



Fenides Liveaboard Signature Itinerary

KOMODO

Diving Itinerary 8-10 nights

Please note that this is a sample itinerary. Each cruise will be adapted as necessary based on weather, wind and sea conditions as well as tailored to guests' preferences.

A KOMODO DIVE TRIP IN A NUTSHELL

This Fenides Liveaboard signature trip combines the most iconic locations of the famous Komodo National Park with the off-the-beaten track region of West Komodo and East Sumbawa.

- Wide array of diving
- Stunning landscapes
- From macro to manta trains, sharks and more
- Castaway beaches, hikes and on-land explorations
- Reef scenes, active volcanos, wall dives
- Divers' hotspots as well as pure privacy exploration
- Exciting drift & cavern dives
- Animal kingdom above sea level: Komodo dragons, flying foxes



ABOUT THE REGION

This itinerary covers two completely different worlds of the Classic Komodo National Park and then West Komodo/East Sumbawa.

The classic Komodo National Park has become very popular amongst divers and traveled alike and gained a lot of traction in the last 5-7 years. All of that for a very good reason, as the National Park has so much to offer to divers and non-divers alike.

Underwater you find pretty much everything from pristine coral gardens, large pelagic, sharks, manta rays, school of barracuda, turtle, black tip, white tip & grey shark, to frogfish, nudibranch and pigmy seahorse.

Above water, you can enjoy the pink beach (yes the sand is pink!), trekking to some amazing view points, and of course, visit the Komodo dragons at their own habitat.

The Classic Komodo National Park is definitely worth a visit – however be aware that there are many boats, divers and tourists around.

So whilst in the area you definitely want to explore the most amazing sites, yet we pride ourselves on exploring off the beaten track and taking you to locations where pretty much pure privacy is guaranteed.

That brings us to the second "world" this tour covers: West Komodo and East Sumbawa.

Underwater exciting drift dives, relaxed reef dives and macro treasure hunt dives await you. Trains of mantas, sharks, large pelagic as well as an underwater volcano, amazing macro critters and much more that awaits you. And all of that whilst there is a high probability of having these pristine dive sites exclusively to yourself!

The region of West Komodo and East Sumbawa is not only breath-taking under water. 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. You'll also spend an afternoon or two at stunning, white sand, castaway beaches, sipping on a coconut with nobody around. At sunset an unparalleled experience awaits you as you gaze into the orange sky as you watch thousands of flying foxes leaving bat island for food hunting.

All of this and more awaits you in the off-the-beaten track part of the tour in West Komodo and East Sumbawa.





SANGEAN

Bima

SUMBAWA

BANTA

KOMODO
NATIONAL PARK

PADAR

RINCA

Labuan
Bajo

FLORES



DAY 1

Pick up at your hotel or the airport in Labuan Bajo. Settling in onboard with a welcome drink and a brief introduction to the boat and safety on board.

About 1.5 hour cruise to Sabolan where we'll do our first check dive (Sabolon Besar or Sabolon Kecil). The calm sandy bottom area of this site has some really good macro life and little critters hidden away.

Depending on your arrival time we will do 1-2 dives on your first day, giving you plenty of time to arrive and familiarize yourself with the vessel and really settle in.



DAY 2

Day 2 is spent in the North of the Komodo National Park.

This area is famous for its speeding currents so buckle up for a once in a life time incredible drift dive. The current attracts large pelagics, so white tip and grey reef sharks, tuna, jacks and trevallies patrol in the front waiting for their next meal. On early mornings dolphins might be passing by the reef and also mantas and other rays are a common sighting.

For less experienced divers there are plenty of dive sites in the area with mild to no current. Your Cruise Director will check your experience and personal preferences with you on check in as well as daily.

We'll plan to do 3 dives that day before the boat sails to West Komodo overnight.



DAY 3 - 6

The next days we will spend diving in West Komodo and East Sumbawa. For this part of the itinerary you can expect almost pure privacy as most likely we will be the only boat and the only dive group around.

