

WONDERFUL KOMODO SAILING ADVENTURES

5D/4N - Start from \$1,750 per person

TRIP OVERVIEW

Locations	: Labuan Bajo Komodo, Flores
Activities	: Adventure, cruise - live on board, nature, culture, & leisure
Duration	: 5 Days 4 Nights
Price	: Start from \$1,750 per person
Travel Types	: Cruise - Live on Board

HIGHLIGHTS

A five-day sailing adventure to Komodo Archipelago, one of the most scenic parts of Indonesia's Sunda Lesser Island will truly be an exceptional journey. The Komodo Islands are a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Indonesia's most incredible destinations. The famous Komodo dragons prowl through the parched landscape while the turquoise waters that surround the islands teem with marine life. Experience all of this on a privately chartered cruise that lets you visit hidden coves and pristine beaches on a luxury vessel that you'll have all to yourself.

Your trip begins in Labuan Bajo by visiting the Village of Melo to watch their traditional Caci Dance performance. Here, local 'strongmen' will perform the 'Caci,' a ritual whip-fight between two rivals that will try to hit each other while dancing to the rhythm of traditional acoustic instruments. Besides this, the cultural group will also showcase other traditional dances. Then, you will visit Goa Rangko 'secret cave'. Rangko Cave is a rocky ocean cavern near Labuan Bajo. Filled with crystal clear water, lit up to a bright turquoise color by sunlight through the mouth of the cave. You can swim, cliff jump, and admire the otherworldly beauty of the stalagmites.

On the next four days, unwind the stunning nature of Komodo Archipelago and feel your adrenaline rush during your island-hopping here. Encounter the majestic Komodo dragon at Rinca Island and Komodo Island led by an experienced ranger park. Hunt down magical sunset and sunrise on the top of Padar Island – soothe your eyes with its three turquoise bays that have different colored sand: pearly white, charcoal black, and rare baby pink. Snorkel over Makassar Reef, one of the best manta point in Komodo Islands to spot manta, as well as dive in Siaba Besar Island, where you can see jaw-dropping coral reefs with myriads of beautiful colors.

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DAY 1 : ARRIVAL LABUAN BAJO

Upon your arrival in Labuan Bajo, our guide will greet you at Komodo Airport. Then, we will set off on a trip to the Village of Melo. Here, local 'strongmen' will perform the 'Caci,' a ritual whip-fight between two rivals that will try to hit each other while dancing to the rhythm of traditional acoustic instruments. Besides this, the cultural group will also showcase other traditional dances. After the performance, you may choose to dip in and cliff jump at Rangko Cave — a secret swimming hole adorned with beautiful stalagmites or hike through small villages and agricultural land to Cunca Rami Waterfall. After a day of travel, you will be transported to a beachside resort just outside of the port town of Labuan Bajo, the gateway to the Komodo National Park.

Meals included: no meals included on this day

DAY 2 : LABUAN BAJO - KOMODO ARCHIPELAGO

After breakfast, we will transfer you to the harbor and set off to Komodo Archipelago by the enchanting phinisi boat. Ready to start our adventure, the cruise director will familiarize you with the vessel's facilities and safety procedure. Our first voyage is to get to Kelor Island. We will trek to the top of the hill situated in the middle of the island. When we reach the top, enjoy the beauty of the ocean blue all around. After lunch, we will visit the ranger station of Loh Buaya on Rinca Island where we will have a ranger-led nature trek in search of Komodo dragons and some other creatures like monkeys, wild buffaloes, and deer as well. Then, we moor close to the starkly beautiful Padar Island, the third largest land mass within the Komodo National Park. The island is a great spot for sunrise and sunset; hence, we will hike to the top of Padar Island to hunt down an exceptional sunset. Afterward, we will be back to the boat and overnight on board.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 3 : KOMODO ARCHIPELAGO

We will begin our trip today with a morning trek to Padar Island. From the top of the island, you will catch sunrise and unwind a picturesque vista of Padar Island and surroundings. After trekking, the boat will be anchored off the famous Komodo Island, one of approximately 80 islands that make up the Komodo National Park. We will go ashore at the ranger station in Loh Liang for an early morning ranger-led trek through the park searching for Komodo dragons – Indonesia's living dinosaurs – from a safe distance, as well as spotting sulfur-crested cockatoos, rare orchids, and jungle chickens. Afterward, we will continue our journey to one of the seven pink beaches in Indonesia at Pink Beach. You can do what you like here! Swimming, snorkeling, or simply basking in the tropical sun over its sandy pink beaches. Then, we will sail across the sea toward Kalong Island, where you can witness the phenomenon of thousands of bats fly in the twilight.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

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DAY 4 : KOMODO ARCHIPELAGO

We will disembark at Gili Lawa Darat. The island nearly looks like a savannah which wholly covered by grass. As this place is famous as the greatest spot for sunrise, we will do a sunrise trekking for catching a spectacular view. We will moor on Manta Point at Makassar Reef, where you can spot a flock of Manta Rays swimming from a close distance. Then, we head to the Siaba Besar Island, one of the dive sites in Komodo Archipelago that famous for its colorful coral reefs. Hence, water activities like swimming, snorkeling, and diving are the best things to unwind the beauty of the coral reefs. If you dive here, you will spot black tip sharks, barracuda, and turtles at a depth of 18-25 meters. Afterward, we will set off to Sebayur Island which located near to Rinca Island for catching another magical sunset.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

DAY 5 : DEPARTURE

On our final morning, we will moor close to the starkly beautiful Kanawa Island and Bidadari Island. We will relax on the islands over the white sandy beaches overlooking the blue-turquoise ocean. What a perfect way to unwind after eight days of adventure! Then, we will be back on board, and cruise to Labuan Bajo. Our guide will transfer you in private to the airport there. Now it is time to say goodbye— we hope your journey with us is creating unforgettable memories, and we will be glad to see you again in another remarkable place in Indonesia!

