

# ALOR MAUMERE

10 DAYS 9 NIGHTS ITINERARY



This Prana voyage takes you from the island of Alor along a vast stretch of the Lesser Sunda Islands through the spectacular scenery of Flores finishing up in Komodo National Park. This journey is characterized by uninhabited jungle swathed islands edged with pristine beaches, volcanic outcrops and dazzling turquoise oceans inundated with marine life.

Alor is one of the most remote islands in the archipelago and has a raw and prehistoric beauty which will delight even the most seasoned of travellers. Visit ancient tribes and participate in their rituals before hopping through the islands, stopping off at world-class dive sites until you get to Flores. The poster shot of this region is the ethereal and ever-changing crater lakes which alter their hue depending on their mineral content. Flores is a spectacularly beautiful location with waterfalls, heavily forested interior and many deserted beaches.

The final destination is Komodo Islands which were established as a National Park by the Indonesian government in 1980 to protect the illustrious Komodo dragon and then made a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1991. All the flora and fauna and wildlife both on the islands and in the ocean are now protected.

# DAY 1

## ALOR - PULAU BUAYA TERNAT

Our staff meet you at Alor airport with mineral water and whisk you to Prana, moored about 45 minutes away. The Cruise Director welcomes everyone aboard and gives a comprehensive safety briefing while the chef prepares a delicious meal.



We sail out of Kalabahi Bay to remote Pulau Ternate and Buaya, where the friendly locals, famed for their Ikat weaving, come out on small canoes to greet you warmly. This is an authentic Tapkala village with thatched huts and treehouses where the locals will regale you with traditional songs and chants. Enter into the spirit of the occasion as you are welcomed to join in the lego-lego dance, which celebrates unity, brotherhood and happiness. Their extraordinary handmade crafts can be bought as souvenirs in the small market.



Afterwards, at Half Moon Bay, spend the rest of the afternoon enjoying remarkable snorkelling, or play castaway on a deserted beach. As the end of the day gets closer, enjoy your first sunset cruise with cocktails onboard Prana as she heads for safe night anchorage.

# DAY 2

## KALABAHI SOUND

Wake up in picturesque Kalabahi Sound and enjoy a delectable breakfast on the deck. Clear blue skies, untouched oceans and some of the best creature diving on earth await our guests at this destination.



Today is all about enjoying the luxury of Prana and finding your sea legs. Relax with a massage on deck, cooled by the gentle sea breeze or recline on one of the many day beds with a good book. The more adventurous onboard may choose to take out one of the sea kayaks, scuba dive or snorkel. This is a day of experiencing the delights onboard your new floating home and investigating the unbelievable myriad of fish and critters hiding beneath the waves.

Return to the luxury of Prana as the sun sets to indulge in a refreshing cocktail and settle in for an evening of stargazing and storytelling around the dinner table. After this, you can pull up a beanbag at Prana's very own cinema under the stars.

# DAY 3

## KAWULA - PULAU KOMBA

Rise early and take advantage of the yoga deck to salute the sun at the beginning of another day of epic adventure. After breakfast, we anchor in Kawula Bay where you can swim alongside volcanic vents through surreal hot and cold water. As well as being strange in its extreme varying temperatures, this spot has particularly prolific critter life.



Later, after a picnic lunch on the beach, head off for a drift dive or snorkel on the amazing coral plateau along the reef accompanied by white-tipped reef sharks, turtles and boxfish. All sorts of unusual marine life are found in these waters including the allusive rhinopias, rare halemeda ghost pipefish, the elusive wonderpuss and even a blue ring octopus.

Finally, at the close of day, sail out to Pulau Komba for sunset and marvel at the volcano Batu Tara. Drink cool aperitifs, dine under the glittering stars and then watch a classic movie in our outdoor cinema. Next, we sail overnight to the infamous Kelimutu, a volcano at the eastern end of Flores.



# DAY 4

## KELIMUTU - ADUNARA

Kelimutu is sacred to the local population and the centre piece of a national park of the same name. We rise at 4 am to hike up to the famous multi-coloured crater lakes which turn red, brown, milky turquoise or bright green, according to volcanic activity and varying mineral content and watch in wonder as the sun rises over Kelimutu.



Investigate some tasty local dishes for lunch before driving back towards the shore and rejoining Prana. After such an intrepid morning you can take an afternoon nap or enjoy treatments in the spa. Revitalized you may find time to explore the inlets and coastline by kayak or paddleboard keeping an eye out for the many flying fish in the area. Prana's crew then lift anchor and sail overnight to Maumere.



# DAY 5

## MAUMERE

Wake up well rested to the smell of freshly brewed coffee before exploring the Pemana Islands which include Babi, Pangabatang and Besar in the bay of Maumere. These are located about 7km from Port Sadangbui which is a bustling harbour powering much of the region's trade.



