

SCUBASPA ZEN

# Komodo Expedition

*Labuan Bajo to Labuan Bajo | Padar, Nusa Kode, Komodo and Gili Lawa Darat*

Komodo National Park has some of the most exciting diving in Indonesia, where strong currents feed vibrant reefs.

Manta rays glide through channels in numbers at one of the best cleaning stations in the country, with a chance of a mola mola in the cold current.

Drift dives sweep past giant trevally, white tip sharks and barracuda, and one thrilling drift runs through a narrow channel into a bowl shaped coral formation.

Walls of soft corals and sea fans hold nudibranchs, frogfish and feeding green turtles.

Above the water are Komodo dragons that can reach three metres and the pink sand of Pink Beach.

| LENGTH | DEPARTURE PORT | ARRIVAL PORT | EXPERIENCE |
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| 11 days / 10 nights | Labuan Bajo | Labuan Bajo | Intermediate to advanced |







## Your itinerary

DAY 1

### Arrive in Labuan Bajo

Guests are met at the airport or hotel, travel to the harbour and board.
After the crew introductions and boat briefing led by the Cruise Managers there is a buffet welcome dinner.
The yacht anchors at Labuan Bajo for the first night, then heads southwest to Padar Island.

DAY 2

## Padar

Up to 3 dives

Sunrise yoga on Padar, with its astonishing sky and calm air.
Padar is heaven for macro lovers, with octopus, nudibranchs, frogfish, scorpionfish and ghost pipefish among impressive sea fans and a garden of corals.
Dives at Secret Garden and Tiga Dara (Three Sisters) by day and Padar Bay in the evening, then dinner in the al fresco restaurant while the yacht cruises southeast to Nusa Kode.

DAY 3

## Nusa Kode

Up to 4 dives

Nusa Kode holds some of Komodo's signature sites.
The Yellow Wall of Texas is a wall of soft corals and sea fans, good for nudibranchs, frogfish and long nosed hawkfish, with green turtles feeding on the walls and lobsters and octopus often seen.
Other sites include Cannibal Rock, known for big schools and vibrant colours, Rhino Rock, a top muck dive, and Torpedo Alley, a night dive with a chance of torpedo rays.
After the night dive the yacht cruises northwest to Loh Sera Bay.

DAY 4

## Manta Alley

Up to 3 dives

Waking in the south of Komodo, a morning dive at Manta Alley, the best place in the park to dive with mantas, at a deep cleaning station and in a shallow alley through the rocks.

DAY 5

## Komodo Dragon Park and Pink Beach

Up to 2 dives

The yacht goes up the east coast of Komodo to the Komodo Dragon Park, home of the world's largest lizard, then enjoys the scenery at Pink Beach.
The team prepares a barbecue on deck while the yacht cruises northeast to Siaba Besar.

DAY 6

## Siaba Besar

Up to 3 dives

A morning dive for green turtles and reef sharks, then Mauan on the west side of Siaba Besar, a small island with pleasant and unexpected surprises.
The yacht moors overnight in the calm water of Siaba Besar.

DAY 7

## Mauan and the night sky

Up to 3 dives

A morning dive or yoga, and one more chance to see mantas at Mauan, then a barbecue lunch buffet.
There is stargazing on the top deck before the yacht cruises northwest to Gili Lawa Darat, shutting off all lights for one of the most magical night shows you will ever see.

DAY 8

## Gili Lawa Darat

Up to 3 dives

The day is spent around Gili Lawa Darat in north Komodo.
Tide permitting, there is a beach set up or a spa treatment in the afternoon.
Divers find some of the most famous sites in the park here, Castle Rock, Crystal Rock and Shotgun, among the best places to see mantas, sharks and perhaps dolphins.

DAY 9

## Tatawa and Sebayur

Up to 3 dives

An early cruise to Tatawa for a relaxing kayak tour through the mangroves, then an adrenaline filled drift dive to see sharks, reef fish and colourful corals in crystal blue water.
After dinner the yacht moors overnight at Sebayur.

DAY 10

## Sebayur and the return

Up to 2 dives

The last day is at Sebayur, a relaxing dive site with a large variety of corals and marine life and very little current.
The crew helps rinse the dive gear and pack, the Cruise Managers settle the bills, and sunset cocktails and a barbecue dinner finish the last evening before the yacht returns to Labuan Bajo.

DAY 11

## Departure

After an early breakfast and farewells to the crew, guests are escorted to the airport.