Meals included: Breakfast

TERMS & CONDITIONS

TOUR INCLUDE

- Accommodation with daily breakfast at selected hotels and phinisi boat cruise.
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary, except for alcoholic drinks.
- Private tours, transfers, and all services as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Service of a private driver and air-conditioned vehicles.
- Entrance fees for all the mentioned sights.
- Professional English speaking guides.
- Personal travel insurance (domestic insurance).
- Professional english speaking guides.
- Service charges and government VAT tax.

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TOUR EXCLUDE

- Domestic & international airfares to and from our start and end points + departure taxes if applicable (*Notes: The price of this tour does not include any domestic & international airfares to and from our start and end points; however, our reservations specialists are more than happy to help arrange domestic & international flights on your behalf and advise on scheduling. We book hundreds of flights each year on behalf of our guests, and we know the best routes to take to ensure you arrive on time. We only book with IATA-approved airlines that have met with international standards of safety and dependability.*)
- Personal expenses (mini bar, laundry, room services, additional food & drink at the hotel/ restaurant, etc).
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels.
- Visa fees.
- Tipping to guides, drivers, captain & crew (*on the final day of your tour, you will have an opportunity to contribute in giving tip fund discretionarily. We believe that between US\$ 5-10 per day is an appropriate amount. However, this is just a suggestion and remains entirely up to the judgment and discretion of the guests. We do ask that you kindly refrain from offering tips to guides or drivers at any time, except during cases of exceptional service, when it should be arranged through the office. Tipping of your travel specialists for their hard work is also welcome, and is at your discretion.*)

WHAT TO BRING

- **Clothing** - The tropical climate means you can safely leave all of your warm weather gear at home. Bring cool cottons, T-shirts and shorts. Likewise, a lightweight fleece could be useful for pre-dawn trekking or if there is a cool wind on the mountain – even if you don't need it, it will be useful for the plane. Adventure Archipelago is respectful of the local cultures and customs; bring clothes that cover your shoulders and knees for village or temples visits. Finally, you might want to bring at least one smart-casual outfit for sunset cocktails and evening meals. Ladies: beach throw-overs, kaftans and sarongs are always useful; choose fabrics that dry easily. Also, bring a lightweight sundress or two – several destinations offers a great setting for a photo shoot, live it up.
- **Bags** - A day backpack is essential on day hikes to carry things such as your water bottle, camera, binoculars, and rain jacket. A waterproof wet/dry bag is a good idea for your phone, camera, etc.
- **Footwear** - Pack comfortable trainers, trekking sandals, sturdy walking shoes or hiking boots for hikes and walks. Bring socks to wear inside your walking shoes to avoid getting blisters. Many travellers appreciate the added stability of a walking stick or hiking pole; lightweight telescopic poles are easy to pack. You might also want waterproof sandals or reef shoes for wet

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landings and water activities. Flip-flops are great for the beach. Note: Standard practice is to go barefoot on the boat.

- **Sun Protection** - You'll be spending plenty of time out in the scorching tropical sun, so be sure to pack sunscreen with a high enough SPF to protect your skin from the sun's damaging rays, which are stronger in the water, and some sun-protective clothing as well. Cover-ups, sarongs, sun shirts, and other such clothing will ensure that you come back from your trip with just happy memories and photographs – and not sunburn. A good hat is essential; a wide brimmed hat or cap will keep the strong equatorial sun off your face and neck. Sunglasses keep your eyes protected and add a little glam to your photos. A strap to hold your glasses can be a good idea on more active adventures. Just in case you fail to avoid getting sunburnt, bring an aloe-based lotion to soothe burned skin.
- **Swimwear** - Don't forget your swimsuit/bikini/shorts/trunks/Speedos —and preferably more than just one swimsuit, so that one or two can be drying while you are wearing another. Luckily, swimsuits and/or swim trunks don't take up too much space in your luggage. The water is warm but a rash guard (or a wetsuit) will protect you from the sun, abrasions and stings.
- **Skin & Hair Protection** - Ladies, it's important that you take good care of your skin and hair. The sun, seawater and salty air may be beautiful to experience but it can be tough on your body and will wreak havoc on your locks. Bring moisturising lotion to soothe skin parched by the sun and the saltwater; bring a leave-in conditioner to de-tangle your hair with ease because the water, mask, and hair-ties will leave it in knots. Also consider bringing a scarf or headband to hold back unruly hair, or hair-ties/pins to keep your hair off your face and therefore prevent water seeping into your mask.
- **Camera Equipment** - If you are photo enthusiast bring all of the camera and video equipment that you will use as you can expect exceptional opportunities for photography. If you prefer the ease of a point & shoot, bring that. If you want to take underwater photos you might want to invest in a waterproof camera/GoPro or waterproof housing to capture photos of the incredible marine life. It's also a good idea to bring a spare memory card.

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