You can enjoy a day crisscrossing remote beaches and bays to relax, snorkel, dive, paddle board, kayak or waterski. Maumere used to have spectacular coral life and even hosted the renowned World Championship of Underwater Photography, however a massive earthquake followed by a tsunami hit the area in 1992 devastating the reef. It has started to come back to life but the appeal of Maumere Bay for divers now lies in the sheer variety of dives you can do in a day. Choose from muck dives, wall dives, drift dives, and wreck dives.

After a day of adventures our staff will set up a beautiful dining experience onshore, so you can tell tales of your adventures into the night.



# DAY 6

## RIUNG

This destination is famed for its extensive coral gardens and clear turquoise waters, Riung's many islands are fringed by pristine white sandy beaches and swaying palms. Once again the day is about exploration both above and below the waves.

Reconnoitre the rambling edges of the islands on kayaks and then relax and enjoy a leisurely beach BBQ before heading off towards the mangroves, which are home to impressive colonies of flying foxes.



As the sun sets, the fruit bats rouse and fly en masse overhead - an unforgettable spectacle of nature. Dine onboard in the air-conditioned salon or return to one of the deserted beaches, the choice is yours. After dinner enjoy a trip to the cinema under the stars or have a treatment in the salon.



# DAY 7

## CRYSTAL & CASTLE ROCK

Today is all about two of the scuba diving jewels in Komodo's crown but before the main event, you might like to rise early to salute the sun on the yoga deck. Crystal Rock sometimes called Crystal Bommie and Castle Rock are only 300 meters apart. These two submerged sister pinnacles rarely disappoint and people often request to dive them more than once on a trip.



They offer the chance to see eagle rays, white tip, black tip and grey reef sharks, huge schools of snappers and fusiliers, batfish and Napoleon wrasse. Flowery soft coral fans host the famous pygmy seahorses and under the right conditions, the ocean surges with action-packed hunting as giant trevallies burst through the schools of fusilier fish. A vibrant and unforgettable experience.

After all, this action enjoy a cool beer or a freshly made lemon soda before supper onboard. Try a traditional Indonesian feast comprised of many small dishes with bold flavours, sweet or spicy sauces and plenty of rice. We then sail to Rinca overnight.

# DAY 8

## RINCA

After breakfast, go ashore to meet the famous Komodo dragons. Accompanied by a park ranger, explore the giant lizard's extraordinary natural habitat. The island is also home to monkeys, Sunda deer, wild pigs and jungle fowl, so there is plenty to see on the trail.



Rejoin the boat and enjoy lunch while sailing for a couple of hours to Karang Makassar. Here we stop at Manta Point, a feeding ground for manta rays and one of the top diving and snorkelling spots in the park. On this relaxed drift dive, watch the mantas gliding gracefully through the water with their mouths open, feeding on plankton.

Enjoy a second dive at Batu Balong, a massive underwater rock with pinnacles and rifts patrolled by grey reef and white tip sharks, giant trevallies and emperor fish. The coral garden on top can also be enjoyed by snorkelers, who have a good chance of seeing the larger fish too.

Return to the luxury of Prana for cocktails followed a delicious healthy meal. Tell tales into the night and dream of dragons, sharks and seahorses.

# DAY 8

## GILI LAWA DARAT

Today we sail to beautiful Gili Lawa Darat, keeping an eye out for dolphins, which love to swim alongside the bow. Here you can dive or snorkel around the coral reef, full of colourful fish, sponges, Napoleon wrasse, groupers and even the odd stingray. Or enjoy the water from above on one of the kayaks or by paddleboard. Although the bay is great for water sports we need to be respectful because it is part of the National Park.



Hike up the hill of Gili Lawa Darat for 20 minutes to enjoy a stunning sunset view of this part of the archipelago. Look out across the long white sandy beach with the clear waters and visible coral formations below, from here look beyond to the rough savannah of Komodo Island, then turn to face to the west and the active volcano on Sanghiang island.



Later, relax onboard with cocktails or have a treatment with products by Anne Semonin in Atelier De Beaute before a leisurely supper.

## DAY 9

### SEBAYOR KECIL

On the last full day, we cruise around Sabayor Kecil where you can get some panoramic views of Komodo Island. This is a final chance to perfect your tricks on the wakeboard or enjoy the rest of the watersports onboard.

However, there is no diving on the last day of any of our trips. Instead, you can snorkel the shallow part of the reef and relax in the easy currents that are typical of the area. There is such an abundance of life here that snorkelling is just as much fun.



Watch the gorgeous sunset over the grassy peaks of Komodo Island with a cool drink and after your farewell dinner onboard we set sail towards Labuan Bajo.



## DAY 10

### LABUAN BAJO

After a final breakfast on board, bid farewell to the ship and her crew as the tenders deliver you back to port for a transfer to the airport.