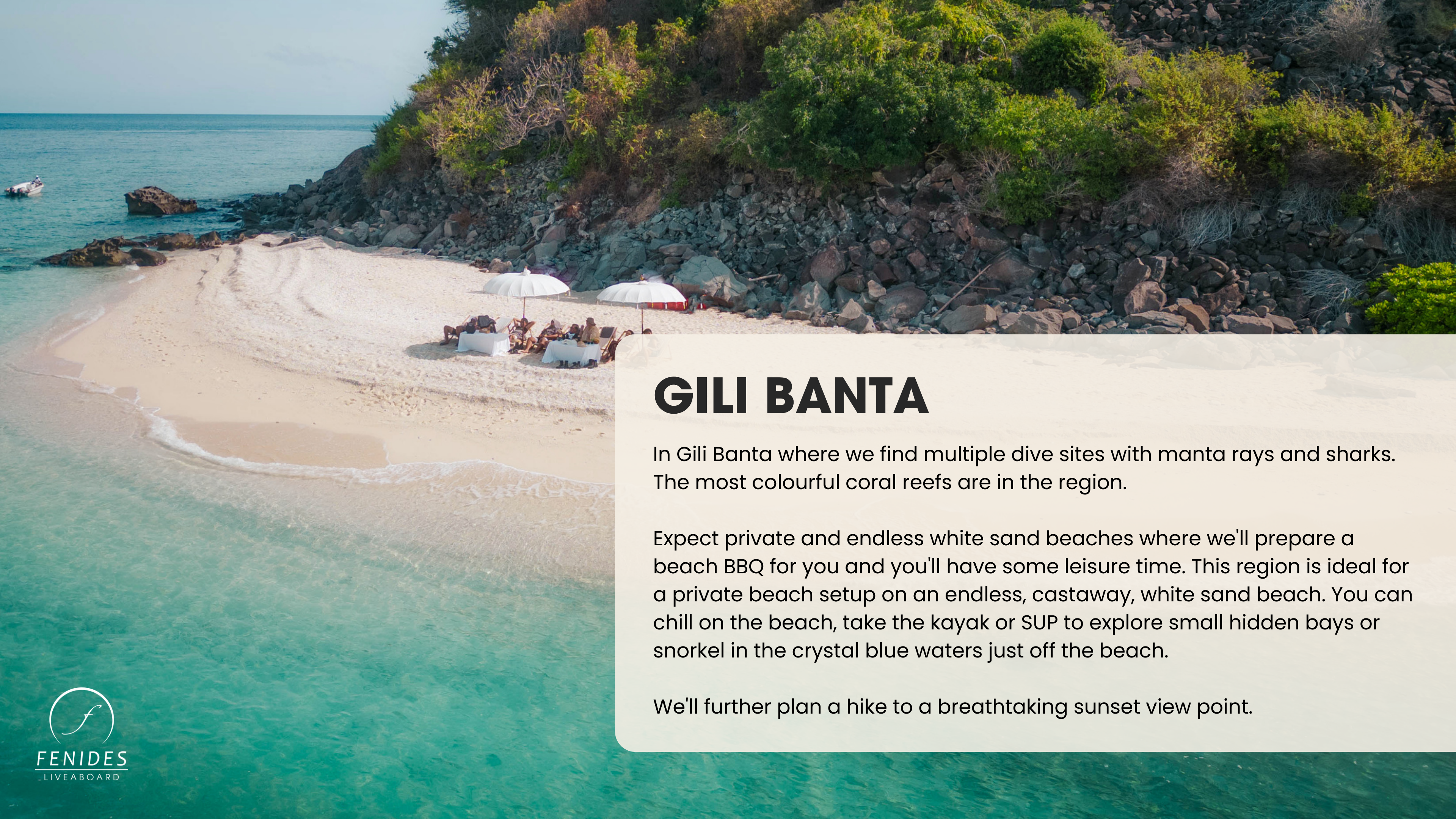
See more information about the specific spots in the next few pages.



SANEANG VULCANO

At Saneang volcano we dive in black sand "Lembeh style. Expect stunning macro and volcanic under water activities (bubble reef) and high contrast coral gardens. This is THE place for UW photography!

In the area we'll also be visiting a traditional boat building village and we'll be doing some trekking as this region offers some wild, rare birds and prey watching.



GILI BANTA

In Gili Banta where we find multiple dive sites with manta rays and sharks. The most colourful coral reefs are in the region.

Expect private and endless white sand beaches where we'll prepare a beach BBQ for you and you'll have some leisure time. This region is ideal for a private beach setup on an endless, castaway, white sand beach. You can chill on the beach, take the kayak or SUP to explore small hidden bays or snorkel in the crystal blue waters just off the beach.


We'll further plan a hike to a breathtaking sunset view point.



SAPE CHANNEL

Sape Channel is high energy diving with big fish encounters. At most dive sites located between Sumbawa and Komodo currents will be present and shape the dives and routes.

We'll see sharks, tunas, GT's and more. In the past we saw even blue whales migrating here. And there's an extra bonus: A secret "Canyon/cave" dive site!



PULAU KELAPA

Pulau Kelapa translated means Coconut Island.

In this area you can expect postcard diving throughout! Crystal clear water, a stunning reef topography, overhangs, walls, and ledges. "Seagull Rock" is one of the best dive sites in Indonesia!

The area also hosts the location of beautiful sunrise hikes and offers great viewpoints for photography sessions.



WEST KOMODO COASTLINE

Let's explore the West Komodo coastline.

What to expect here? One word: Wild! Very Wild! ... you'll find rugged and worn out landscapes above and below the water. It's 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.



DAY 7

The next 2 days will be spent in South Komodo.

The region of South Komodo is also called “The end of the World”, as the next stop heading further south would be Australia. South Komodo island is magical as you never know what you'll 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.

DAY 8

We start the day with a morning dive in 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 is 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"

In the afternoon we head to Padar Island, which 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.

Padar is home to a remarkable array of wildlife, especially for the size of the island. There are six species of sharks, two species of manta rays, and many different reptiles. Near the island, you can also see dolphins along with the occasional whales, green turtles, geckos, falcons and kites roam freely in the area.

We'll do an afternoon dive in the area and then head for a sunset hike on Padar Island.



DAY 9

Day 9 is spent at the most famous and most easily accessible area of the National Park in Central Komodo. Here you'll have the best chances to see Komodo's famous manta ray population (in the season) and the world-famous Batu Bolong dive site. Currents can be strong here but the islands provide a lot of protection for less experienced divers.

We plan to do 3 dives that day:

Batu Bolong: Underwater the rocks are covered with every color of coral imaginable and diversity is huge. Every type of fish from small red anthias flitting to and from to giant Napoleon wrasse searching the deep. Strong currents.

Manta Point: Huge 2km long sandbar where mantas can congregate in huge numbers to feed clean and mate.

Siaba Besar: Huge population of green turtles use this hard coral covered bay as a feeding ground and a place to relax. White tip sharks are not uncommon here either, the white sand algae areas between corals are a macro hunters dream, flamboyant cattle fish, frogfish and a huge variety of pipefish and inverts make this area their home.

Overnight sailing to Labuan Bajo.

DAY 10

After a farewell breakfast and de briefing customers leave the boat with memories that will last a lifetime!

Drop-off at the airport or your hotel in Labuan Bajo.



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