

Maumere / Komodo 11N

Day 1 - (Embarkation in Maumere) Our crew will meet you at the airport, and transport you to Solitude Adventurer. After being welcomed onboard and showed to your room, there will be a safety briefing followed by lunch. There is a possibility of a check dive, schedule allowing.

Day 2 - We begin diving around the islands outside of Maumere. We explore the islands of Palau Babi, Dambilah, Besar, and Pangabatang. We do 3-4 dives today and the sites will be selected based on sea conditions. Overnight we sail west to Pulau Raja

Day 3 - Today we wake up at Pulau Raja. Half way between Maumere and Komodo National Park we find ourselves far from the crowds. We enjoy 3-4 dives today around this isolated island, enjoying vibrant reefs and abundant marine life. Overnight we sail to Komodo National Park.

Day 4 - We wake up in north central Komodo National Park. 3-4 dives are done today. The northern / central area of Komodo National Park is characterized by clear and relatively warmer water (25-27C). The corals thrive from the strong currents that flow between the Flores Sea and Indian Ocean through the channel. There are small islands and beautiful white sand beaches scattered throughout the channel. Komodo island to the west and Flores to the east create a dramatic backdrop, adding to the excitement of the adventure. There are drift dives, sandy bottom macro dives, pinnacles and even the occasional Manta Ray that are in store for you in this area.

Day 5 - We move to the north, diving around Gili Lawa Darat and Gili Lawa Laut. Many of the famous Komodo dive sites are in this area. There are channel drift dives, underwater pinnacles teeming with fish and beautiful coral. Currents can be strong here, as the ocean flows around the small islands, an exciting challenge awaits. We will have 3-4 dives each day.

Day 6 - In the early morning hours we move farther west to Gili Banta. We spend the day exploring the walls and reefs. Strong currents, vibrant coral, and plenty of marine life can be found. We have 3-4 dives today. In the evening we move back east to Gili Lawa Laut and Darat.

Day 7 - We spend the day continuing to dive more of the famous dive sites of Gili Lawa Laut and Gili Lawa Darat. We have 3-4 dives today.

Day 8 - We begin with a morning dive in the north and then proceed south. As we head south and near the Indian Ocean, the water temperature begins to get cooler (18-25C). The colder water creates a breeding ground for plankton causing the water to become greener and dense with life. With decreased visibility, divers begin to focus more on the reef itself, rather than the wide-angle landscape. This brings into focus an array of interesting macro marine life. An afternoon dive and night dive are done in the area of Pink Beach. We have 3-4 dives today.

Day 9 - Early in the morning, with sea conditions allowing in the southern end of the park, we will sail to Manta Alley and onto Horseshoe Bay, where there's a possibility to have amazing Manta Ray interactions. We spend the day in the south of the channel with both pelagic and macro marine life. In horseshoe bay we have the chance to dive a world class

black sand muck dive site as well as pinnacles full of amazing macro. We will have 3-4 dives today.

Day 10 - We wake up early in the morning for a sunrise hike to the Padar island viewpoint. Amazing views of the surrounding islands are a reward for the early morning exercise. After we finish we will continue to sail north while eating breakfast and have 3 dives throughout the remainder of the day.

Day 11 - Today is our last day of diving and we will have two morning dives. After the second dive it's lunchtime, followed by the long-awaited land excursion to see the Komodo Dragons on Rinca island! After the land tour we will slowly make our way back to Labuan Bajo, as the crew washes your equipment please relax and enjoy. Before arriving in port, we will stop to view the nightly migration of hundreds of fruit bats. An impressive spectacle to see. We arrive into Labuan Bajo in the evening.

Day 12 - (Disembarkation in Labuan Bajo) Our crew will transport you to the airport. We hope to see you again soon. Thank you!

Important Note: The above itinerary is a guideline. The daily dive schedule chosen and overall route we take in the Komodo National Park is fully dependent on tides, currents, sea conditions, and boat traffic. Conditions change daily in the Lintah Strait and this is part of the Adventure!