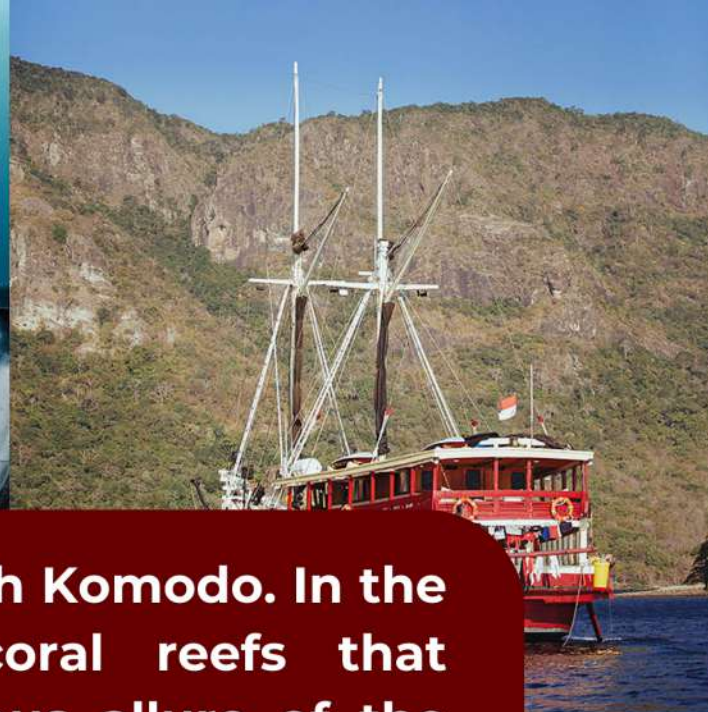




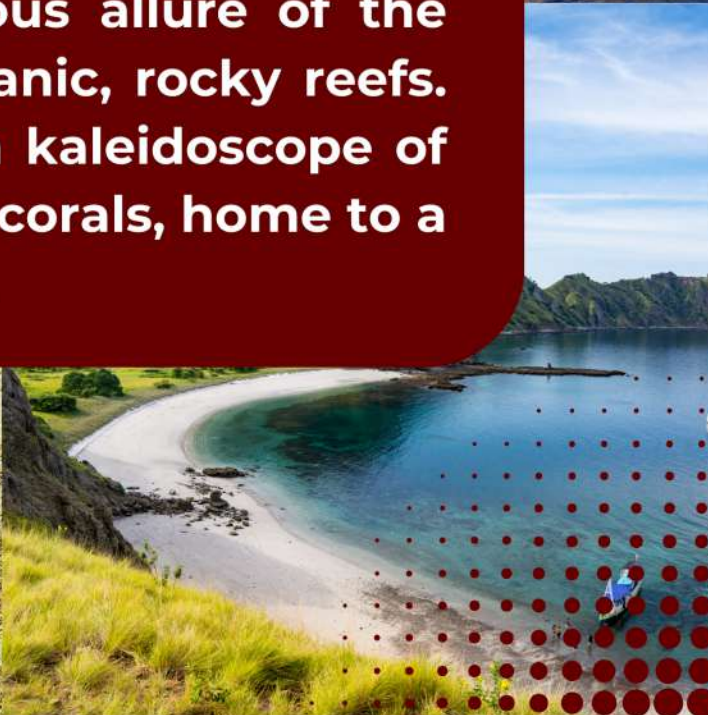
# KOMODO DEEP SOUTH SAMPLE ITINERARY

7 DAYS 6 NIGHTS





**Unveil the enchanting secrets of South Komodo. In the north, you'll find tropical hard coral reefs that eventually give way to the mysterious allure of the south's black sand beaches and volcanic, rocky reefs. These southern reefs are alive with a kaleidoscope of marine invertebrates and vibrant soft corals, home to a myriad of fish and fascinating critters.**



# HIGHLIGHTS

- **World-Class Diving:** Dive into the awe-inspiring aquatic worlds and abundant sea life of South Komodo. As the season shifts from December to March, the transformation of the waters in South Komodo into calm, warm, and crystal-clear environments uncovers concealed marine wonders, providing an unparalleled diving experience.
- **Moderately Arid Climate:** Despite being the wet season across Indonesia, Komodo's southern area stays comparatively dry.
- **Volcanic Underwater Terrain:** Dive into the intriguing beauty of the southern black sand shores and rugged, volcanic reefscales.
- **Thrilling Night Dives:** Experience the magic of nocturnal marine life with exhilarating night dives in secluded locations home to a myriad of fishes and fascinating critters.
- **Escape the Crowds:** Enjoy the tranquility of uncrowded dive sites away from the hustle and bustle of popular tourist destinations.
- **Diving Experience:** During 7-day excursion, you're invited to partake in around 16 extraordinary dives, delving into the rich marine ecosystems and distinct underwater terrains that beckon exploration.



