

LA GALIGO

Ultimate Komodo

Labuan Bajo to Labuan Bajo | Sebayur, West, Northwest and Southwest Komodo, Padar and Rinca

Komodo, done properly, with time to see every side of the park.

Sheltered islands start things gently, then manta rays arrive at the west and the strong currents of the northwest bring trevally, eagle rays and reef sharks.

The southwest has night dives for macro lovers, with flamboyant cuttlefish, ghost pipefish, wunderpus and blue-ringed octopus.

In the south, manta rays gather in numbers, and Padar has the view the park is known for, plus frogfish at night.

The last day is for Rinca and its Komodo dragons, fruit bats leaving at sunset, and a barbecue banquet on the top deck.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
8 days / 7 nights	Labuan Bajo	Labuan Bajo	Open Water with 40 logged dives







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Labuan Bajo and Sebayur

Welcome to La Galigo!
We will collect you from your hotel or Labuan Bajo airport between 8:00 and 9:00 A.M. on the day of departure to welcome you onboard La Galigo.

DAY 1

Labuan Bajo and Sebayur (continued)

After a refreshing welcome drink, a quick breakfast, and a safety briefing of our vessel, we aim to anchor up around 10:00 A.M. from Labuan Bajo.
After around two hours of sailing, we will arrive at our first destination, the islands of Sebayur Kecil and Sebayur Besar, where we will conduct two dives after lunch.
We have identified Sebayur as a fantastic, calm introduction for your first day in the park.
These two great little islands are well sheltered from the infamous currents around Komodo, allowing you a great opportunity to practice using your SMB, cameras, dive computers, or just to get back into the swing of things after a lengthy layoff from diving.

DAY 2

West Komodo

After a morning dive at stunning Tatawa Besar, we go in search of manta rays at the world-class dive site Manta Point (known to the locals as Karang Makassar).
After lunch, we will head to one of the highlights of Komodo diving, the Golden Passage, which is a drift dive that offers outstanding coral reef topography, as well as encounters with schools of Sweetlips and Snappers, White Tip Reef Sharks and the occasional passing Manta Ray.
Later that afternoon, we set sail for the northwest part of Komodo, for a light trek on the island of Gili Lawa Darat, to witness an amazing Komodo sunset, dipping behind the nearby active volcano of Sangeang.
For the night dive, we will stay in the bay close to the trekking area, and dive at the site Stranger Things, for a chance to get your first glimpse of macro life in the national park.

DAY 3

Northwest Komodo

Day three is our personal favourite in terms of diving, and all three of the dives normally conducted on this day are what we would consider unforgettable.
The morning is spent on both Crystal Rock and Castle Rock, two submerged pinnacles that are home to an abundance of marine life.
Teams of hunting Giant and Big-Eye Trevally patrol the blue waters of the reefs, chasing large schools of smaller fish.
Eagle Rays glide effortlessly in the currents whilst the reef sharks hunt for their next meal.
The afternoon sees us visit the legendary dive site known as The Cauldron (a.k.a The Shotgun).
Famous for its rip-roaring drift dive, it is akin to an underwater rollercoaster that needs to be experienced to be believed, and a ‘bucket list’ dive site for divers from across the world.
Hold on until the end of the dive for a big surprise.
The night dive will be spent diving on Komodo Bay, depending on mooring conditions.

DAY 4

Southwest Komodo

We wake early in the morning to take in one of Komodo’s world-class golden sunrises, followed by one of its best dive sites, Batu Bolong, which presents us a chance to see large pelagic species such as Giant Trevally and Barracuda, as well as sharks and Napoleon Wrasse.

DAY 4

Southwest Komodo (continued)

During breakfast, La Galigo will anchor up and head south into the centre of the park, where we will endeavour to dive Tatawa Kecil with it's strong currents and curious rock formations and swim throughs, this dive site is a high action topographical wonder.
Up next is Siaba Besar, a fantastic night dive for the macro photographer, where it is possible to encounter Flamboyant Cuttlefish, Ghost Pipefish, various types of Nudibranchs, as well as the elusive Wunderpus and Blue-Ringed Octopus!

