

Komodo 7 Night Itinerary (Labuan Bajo to Labuan Bajo)

Day 1: Labuan Bajo, Arrival & Boarding

Guests will be transferred from the hotel to the Bay of Serangan, Bali. Once everyone is on board, Aurora will lift the anchor and will head towards the island of Moyo.

Day 2: Moyo and Satonda Island

In the morning we drop the anchor in front of small Moyo 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, followed by a delicious dinner, we will sail to Sangeang Island.

Day 3: Sangeang Island

The ship will arrive early in the morning at one of the most beautiful islands of our trip. Depending on the conditions, we will dive either the South or North of Sangeang Island. Sangeang is a 2000 meters high active volcano that sits northwest of the Komodo National Park. The numerous black sand beaches and bays that surround the island provide us with multiple dive sites. Ghost pipefish, nudibranchs, fluorescent black coral bushes and frogfish hide along the reefs and walls. The night dives here are not to be missed: frogfish, ghost pipefish, boxer crabs and an unbelievable amount of nudibranchs.

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

Gili Lawa Laut, "Island Facing the Sea", is home to two of the best pinnacles in all of Indonesia, "Crystal Rock" and "Castle Rock". 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", where the current attracts, sharks, giant trevallies, tuna and sometimes Mantas. Not to be missed! Go for an excursion on land, or on sea and meet the permanent family of dolphins in this area. The night dive named "Flamenco Show" with the Spanish dancer and lots of macro. Lighthouse Reef: a nice dive site with hard corals and lots of bushes of black coral.

Day 6: Komodo Channel

Tatawa Besar, one of the most colorful drift dives in all of Komodo. Look at the horizon while flying along endless coral gardens with sandy slopes. The Tatawa coastline alternates rocky landscapes and mangroves. 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 1 mile or 2k! Batu Bolong: plenty of sharks and excellent visibility. This dive is also called "Current City", and can only be dived when the conditions are right. Tatawa Besar is a Komodo classic drift. The site is 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, sweet lips, groupers and countless fish. Takat Makassar, if currents allow: look out for manta rays at the cleaning station. You can go relatively close to observe them. Takat Makassar West (Komodo Channel) alternatively is a great night dive.

Day 7: North Rinca / Loh Buaya

Trekking Stop near the "Second Ranger Station Loh Buaya", next to "Wainilu Island", the paradise of macro. Many different and rare kinds of nudibranchs, ghost pipefish and other surprises. After lunch, we will begin our magnificent walk on Rinca Island to see the infamous Komodo dragons and we will be back in the water by noon.

Day 8: Labuan Bajo

After a nice breakfast on board, our Aurora crew will organize your transfer to the airport of Labuan Bajo. Unfortunately our trip has ended and bid farewell but we hope to see you again on board.

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

Number of dives: 20-22 dives including night dives

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

When to go: April to October