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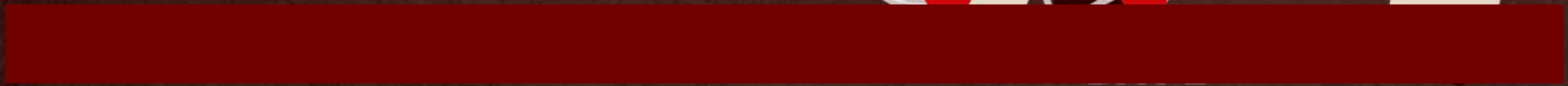
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# DISCOVER SOUTH KOMODO'S UNTAMED BEAUTY!

For eight months of the year (April to November), the southeast trade winds whip up the seas and bring cool, nutrient-rich waters from the Indian Ocean, creating exciting diving conditions. The water might be cooler and the visibility limited, but divers get rewarded with a unique and exhilarating experience.

As the seasons turn and the northwest trade winds take over (from December to March), the conditions transform dramatically. While North Komodo becomes less inviting, South Komodo emerges as the prime destination. The water turns calm, warm, and crystal clear, unveiling previously inaccessible underwater wonders.

Despite being the wet season in Indonesia, the towering mountains of Flores and Sumbawa catch most of the rainfall, leaving Komodo relatively dry, especially in the south. This hidden gem offers unparalleled diving adventures during these months.

So, pack your gear and delve into otherwise inaccessible locations, where vibrant soft corals adorn rocky reefs, and an abundance of marine life awaits your exploration.

# DAY 1



The Seven Seas crew will pick you up in the morning at the Airport in Labuan Bajo or your hotel in town. Your adventure begins with a check dive in the enchanting southeast waters of Rinca Island.

As the sun sets, the underwater world comes alive with the activities of reef predators such as moray eels, lionfish, and octopuses. These creatures emerge from their daytime hiding spots, offering a fascinating glimpse into the marine food chain. It's time to gear up for a night dive.

One of the most magical aspects of night diving is the bio-luminescent plankton. If you're lucky, as you move through the water, these tiny organisms will light up, creating an otherworldly glow that makes you feel like you're swimming through stars.

This time of the year usually brings calm seas to the region, resulting in the waters around Rinca Island remaining clear, providing good visibility and making night diving more enjoyable.

# DAY 2



With its seven world-class dive sites, the Horse Shoe Bay in the South Rinca area is a rich tapestry of marine adventures that cater to both beginners and experienced divers. This isn't just a series of dives; it's an immersive journey into one of the world's most biodiverse marine environments. Each site boasts unique attractions, from vibrant coral gardens and intricate macro life to the electrifying presence of torpedo rays.

Throughout the day, you'll embark on four dives, including an exhilarating night dive. Adding to the thrill, there's the potential to observe Komodo Dragons on land, injecting an extra dose of excitement and adventure into your trip. Your visit to Komodo National Park promises to be truly unforgettable, offering memories that will last a lifetime.

# DAY 3



Exploring the dive sites in Horse Shoe Bay is an unforgettable adventure, typically requiring 5 to 7 days for a truly comprehensive experience. On this day, be prepared for four exhilarating dives that promise to captivate and thrill.

It's time to explore **Cannibal Rock**, where a vibrant tapestry of soft corals, sea apples, and anemones creates a kaleidoscope of colors. Feel the adrenaline as you descend the dramatic **Yellow Wall**, surrounded by a stunning array of soft yellow corals, sponges, and crinoids. For macro photography enthusiasts, **Crynoid Canyon** is a dream come true, offering the chance to see pygmy seahorses, ornate ghost pipefish, and a variety of shrimp species.

End your day at **Torpedo Point**, where the diverse terrain of sandy slopes, coral bommies, and rocky outcrops promises thrilling encounters. Keep an eye out for torpedo rays, known for their ability to deliver electric shocks, adding an element of excitement to your dive.



# DAY 4



Delve further into the dive sites of **Horse Shoe Bay** and prepare for four more thrilling dives at Boulders, Eagle Rock, and Gigi Rusak in Padar Island. Here, you'll encounter the exhilarating diversity of this underwater paradise.

Each of the **Horse Shoe Bay** sites collectively offers an exhilarating underwater experience with diverse topographies, vibrant coral reefs, and abundant marine life. These sites provide unique features catering to different interests and skill levels, making them a must-visit destination for divers.

Diving at **Boulders** presents a maze-like exploration among impressive rocky formations, where diverse marine life inhabits crevices and overhangs. This site is renowned for sightings of Coleman Shrimp nestled in Fire Urchins, making it ideal for those who enjoy exploring underwater structures and uncovering hidden creatures.

