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EASTERN INDONESIA · ABOARD CELESTIA

Komodo to Sumbawa

Dragons, Volcanoes & Whale Sharks

8 DAYS & 7 NIGHTS · LABUAN BAJO → SUMBAWA BESAR

Westward out of the park and along the Nusa Tenggara chain — an idyllic combination of breathtaking landscapes, otherworldly underwater life, and opportunities for both relaxation and adventure.



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TYPES OF FISH IN THE PARK

260

TYPES OF CORAL

Nine

ANCHORAGES IN EIGHT DAYS

THE REGION

The wonders of Nusa Tenggara

This eight-day voyage departs from the mystical Komodo National Park and journeys west, showcasing the wonders of the Nusa Tenggara islands — Banta, Sangeang, Satonda, Moyo and Sumbawa — having first spent three days among the legendary Komodo dragons and the manta rays of Karang Makassar.

Komodo National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage site of three larger islands and over twenty smaller ones, many uninhabited. Komodo and Rinca are home to the dragons, respected by locals who believe they descend from one born to a dragon princess centuries ago.

West of the park the character changes. Sangeang is an active volcano rising straight from the sea, home to a community of farmers and boat builders. Satonda holds a saltwater lake at the centre of an ancient crater. Saleh Bay, on Sumbawa's southern shore, is one of the few places in the world where whale sharks gather reliably beneath the fishermen's platforms.

Nusa Tenggara Timur and Nusa Tenggara Barat together hold more than 500 islands, an eco-region high in biodiversity with rich marine fauna and smoking volcanoes. Rugged hillsides of dry savannah contrast with brilliant white and pink sand beaches throughout.

Highlights at a glance

Whale sharks in Saleh Bay — an up-close encounter with the gentle giants beside the fishermen's platforms.

Dragons on Rinca — a few hours trekking with a local ranger in search of the legendary Komodo dragons.

Manta Point — Makassar Reef, where the current carries plankton-rich water and the mantas feed.

Hot Rock Reef — hot gas bubbles rising through fissures on Sangeang's volcanic slopes.

Satonda’s crater lake — a saltwater lake at the centre of an ancient volcano; swim, kayak or paddle board.

Moyo’s waterfalls — a day exploring the island in search of hidden jungle waterfalls.

When to go

SEASON	CONDITIONS
Apr – Oct	Prime cruising. Dry, settled seas for the passages west of the park.
Nov & Mar	Shoulder season. Quieter anchorages, occasional squalls.
Dec – Feb	Wet season. Green hillsides, more rain and wind on the open crossings.

Whale sharks are seen in Saleh Bay year round, most reliably in calm morning conditions when the fishing platforms are working.

Diving & snorkelling notes

The park end of this route is current-driven. Around Gili Lawa Darat and Gili Lawa Laut — among the best dive sites in Indonesia — divers encounter trevally, groupers, sweetlips, barracuda and white-tip reef sharks, and the crew read the tide before each site.

Beach camp at Gili Banta — the signature camp set on a deserted white and pink sand beach.

Kalong at dusk — thousands of flying foxes take to the sky as the sun goes down.

Getting there

Embark — Labuan Bajo (LBJ), Flores
Direct flights from Bali and Jakarta. Check-in from 9am.

