

SCUBASPA ZEN

Komodo Expedition

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

Strong currents feed the vibrant reefs of Komodo National Park, where manta rays, reef sharks and a huge variety of marine life thrive.

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Walls of soft corals hold long nosed hawkfish while green turtles feed, and a night dive brings a chance of torpedo rays.

In the south, mantas glide through channels in numbers, and the north has drift dives with giant trevally, white tip sharks and barracuda.

Above the water, the night sky goes dark with every light switched off.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
8 days / 7 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 a short rest and unpacking, the Cruise Managers introduce the crew and give the boat briefing, followed by 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.
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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 and the dragons

Up to 3 dives

A morning dive at Manta Alley in the south of Komodo, the best place in the park to dive with mantas, at a deep cleaning station and in a shallow alley through the rocks.
The yacht then goes up the east coast of Komodo for the Komodo Dragon Park, the home of the world's largest lizard, and relaxes at Pink Beach.
The team prepares a barbecue on deck for dinner while the yacht cruises northeast to Siaba Besar.

DAY 5

Siaba Besar and Sebayur

Up to 3 dives

A morning dive at Siaba Besar for green turtles and reef sharks, then Mauan on the west side of the island, a small island with pleasant and unexpected surprises.
After a barbecue lunch buffet, Sebayur offers kayaking, beaches or a dive with sharks and colourful reef life.
After dinner the team stargazes on the top deck as the yacht cruises northwest, shutting off all lights for one of the most magical night shows you will ever see.

DAY 6

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 7

Last dive and return

1 or 2 dives

A last morning dive at Siaba Besar or yoga, and a final chance to see mantas at Mauan.
After lunch the crew helps rinse the gear and pack, the Cruise Managers settle the bills, and sunset cocktails and a barbecue dinner finish the last evening.
The yacht returns to Labuan Bajo that night.

DAY 8

Departure

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

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

Scuba and spa

10 dives and 5 spa treatments over the cruise.

Spa and active wellness

8 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