

Komodo National Park, Indonesia

Itinerary - 7 Nights and 10 Nights

- **Embarkation: Labuan Bajo, Flores at 10:00**
- **Disembarkation: Labuan Bajo, Flores at 10:00**
- **Arrival Airport: Komodo Airport (LBJ)**
- **Departure Airport: Komodo Airport (LBJ)**

For your convenience, a free transfer will be provided between Komodo airport/local hotel and S/Y Indo Siren on the day of embarkation and disembarkation.

Marine & Port Fees:

- 155 USD per person

Marine park fees can be paid in advance, or on board.

Minimum dive certification and experience:

Divers are required to have **Advanced Open Water** certification*, or equivalent, with a **minimum of 50 logged dives**.

*Advanced Open Water courses can be completed on board.

Guests who do not fulfil the minimum certification and experience requirements may be denied participation in some or all dives. We have 3 permanent dive guides on board to enable small dive groups of 5-6.

It is a mandatory requirement for all divers to have insurance which covers scuba diving activities, including emergency evacuation and recompression chamber costs.

Participation in this liveboard itinerary is subject to acceptance of our Terms & Conditions as outlined here: www.masterliveboards.com/terms-conditions.

Number of scheduled dives:

- 7 nights: up to 22
- 10 nights: up to 34

This itinerary involves some long distance travel and, whilst we attempt to ensure the number of dives we have scheduled is fulfilled, bad weather can hinder the yacht's ability to reach a specific dive site in good time.

While we wish to show you the very best diving possible, a number of factors determine which route the yacht takes and which dive sites we are able to visit. Weather, tides, currents and how many other dive vessels are at a particular site all play a part in the Cruise Director's decision of where the Indo Siren is heading to.

Safety and dive briefings are conducted in English. If you, or any of your group do not speak or understand English, please contact us.

The following is an example of the day-to-day itinerary.

Day 1: Embarkation at 10:00 followed by introductions, boat and safety briefings, and snacks. The vessel will depart port at some point through this process giving time for guests to set up gear and carry out a check dive. If time allows, a sunset or evening dive may be carried out.

Day 2: Breakfast followed by a check dive, and up to 3 subsequent dives, as outlined below.

Days 3-6 (7 nights)

Days 3-9 (10 nights)

Your Cruise Director will schedule up to 4 dives per day; 3 day dives and either a sunset or a night dive. A typical diving day is scheduled as follows:

- Light Breakfast followed by a briefing & Dive 1
- Full Breakfast, relaxation followed by briefing & Dive 2
- Lunch, relaxation followed by briefing & Dive 3
- Snack
- Briefing for Sunset or Night dive
- Dinner

Day before disembarkation:

For your last full day on board, we are able to schedule 3 dives* before the boat cruises back to Labuan Bajo, where it will remain at anchor overnight.

Disembarkation day: Following breakfast on board, disembarkation is scheduled between 8:00am and 10:00am.

*We kindly request that guests check their flight departure times to ensure that they leave a minimum of 24 hours between their final dive and their flight home.

Following is a sample of dive sites which we may visit during your time aboard Indo Siren.

The safety of our guests is paramount and we always do our best to offer diving at alternate locations, should we be unable to visit those sites listed below.

Guests are welcome to suggest preferred dive sites to the Cruise Director. He/she will be happy to accommodate guests' wishes, providing it is possible and the schedule allows for it.

Dive sites we visit include but are not limited to:

Sangeang Island

Hot Rocks!

A mix of sloping sand and coral formations. At depth, we find gorgonian fans with pygmy seahorses and black coral bushes. There is also a small cave where lobsters can be found. In the shallows brightly coloured neon anemones "pop" against the dark sand and provide a superb subject for underwater photographers. Bubbles coming from these and in the shallow waters provide a distraction during safety stops.

The Estuary

Pygmy seahorses can be found clinging to the polyps of sea fans along the reef slope and a stunning hard coral garden is great for finding scorpion fish and leaf fish, whilst the sandy patches in between the reefs are a fantastic place to spot sawblade shrimp and a wide variety of nudibranchs.

Techno Reef

The dark volcanic sand is dotted with green, orange and yellow "black" coral bushes and enormous red barrel sponges, home to ghost pipefish, long nose hawkfish and pink squat lobsters.

Gili Lawa Laut

Castle Rock

Currents sweep by this offshore pinnacle in Gili Lawa Laut and white tip reef sharks and trevally can be seen corralling the neon fusiliers. Schools of surgeon fish swarm over the corals and large barrel sponges, whilst huge Napoleon wrasses take an inquisitive look at the divers.

Crystal Rock

Next to Castle Rock in the bay, this site has 2 pinnacles both offering superb shark action. Eagle rays are frequent visitors and dolphins have been known to make an appearance. White tip reef sharks are often found resting under table corals and common octopus put on superb displays allowing the cautious diver to approach. Currents are to be expected.

Shotgun!

Typically a fast-paced drift dive, we spend time in the coral garden with soft corals & sponges, before reaching a deep ravine in the reef seeing schools of snapper moving in ever tighter formations. After which you can descend into the fish bowl, where manta rays like to hang out, before the "shotgun" currents push you over the reef and through the channel to the waiting dinghies. Stay close to your buddy and enjoy the ride!

Current City (10 night cruises only)

Tattawa Besar & Tattawa Kecil

Currents drift divers along at a steady pace as we look out for manta rays, white tip reef sharks, turtles, bumphead parrotfish, schools of snapper and barracuda.

Rinca Island - Padar Bay (10 night cruises only)

Dragon Besar/ Wainilu

Hidden amongst the rubble at this shallow site, divers can find mandarin fish and picturesque dragonets as well as frogfish, pipefish and pygmy cuttlefish. We dive at sunset to observe the mandarin fish as they "flutter" up from their rubble home to mate.

Tiga Dara / Three Sisters

This site is formed of 3 pinnacles rising up very close to one another. Covered with soft corals each pinnacle is a haven for macro creatures including frogfish and nudibranchs. The shallowest point is at 3m and ideal for resting during safety stops.

Secret Garden

This sloping reef is another superb night dive spot with plenty of crustaceans, mollusks and benthic fish to be found.

Komodo Island (East)

Manta Alley

Channels form in the rocky reef wall and it is here we can hook in and watch graceful manta rays gliding about in the current, being cleaned. They make it look so easy, however strong currents can persist at this site.

Guests are advised to bring reef hooks. Surgeon and trigger fish as well as schools of jacks can all be seen here as well. Certainly, the mantas steal the show when they are in town, with up to 30 being seen, though groups of 5 or 6 are more common.

Pink Beach

A shallow sheltered reef that is perfect for a night dive with superb macro sightings from flamboyant cuttlefish, hairy frogfish, octopus and bobtail squid to the barely there skeleton shrimp, Pegasus sea moths, crocodile fish and snake eels.

Guests will have the opportunity to venture ashore on Komodo Island to take a guided walk with the rangers through "Komodo Dragon Territory".

Should you have any questions or queries concerning the dive sites or whether this itinerary is suitable for your experience level, please contact our reservations team dive@masterliveboards.com who will be pleased to assist and advise you.