THE TRIP

# Komodo by liveaboard

The route visits Padar, Nusa Kode, Komodo and Rinca islands, Siaba Besar, Sebayur and Gili Lawa Darat, with a morning of Komodo dragons and the pink beach. Sample plan only: the route follows the tides, the currents and the weather.

DIVE SITES

# Highlights of Komodo

- Batu Bolong: a coral covered pinnacle teeming with anthias, groupers, napoleon wrasse and reef sharks, known for strong currents.
- Castle Rock: a drift diver's dream with giant trevally, white tip sharks and barracuda, best at incoming tide.
- Manta Alley, south Komodo: one of Indonesia's best manta cleaning stations, with mantas in numbers gliding through channels, and a chance of a mola mola in the cold current.
- The Cauldron, or Shotgun: a thrilling drift through a narrow channel into a bowl shaped coral formation.
- Tatawa Besar and Kecil: bright soft coral gardens with turtles, sweetlips and nudibranchs.

ABOVE THE WATER

## Dragons, pink sand and kayaks

Rangers take guests to see Komodo dragons on Komodo or Rinca island, and there are treks to scenic viewpoints, the pink beach, flying fox watching at dusk, kayaking in calm turquoise water, the giant slides on the top deck and starlit barbecues.

THE DIVING

## How the diving is organised

The dive centre is a dedicated dive boat with plenty of room, well equipped dive stations, several entry points, a toilet and shower and a sun deck platform. Dives are tailored to each diver's level, with beginners and experienced divers both looked after, and up to four dives a day are possible. Courses run from introductory dives to advanced and Nitrox certification, with multilingual instructors.

Dives are limited to 40 metres. A dive computer is compulsory, diving alone and decompression dives are not allowed, and night dives and dives deeper than 18 metres are for advanced certified divers. Many sites have strong currents, so good buoyancy control is needed.







THE SPA

## Treatments at the quiet end of the boat

The five star spa sits at the stern, the quietest part of the yacht, and welcomes couples as well as solo guests. The menu offers Balinese, Swedish, Shiatsu, sports, hot stone and Hawaiian Lomi Lomi massage, aromatherapy, foot reflexology, a back and shoulder massage, facials, body scrubs and masks, an after sun aloe vera treatment, a foot scrub, and a Dive Delight massage designed for after a dive.

The products are made exclusively in Bali for the boat, from organic ingredients, botanical extracts and essential oils. Yoga is held every morning on the sun deck.







ON THE TABLE

# Food, drink and celebrations

Breakfast and lunch are buffets, and dinner is an à la carte menu served in the al fresco restaurant on the main deck. Live cooking evenings blend Asian, Mediterranean and Continental cuisine, and the chefs share the recipes so you can recreate them at home. Special diets are looked after.

The bar, next to the restaurant with views from the bow, serves wines, champagnes and handcrafted cocktails, with a happy hour every day. Beach barbecues are held on a deserted island, and the team plans birthdays, engagements and anniversaries, from a private dinner under the stars to sunset cocktails.







PACKAGES

# Choose how you spend the cruise

Every guest chooses one of three packages. Dives cannot be swapped for spa treatments, and the dive package is for certified divers only.

### Scuba

Up to 26 dives over the cruise, with spa treatments bookable on board for an extra charge when there is space.

### Scuba and spa

14 dives and 7 spa treatments over the cruise.

### Spa and active wellness

11 spa treatments and guided snorkelling. A Discover Scuba Diving course can be added if you would like to try diving.

CONDITIONS

# Season, water and what to expect

Komodo National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site between Sumbawa and Flores. Narrow channels carry the Indonesian Throughflow, which brings strong currents and nutrient rich upwellings and makes the park a drift diver's destination, with mantas, reef sharks, turtles, dolphins and hundreds of hard coral species. The season runs from April to September, and some routes visit the park in a limited season. Bring comfortable shoes for the dragon treks.

INCLUDED

# What your trip covers

## INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Suite accommodation with three meals a day
- Welcome drink, drinking water, coffee and tea
- Airport transfers at the start and end of the cruise
- Yoga classes every morning
- Snorkelling, with equipment included
- A barbecue on a deserted island and the excursions in the programme
- The diving or spa treatments of the package you choose
- Wi-Fi, with a 1 GB allowance per person

## NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights
- Service and administration charge and the national park and port fees, shown on our trip listings
- Dive and travel insurance
- Dive equipment rental
- Drinks from the bar and extra spa treatments
- Crew gratuities, which are optional