

THE LUXURY VOYAGE



Komodo National Park

Situated east of Bali and Lombok, Komodo National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the renowned home of the iconic Komodo dragon. It is also one of Indonesia's most coveted cruising destinations.

To the east of Bali, the islands of Lombok, Sumbawa, Moyo, and Flores offer a rich array of on-land experiences. The legendary Komodo dragons of Komodo National Park, steeped in local mythology, are believed to be descendants of a dragon princess from centuries past.

In the north, rolling hills and dense mangroves give way to rugged mountains in the park's central region. To the south, Horseshoe Bay evokes images of Jurassic Park with its towering cliffs often cloaked in mist and the powerful waves of the Pacific crashing against the shoreline.

The warm, tropical waters of Komodo National Park are among the most biodiverse on the planet, home to over 1,000 species of fish and 260 types of coral. What makes this underwater wonderland even more enticing is that approximately 60% of its dive sites are also perfect for snorkeling, thanks to the shallow reefs. For surfers, the nearby islands of Lombok, Sumbawa, Sumba, and Rote offer world-class waves.

Alor Archipelago

The Alor Archipelago consists of a series of rugged volcanic islands, marking the final link in the island chain that stretches east from Bali, Sumbawa, and Flores. It is renowned for its remarkable cultural diversity, with over 100 distinct tribes that speak eight languages and 52 dialects.

The archipelago harbors a population of approximately 200,000 people, many of whom reside on the main island of Alor. The Dutch established a fixed presence here in the coastal areas after 1908, but the region's untamed interior remained relatively isolated until the late 1950s. Today, the islands retain a strong sense of tradition and are home to highland villages with deep-rooted customs and fascinating history.

Visitors to Alor will be warmly welcomed by the locals, and the area offers a mix of cultural immersion and natural beauty. The region is also excellent for diving, with clear waters that boast rich marine life, including pelagic fish like hammerhead sharks. Whether exploring vibrant reefs or visiting traditional villages, Alor promises an unforgettable experience for adventurers.

Day 1: Labuan Bajo

Your journey begins as you are greeted at Labuan Bajo airport by The Luxury Voyage crew and escorted to the harbor. After settling in onboard, the yacht will depart for the outskirts of Komodo National Park. Enjoy a relaxing lunch on deck and, if time permits, go snorkeling or diving before watching the sunset with a cocktail in hand. Dinner will be served under the stars.

Day 2: Rinca Island

Rinca Island, less frequented than Komodo, offers an excellent opportunity to see Komodo dragons in their natural habitat, along with monkeys and a variety of birdlife. This morning, take a guided walk with a park ranger in search of the famous dragons. Spend the afternoon diving or snorkeling at underwater sites between Komodo and Flores, such as Tatawa Besar and Kecil, or simply relax on a sandy beach.

Day 3: Manta Point

Today, visit a manta ray cleaning station and experience the thrill of swimming alongside these majestic creatures as they glide gracefully through the water. The vibrant coral gardens here, teeming with marine life, offer one of Komodo's most active underwater experiences. After lunch onboard, enjoy beachcombing or explore hidden coves and mangroves by tender.

Day 4: Padar Island

Anchoring at the scenic Padar Island, you'll be treated to stunning views of the surrounding peaks and bays. The nutrient-rich waters of central Komodo attract schooling fish, making it ideal for snorkeling or diving. The day can be spent on water sports, beach time, or a relaxing tender cruise through the mangroves.

Day 5: South Rinca

South Rinca's dramatic landscapes include the famous Horseshoe Bay (Nusa Kode), where Komodo dragons patrol the beach backed by thick forests home to monkeys, deer, and wild boar. Take a tender cruise along the striking rock formations, then explore the underwater world at Cannibal Rock, a macro-diver's paradise.

Day 6: Sebayor Island

Arriving at Sebayor Island, you'll have a relaxing castaway day. Snorkel with black-tip reef sharks, green turtles, and schools of tuna, or enjoy water sports in the peaceful bay. Wind down with cocktails and dinner as you watch the sun set over Komodo's rolling hills.

Day 7: Gili Lawa Laut

Anchoring near Gili Lawa Islands, you'll explore Komodo's most famous dive sites, including Castle Rock, Shotgun, and The Passage. Between dives, enjoy the golden sands or trek to a viewpoint for breathtaking vistas of the surrounding islands.

Day 8: Riung Marine National Park

Cruising into the Riung Marine National Park, known as "Seventeen Islands" in honor of Indonesia's Independence Day, you'll spend the day exploring this chain of protected isles. In addition to spectacular marine life, the park is home to unique wildlife in its forests and several fishing villages with a blend of Bugis and Catholic cultures.

Day 9: Mount Kelimutu

Start the day with a drive from Ende Harbor to Moni, followed by a short hike to Mount Kelimutu, renowned for its three color-changing crater lakes. These surreal lakes, set at an elevation of 1,690 meters, are a natural wonder steeped in local legend. Afterward, visit traditional villages and local markets before returning to the yacht.

Day 10: Palo Island

Today, you'll visit the volcanic island of Palo, home to a village perched on the slopes of an active volcano. Explore the local tradition of ikat weaving and then enjoy an afternoon of diving and snorkeling in the island's crystal-clear waters. The yacht will depart in the evening for an overnight crossing to Kawula.

Day 11: Maumere

A local guide will meet you in Maumere to explore this vibrant city, the capital of the Sikka district. Visit Sikka village, known for its ancient church and ikat textiles. Stop by the Ledalero Museum and the bustling Wuring fishing village before returning to the yacht.

Day 12: Kawula & Komba

Dive along Kawula's north coast, where schools of reef fish gather around the hard coral gardens. Onshore, visit the village of Ionata to see the sacred blue whale skeleton. Weather permitting, sail to Komba to witness the dramatic sight of an active volcano spewing smoke into the sky.

Days 13 & 14: Alor Channel

Spend the next two days exploring the underwater sites of the Alor and Pantar Islands. Dive at famous spots like Clown Valley, Sharks Galore, Mandarin House, and The Boardroom, where you'll encounter vast schools of fish, vibrant coral reefs, and pelagic species. Visit the remote village of Beangabang, nestled in a beautiful bay, and experience the welcoming culture of this simple yet remarkable community.

Day 15: Alor

On the final morning, the yacht will approach Alor port. After a decadent breakfast on deck, the crew will assist you with disembarkation and transfer you to the airport, marking the end of your luxurious 14-night adventure with The Luxury Voyage.