be combining the newly gained exposure of the west with the aged and deepened knowledge about the classic Komodo National park.

The general route will include multiple different regions and will cover a wide array of diving styles. Macro, Reef scenes, active volcanos, drift dives, cavern dives, wall dives, blue water pelagic dives and much more. From the most tiny "hairy shrimp" to "boxer crabs" to multi-coloured reef fish, all the way up in scale to the majestic Manta rays and sharks of the Komodo waters.

The region of West Komodo and East Sumbawa is not only breath-taking under water. Also the landscapes, rock formations and islands are more than photogenic. During the cruise we will also visit remote villages, arrange cultural stops and always have an eye open to spot rare wild life such as Komodo Dragons, rare birds and wild game.

The second half of the trip will lead your group through the main Komodo National Park, with planned stops at the most iconic locations. These would be Nusa Kode, Padar Island, Pink beach, Gili Lawa and of course the “current city” between Siaba Island and “Batu Bolong”.
During the last few days of the trip, we will also whiteness the sunset spectacle of thousands of wild “flying foxes” migrating between the islands of Komodo to mainland Flores.

Most days follow a schedule like this:
6:00 wake up with hot tea and coffee fresh baked pastries
7:00 Dive 1 before anyone else and sharing the dive site with only the fish!
8:30 A la carte breakfast with a wide selection of foods to suit every dietary requirement.
10:30 Dive 2 enjoy the full glory of the sun rays and clear water
12:00 Buffe gourmet lunch served on front deck dining area.
14:00 dive 3 a chance to visit some lesser known sites or get some macro photo sessions in.
16:30 fresh snack food served and on some days afternoon beach or sunset hike.
19.00 Night dive, photographers dream scenario, catching all the macro life of our secret spots
20:00 western fusion substantial dinner to keep you going through the night.
21:00 a chance to debrief and log the dives with the dive crew and your buddies as we go through our library of fish books, look back at the photos from the day on our media systems and say our good night's.

Here a general breakdown of the locations visited during the 7 night voyage:

Day 1 Departure day
Departure in Labuan Bajo & Check dive in Sebayur on our way up north in the park.

Day 2-3 North Komodo
Under water mountains, some currents and big fish encounters. Apart from that, it is the region of “Current City” home to the famous “Triple C” being Castle Rock, Crystal Rock and Cauldron. These offshore seamounts are being roamed by several sharks and other large pelagics.

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Day 4 Gili Banta
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Day 5 Sumbawa coast and Pulau Kelapa
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Day 6-7 Padar, Central Komodo
Has become overly famous in the past years. If you google KOMODO a good chance is that the 1st few results will show the photogenic landscapes of Padar Island. Also the diving in the area is great.
Two words... “Batu Bolong”, the most talked about dive site in Indonesia. For a good reason. Batu Bolong, Siaba and Tatawa will enchant you with a huge diversity of marine life. Corals as far as the eyes behind your mask can see. Turtles and sharks are to be seen on pretty much every single dive!
Afternoon walk with the dragons on Rinca.

Day 8
Fenides Liveaboard will arrive after this amazing tour in Labuan Bajo harbour and we will take our guests after checkout to either a hotel in Labuan Bajo or Labuan Bajo airport.

Dive Sites visited during the trip depending on length (will be amended due to trip duration and conditions during the time of trip)

Saneang volcano: Black sand “Lembeh style” Macro, Volcanic under water activities (bubble reef), high contrast coral gardens, visiting a traditional boat building village, Sunset/Sunrise trekking. Wild and rare birds of prey watching. THE place for UW photography!

Gili Banta: Iconic private and endless white sand beaches, Sunset view points, multiple dive sites with Manta Rays and sharks, The most colourful coral reefs in the region. Also great for beach BBQ and leisure time.

Sape channel: High energy diving with big fish encounters. Most dive sites located between Sumbawa and Komodo, the currents will be present and shape the dives and routes. Sharks, Tunas, GT's and more. The place to encounter big plagics. In the past we saw even blue whales migrating here. Bonus object: The secret "Canyon/cave" dive site!

Pulau Kelapa aka Coconut Island: Postcard diving throughout. Crystal clear water, stunning reef topography, overhangs, walls, and ledges. Also hosts the location of beautiful sunrise hikes and offers great viewpoints for photography sessions. "Seagull Rock" being one of the best dive sites in Indonesia!

West Komodo Coastline: Wild! Very Wild! ... Rugged and worn out landscapes above and below the water. The Galapagos of Asia. Here we will show you the most epic wall dives and pinnacles, paired with the opportunity to encounter wild Komodo dragons roaming the beaches. Exact location will be kept secret.

South Komodo: This region we call "The end of the World", next stop heading further south would be Australia. South Komodo island is magical as you never know what you get. Basically every big marine animal/fish migrating from Australia into Northern Asia will at some point pass this channel. Usually the more cold waters are home to Mantas, Mola Molas and other large and odd ocean inhabitants.

Nusa Kode aka Horseshoe bay: Nusa Kode has always been restricted to the very few and most adventurous boats exploring Komodo. A bit off the grid, this little bay it very much underrated. It has one of the best macro sites in Komodo and also offers great wall diving. You might have heard about "Cannibal Rock" and "Torpedo point"

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