DAY 5

Southwest Komodo

Staying around the Southwest Komodo area, we will dive Police Corner if conditions are favourable, one of the less-known but utterly amazing sites in Komodo.
In the late morning we plan to visit the island of Mauan, where Mantas come to visit its cleaning station, although shallow there is strong currents here that bring the Mantas in to play.
The afternoon will see us travel to Pink Beach, a gorgeous, shallow coral garden with schools of sweetlips and other colourful reef fish.
We then sail on to Soro Lia Bay for our exciting night dive.

DAY 6

South Komodo and Padar

Undisputedly, Manta Alley is among the top draws of southern Komodo diving, where sizable aggregations of manta rays often come to feed and clean in the splendid reef among these peculiar-looking rocks.
We will dive into this incredible site before heading to Padar Island, the location of the spectacular views you may associate with the national park after an online search for 'Komodo'.
Padar is also home to some great south Komodo dive sites including Pillarsteen, which is the best wall dive in this region.
Do note that it is difficult for us to confirm individual dive sites in advance due to changing ocean conditions in the south.
However, the area is vast enough for us to be able to plan ahead and identify sites closer to the time (that are slightly more sheltered from any southerly conditions if they are unsteady during your trip).
In the afternoon we will make the trek up this unique-looking island for some stunning views over the park, followed by our night dive, which is regularly conducted at Padar Wreck, where we often encounter a population of giant and other species of frogfish.

DAY 7

Komodo on foot

The final dive of your trip will be at Wainilu, a gorgeous, easy, shallow sandy slope with the chance to see macro critters such as Bobtailed Squid amongst the sand and fleshy marine vegetation.
After the morning's diving and a hearty breakfast, we head on foot to Rinca Island, home to the legendary Komodo Dragons in the park.

DAY 7

Komodo on foot (continued)

Later that afternoon La Galigo anchors up and sets sail east to Pulau Kalong, where at sunset an epic number of fruit bats leave this island in search of their sustenance on the mainland of Flores.
The night time sees our crew arrange a fancy BBQ banquet on the top deck as you take in your final Komodo sunset.

DAY 8

Disembarkation in Labuan Bajo

La Galigo will be anchored up in the morning around 2:00 A.M. in Labuan Bajo, in preparation for you to catch your flight, or check in to your hotel.
Guests are welcome to stay onboard until 11:00 A.M., during which we have the chance to exchange trip images, and contacts so you can keep in touch with newfound dive buddies while we assist you with transportation to your desired location.

THE ROUTE

Route map



HIGHLIGHTS

Trip highlights

- Visit the Rinca island to see the legendary Komodo Dragons.
- Variety of marine life from pelagic sharks to rare frogfish.
- Dive with Manta Rays.
- Exhilarating currents at Shotgun.
- See vibrant corals.
- Stroll along a pink sand beach.







DIVING

Diving and conditions

- Approximately 23 dives in total, normally from the dive tenders with guides
- Divers need an Open Water certificate with 40 logged dives, or an Advanced Open Water certificate with 20 logged dives
- All dives are conducted to a maximum depth of 30 metres / 100 feet
- Average water temperatures are 22 to 29°C / 72 to 84°F
- The best time of year to dive in Komodo is May to October
- The itinerary is a rough guide: weather, sea conditions and the captain, cruise director or owner may alter the route for the safety of the vessel, its guests and crew



INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Transfers from your hotel or the airport to the harbour on embarkation day, and back to your hotel or the airport on disembarkation day
- All meals and non-packaged snacks
- Coffee, tea and drinking water
- Fresh fruit
- Post dive snacks and refreshments
- 12 litre dive tanks and air fills, up to 4 per day
- Weights, mask and fins
- SMB and reel, reef hook where applicable and dive computer
- Dive transport by tender, with dive guides
- Land excursions where applicable

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights
- Dive insurance, which is mandatory and includes medical evacuation, and travel insurance
- Visas and associated fees
- Airport taxes and extra baggage fees
- Hotel nights and transfers before or after the trip
- Port clearances, ranger, anchorage, village and marine park fees
- Dive equipment rental, nitrox, 15 litre tanks and extra tank fills
- Dive courses and certification
- Alcoholic drinks, soft drinks and packaged snacks (guests may bring their own spirits)
- Fuel surcharges, which may be applied depending on global fuel prices
- Crew gratuities, which are optional but greatly appreciated
- Merchandise and drone fees