

Komodo 9 Night Itinerary (Bali to Labuan Bajo)

Day 1: Bali

The guests will be transferred from the hotel to the Bay of Serangan, Bali. Once everyone is on board, we will lift the anchor and will go towards our first destination: The island of Moyo.

Day 2: Moyo and Satonda Island

Moyo has great macro life and with some luck, we will find the legendary wonderpus octopus. On land, we will have a nice walk to see the waterfalls. After lunch, Aurora will sail to Satonda Island to enjoy its colorful reef. Coral potatoes, harbor pipefish, pygmy seahorses and more. Take a look at the "magic lake" of Satonda, a famous retreat for locals to express their secret wishes. After the sunset dive, we will sail to the bay of Serangan in Bali.

Day 3: Sangeang Island

Depending on conditions, we will dive either the South or North of Sangeang Island. Sangeang is a 2000 meter high active volcano. The black sand beaches and bays surrounding the island provide us with multiple dive sites. Ghost pipefish, nudibranchs, fluorescent black coral bushes and frogfish hide the reefs and walls that border the black sand slopes. Night dives here have: frogfish, ghost pipefish, boxer crabs and an unbelievable amount of nudibranchs.

Day 4-5: Gili Lawah Laut & Gili Lawah Darat

Huge schools of jacks, giant trevally, white tip and grey reef sharks, barracudas, dolphins and a whole host of smaller reef fish float amongst the fields of staghorn coral. A challenging site, but certainly worth a couple of dives! Discover the famous dive known as "El Toro", kind of a pot, where the current attracts pelagic, sharks, trevally, tuna and sometimes mantas. Do not miss the night dive named "Flamenco Show", the Spanish dancer and macro. Lighthouse Reef: hard corals and lots of bushes of black coral.

Day 6: North Rinca / Loh Buaya

Trekking Stop near the "Second Ranger Station Loh Buaya", next to "Wainilu Island", this is the paradise of macro. There are many different and rare kinds of nudibranchs, ghost pipefish and other surprises. After lunch, we visit Rinca Island to see the infamous Komodo dragons and we will be back in the water that afternoon.

Day 7: Rinca

The colder plankton-rich waters of the Indian Ocean make this area a bit colder than the northern regions of the Park. The sea-life gets everyone into the water, even four times a day. Cannibal Rock is a small submarine ridge. The reef-top is littered with feather stars, brittle stars, sea cucumbers, anemones and all kinds of corals. The deeper rocks provide hiding places for nudibranchs, frogfish and even rhinopias. Torpedo Alley has ghost pipefish and other extraordinary creatures. Yellow Wall: soft corals, sea sponges and large sea fans that hide several types of pygmy seahorses. Sea apples, fire urchins, Coleman shrimp and zebra crabs are particularly easy to spot on this site.

Day 8: Padar

The coral pillars, which sit in a strange "W" shaped configuration, are literally alive with color. Holothurians cover almost every bare surface. Lionfish and Napoleons populate the tops of the pillars. Subject to strong currents and an almost permanent surge, this can be a challenging yet beautiful dive. A quick hike up the gentle slopes of Padar provides an outstanding view of both Komodo and Rinca. Three Sisters / Tiga Dara: rocks nicely covered with corals and just teeming with life. You will dive sheltered from the current and finish on the peaks that rise up to 8 meters.

Days 9: Komodo Channel

Tatawa Besar, one of the most colourful drift dives in all of Komodo. Look at the horizon while flying along endless coral gardens with sandy slopes. Eagle rays and turtles are typical guests along this rich coral slope. The coastline is long enough so that the drift can last up to 40 minutes and cover almost 2 kilometres! Batu Bolong: plenty of sharks and excellent visibility. This dive is also called "Current City", and can only be dived when the conditions are fine. Tatawa Besar: this drift is a Komodo classic covered with orange soft corals, schooling batfish and a beautiful shallow hard coral garden. Tatawa Kecil: a spectacular drop-off. Impressive coral reef, turtles, tuna, giant trevallies, sweetlips, groupers and countless fish. Takat Makassar, if currents allow: look for manta rays at the cleaning station.

Day 10: Labuan Bajo

After a nice breakfast on board, our crew will organize airport transfers to Labuan Bajo Airport according to your flight schedules. Unfortunately we have to say goodbye but we hope to see you again on board.

Number of dives: 26-29 dives including the night dives

Dive Experience: experienced Open Water Diver or level 2 (minimum 25 logged dives)

When to go: April to October

Please note that this itinerary is a diving program and can be changed depending on many factors!