

MOANA

Best of Komodo

Labuan Bajo to Labuan Bajo | Komodo National Park

Komodo National Park has dramatic drift dives in current-swept channels and around corners, with drop-offs, pinnacles and swim-throughs, and some unknown and pristine sites.

Manta, mobula and eagle rays, blacktip, whitetip and grey reef sharks, and green, hawksbill and olive ridley turtles share the water.

In the north, a current-swept underwater pinnacle is usually a highlight, and sharks are likely to be seen.

Healthy soft corals and sea fans give way to macro life such as seahorses, ghost pipefish and nudibranchs.

On land, a short trek brings you close to the Komodo dragons, the largest lizards on earth.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
6 days / 5 nights	Labuan Bajo	Labuan Bajo	Open Water certified







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation, Labuan Bajo

2 dives

Guests are picked up from the airport or hotel in Labuan Bajo.
After a welcome drink, equipment is fitted and checked, and once all guests are on board the boat sets course for the island of Sebayur Kecil.

DAY 1

Embarkation, Labuan Bajo (continued)

2 dives

After lunch there is a check dive, where guests and guides can get used to each other, and a night dive is planned after sunset.
The boat stays at Sebayur for the night.

DAY 2

Tatawa Besar, Batu Bolong and Manta Point

4 dives

The first dive of the day is at Tatawa Besar, where you can expect a nice drift.
After breakfast the boat heads towards the centre of the park to visit Batu Bolong, a dramatic formation that extends underwater and is full of marine life.
After lunch there is a dive at Manta Point for a close encounter with those gentle giants.
The night dive is at Gila Lawa Darat, where the boat also stays for the night.
For anyone who does not fancy night dives, a sunset walk up the hill is recommended.

DAY 3

Castle Rock, Crystal Rock and the Cauldron

4 dives

An early start leads to the northernmost part of the National Park.
Castle Rock is an underwater pinnacle that is often subject to various currents.
It is usually one of the highlights of the trip, and sharks are likely to be seen here.
The second dive is at Crystal Rock, a beautifully covered formation.
In the afternoon the dive is in the Cauldron, a channel between the islands of Gili Lawa Darat and Gili Lawa Laut.
The boat stays overnight in North Komodo, with a night dive at Gili Lawa Darat.

DAY 4

Golden Passage, Tatawa Kecil and Siaba Kecil

4 dives

Another exciting day starts at the Golden Passage, another channel between Komodo and Gili Lawa Darat.
After breakfast the boat heads back south towards the centre of the park and stops at Tatawa Kecil and Siaba Kecil, both with beautiful topography and lots of marine life.
Expect some currents here as well.
After those three dives the boat continues south towards Rinca Island, where the night dive is at Wainilu, with some amazing critters on the muck night dive.

DAY 5

Rinca Island

1 to 2 dives

In the morning there is a visit to the ranger station on Rinca Island for a short trek to see the famous Komodo dragons, the largest lizards on earth.
Accompanied by a ranger, you have a chance to get close to these prehistoric creatures.
After breakfast there are one or two more dives, depending on your flight the next day, at Wainilu or Tengah Kecil.

DAY 5

Rinca Island (continued)

1 to 2 dives

On the way back to Flores the boat passes Kalong Island, where a natural spectacle takes place every evening at sunset, a truly impressive event.

DAY 6

Labuan Bajo

Depending on your flight back to Bali, the boat sails to Labuan Bajo early in the morning for check-out at 11:00, and guests are dropped at the airport or at their hotel in Labuan Bajo.
The last dive is on the penultimate day of the trip, and divers are recommended to wait 24 hours before flying after the last dive.

THE TRIP

About this trip

Moana takes pride in her cuisine, with food sourced fresh, and blankets are available for anyone who wants to sleep outside under the stars.

CONDITIONS

Seasons, currents and marine life

- Komodo is a year-round destination. The dry season, from April to November, generally brings calmer seas and better visibility, while the wetter months bring nutrient-rich currents that draw in manta rays.
- The diving includes dramatic drift dives in current-swept channels and around corners, with drop-offs, coral gardens, pinnacles and swim-throughs.
- Expect manta, mobula and eagle rays; blacktip, whitetip and grey reef sharks; green, hawksbill and olive ridley turtles; healthy soft corals, table corals and sea fans; and macro life such as seahorses, ghost pipefish and nudibranchs.







FOOD AND SERVICE

Food and drink

Moana takes pride in the cuisine offered, and the food is sourced fresh. Fruit and vegetables come from organic farmers around the hills of Labuan Bajo and Flores, and the fish is bought fresh from local markets. Top-quality meat is flown in from Bali on departure days, and the chefs pride themselves on meals free from MSG and other additives.

Meals are full board, with snacks, tea, coffee and soft drinks at mealtimes, and welcome cocktails on arrival.







DIVING

How the diving is organised

Moana carries three dive guides and takes a maximum of ten guests. Guides can split groups flexibly and adapt to different experience levels, with roughly one guide to every three or four divers. Dives are made from tenders.

Between dives there are kayaks and stand-up paddleboards, island trips by tender, and a naturalist guide. Land excursions are included, and non-divers are welcome, with a snorkelling guide.







GOOD TO KNOW

Worth knowing

- The last dive is on the penultimate day of the trip, and divers should wait 24 hours before flying after the last dive.
- Moana adjusts the itinerary to conditions, so sites and the order of the days can change.