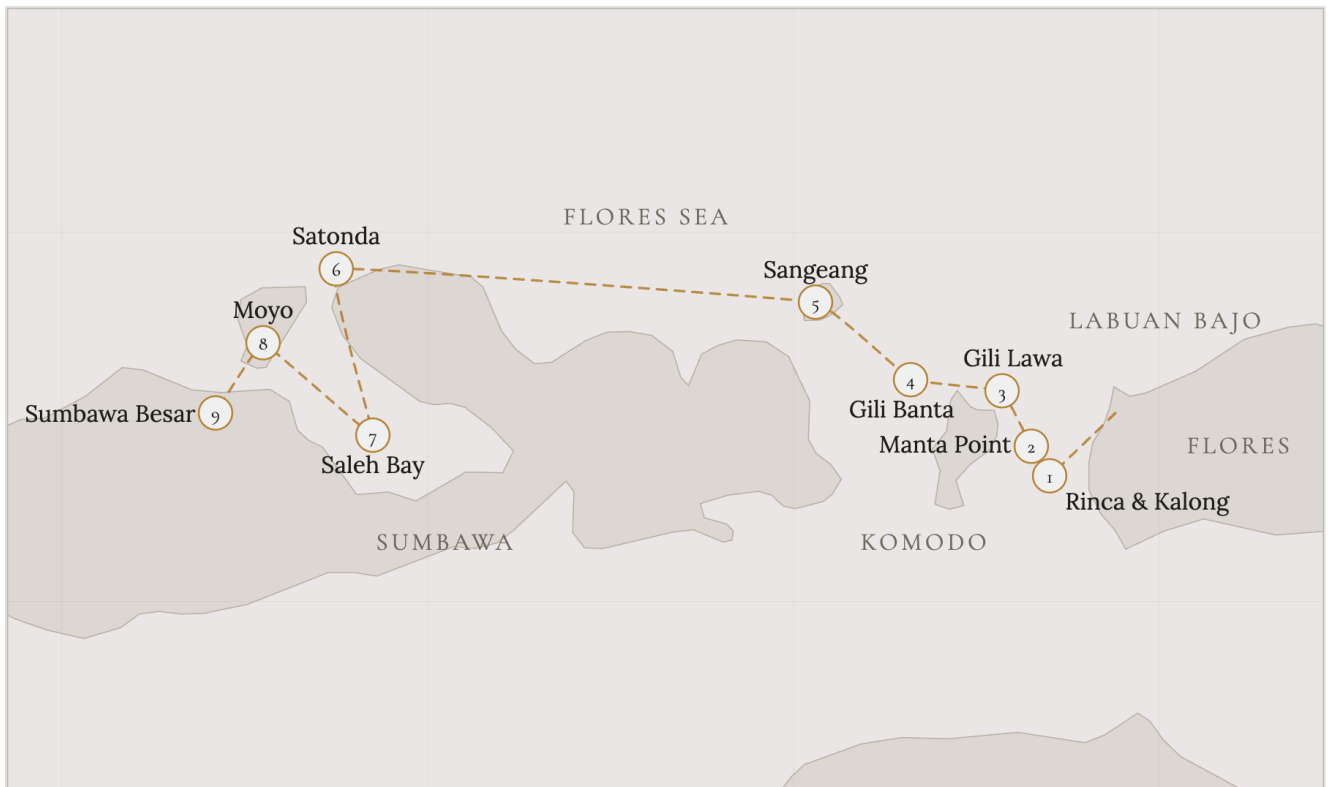
Disembark — Sumbawa Besar
Onward connections via Lombok or Bali.
Check-out until 11am.

Transfers
Celestia moors at the closest harbour to the airport; transfers are by private vehicle directly to the waiting tenders. Selected airports can accommodate private jets.

Komodo to Sumbawa Besar

LABUAN BAJO → SUMBAWA BESAR

Three days in the park — dragons, mantas and the Gili Lawa dive sites — then west along the chain to a beach camp at Banta, the volcanoes of Sangeang and Satonda, and whale sharks in Saleh Bay before Moyo and Sumbawa Besar.



NUMBERED ANCHORAGES FOLLOW THE DAY-BY-DAY BELOW. COASTLINES FROM NATURAL EARTH.

DAY 1

Rinca & Kalong

Welcome onboard Celestia. We depart from Labuan Bajo to Rinca Island. After a delicious lunch, we set foot on Rinca, where we spend a few hours trekking in search of the legendary Komodo dragons. A local ranger will explain their unique role in the ecosystem and how they came to reside in this part of the world. We return to the boat for a short sail toward Kalong Island, known for the thousands of bats living in its mangroves. Our crew organise a cocktail party on the sun lounge at sunset, when the flying foxes take to the sky in search of fruit on the main island.

DAY 2

Manta Point

This morning we explore Makassar Reef, better known as Manta Point, where you have the opportunity to swim with graceful manta rays. This long, shallow reef, located between the islands of Komodo and Tatawa Besar, is where the currents bring plankton-rich water, creating the perfect feeding ground for the mantas. The afternoon is spent on the water and at anchor before the short passage north.

DAY 3

Gili Lawa Darat & Gili Lawa Laut

Today we explore the northern side of the park near the islands of Gili Lawa Darat and Gili Lawa Laut. Home to some of the best dive sites of Indonesia, you will encounter trevally, groupers, sweetlips, barracuda and white-tip reef sharks. For sunset, we hike to a ridge to enjoy a spectacular panorama, allowing us to admire the entire bay and its turquoise waters.



RINCA · MANTA POINT · GILI LAWА

DAY 4

Gili Banta

Today we dedicate the day to exploring and relaxing at Gili Banta. Our crew set up our signature beach camp on a deserted white and pink sand beach, where you can enjoy idyllic beach time and various water activities. It is the perfect spot to try water skiing or to snorkel the nearby reef. The day concludes with a beach dinner featuring grilled fish and other delicacies, accompanied by a magnificent sunset.