**Eagle Rock** promises an awe-inspiring dive with its significant rock structure that attracts both pelagic and reef species. With some luck, you might encounter its resident Eagle Rays. Additionally, excellent visibility allows divers to fully appreciate the vibrant corals and varied marine life.

**Gigi Rusak** dive site offers rich biodiversity and stunning coral formations, appealing to both macro enthusiasts and those seeking encounters with larger marine species. It proves to be a versatile and visually rewarding dive experience. Divers have a chance to witness schools of Mobula Rays, adding to the site's allure.

# DAY 5



The day will be dedicated to diving in South Komodo with four unforgettable dives specifically in two renowned sites: **Manta Alley** and **Loh Sera**, each offering distinct and captivating underwater experiences. **Manta Alley** is celebrated for its encounters with manta rays and often features cleaning stations where smaller fish attend to the mantas, removing parasites. Witnessing this symbiotic relationship up close is fascinating and offers insight into the intricacies of marine life.

On the contrary, **Loh Sera** boasts vibrant coral reefs bustling with diverse marine life. From vivid reef fish weaving through the corals to larger inhabitants like reef sharks and turtles, there is a continuous stream of discoveries. Furthermore, Loh Sera is recognized for its opportunities in macro photography, with an array of critters such as nudibranchs, shrimp, and octopuses inhabiting the reef, providing plenty of subjects for underwater photographers to capture. End the day with a night dive and witness the reef as the day comes to an end.

# DAY 6



Prepare for a day of awe-inspiring adventures around **Padar Island**, where you'll delve into both its terrestrial and aquatic wonders, alongside visits to two other remarkable dive sites - Three Sisters and Pillarstien.

Ascending to the summit of **Padar Island** reveals an unforgettable panorama. At the peak, you'll be greeted by sweeping views of the surrounding islands and azure waters, including the iconic trio of bays that define Padar's silhouette.

Beneath the surface lies a captivating realm waiting to be discovered. Delving into the depths, you'll be welcomed by a vibrant spectrum of colors and a bustling hub of marine life. From the graceful movements of manta rays to the intricate beauty of coral gardens, Padar Island's waters abound with diversity and vitality.

Three Sisters is renowned for its dramatic topography and diverse marine habitats. Descending along the sloping reef, you encounter an explosion of colors as coral gardens teem with life. Schools of tropical fish dart in and out of the coral formations, while larger predators lurk in the shadows. Moving on to **Pillarstien**, you're greeted by a mesmerizing underwater landscape.

Giant rock formations rise from the ocean floor, adorned with colorful sponges and corals. Exploring the cracks and crevices, you might discover hidden caverns and swim-throughs, each offering a glimpse into a different world.

With crystal-clear visibility enhancing the experience, every dive becomes a journey of discovery and wonder. Whether you're a seasoned diver or new to the depths, these dive sites promise an unparalleled adventure, where the magic of the underwater world unfolds before your eyes.

# DAY 7



Disembark from your unforgettable journey, exchange heartfelt farewells with our warm and welcoming crew, and depart with cherished memories of South Komodo's enchanting allure lingering in your mind.

Allow our attentive crew to accompany you to your post-voyage accommodation or the airport, ensuring your journey concludes seamlessly. Should you require any assistance, our dedicated cruise director is available onboard to cater to your needs and ensure your continued satisfaction.

# HOW TO GET THERE

All trips in Komodo National Park start and end in the port of **Labuan Bajo** which is on the island of Flores.

There are multiple daily flights from Bali Airport (DPS) (1 hour) and Jakarta Airport (CGK) (2 hours) bring you to Labuan Bajo Airport (LBJ), only a quick 10-minute drive from the port.

On the day of the trip, our crew will meet you at the airport or your accommodation in Labuan Bajo for embarkation.

Please plan your flights accordingly to arrive in the morning of your trip or one night prior to the trip. Should you require assistance or recommendations, our team is ready to assist with any questions you may have.

The team at The Seven Seas can help you arrange flights.



# DIVING ADVENTURES WITH THE SEVEN SEAS

The Seven Seas offers over 20 years of unparalleled diving experiences in Indonesia, with over 300 expeditions, 100,000 dives, and an exemplary safety record. Under the leadership of diving pioneer Mark Heighes, our crew, like a close-knit family, ensures every trip meets the highest standards of safety and professionalism.

From the moment of inception, our team's dedication to carefully inspecting dive sites and maintaining operational excellence has set us apart. Joining with us means diving into Indonesia's hidden marine treasures with experts who prioritize safety and professionalism and share a profound love for the sea.

Join us to explore the untouched beauty of Indonesian waters, where every dive promises safety and expertise but also unforgettable adventures that resonate for a lifetime.