DAY 5

Sangeang

Today we wake to the view of the towering Sangeang volcano, located off the coast of Sumbawa. We explore the island, where we can watch local shipwrights handcraft traditional boats using simple tools and techniques passed down through generations. This afternoon you can choose to hike the rugged volcano or explore one of the nearby reefs. Hot Rock Reef, suitable for both snorkelling and diving, emits hot gas bubbles through fissures, offering a unique underwater experience.

DAY 6

Satonda Island

After an overnight sail, we arrive within sight of Satonda Island on the northern coast of Sumbawa. Satonda Island is an ancient volcano with a saltwater lake at its centre, where you can swim, kayak, or enjoy stand-up paddle boarding.



GILI BANTA · SANGEANG · SATONDA

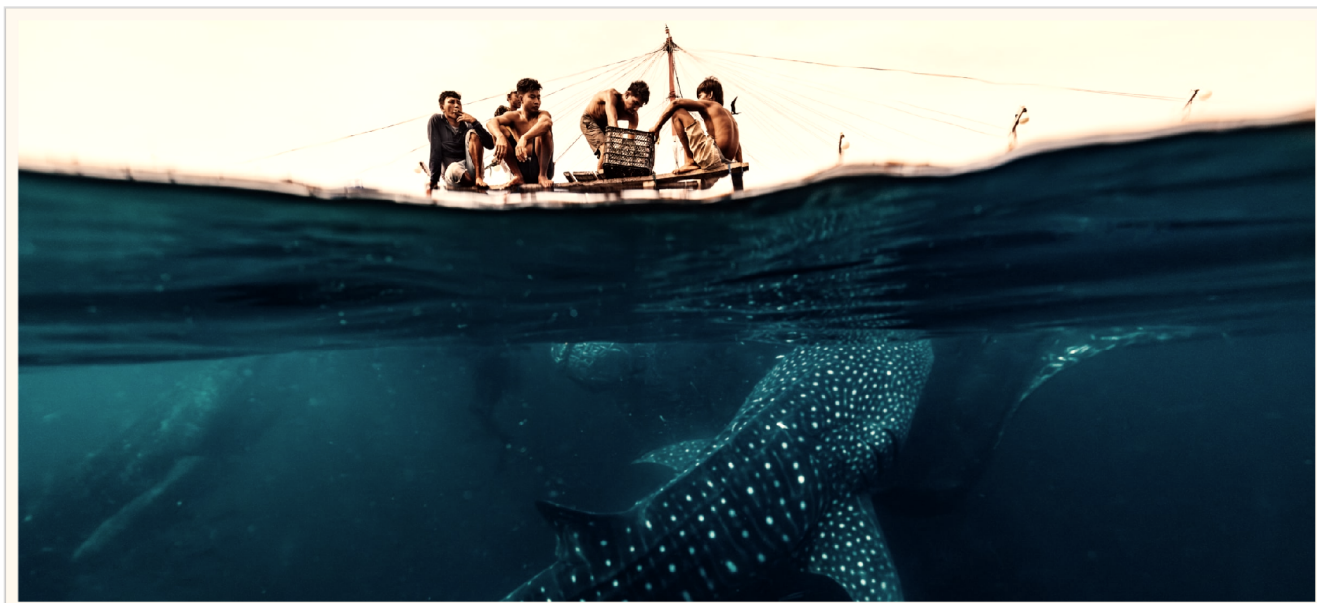
DAY 7

Saleh Bay & Moyo

After an overnight sail, we wake up in Saleh Bay, where whale sharks are often spotted. We will have an up-close encounter with these gentle giants when we dive near the fishermen's platforms — a once-in-a-lifetime experience for children and those young at heart. Later on, we sail north toward Moyo Island, where we spend the rest of the day exploring in search of hidden jungle waterfalls. Upon returning to the boat, the crew hoist the anchor for an overnight cruise to Sumbawa Besar.

Sumbawa Besar · disembarkation

As our journey draws to a close, we gather for a final breakfast on deck, reminiscing about the highlights of our voyage over a delicious meal. With the assistance of our dedicated crew, we disembark from Celestia, carrying with us cherished memories of our adventure.



SALEH BAY · MOYO · SUMBAWA BESAR

This is a sample itinerary. The itinerary may be altered based on the weather and sea conditions; your captain and cruise director will always choose the best available anchorage.



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