

# KOMODO NATIONAL PARK

6 DAYS 5 NIGHTS ITINERARY



Komodo National Park is a mystical-looking cluster of islands rising out of the ocean like the scaly backs of enormous Jurassic reptiles. Also, home to the famed Komodo dragon and the only place this majestic creature is found in the wild. According to colorful legend, the Komodo dragons we see today are all descended from one born to a Dragon Princess. George Raymond Richard Martin who wrote Game of Thrones must have got his inspiration here.

Plunging savannahs, arid in the summer and bursting with life in the winter, deserted white sand beaches, mountainous outcrops and turquoise oceans teeming with more species than any other place on the planet await your discovery. The scuba diving here is amongst the best in the world and over 1,000 species of marine life and 250 types of coral are found here.

Furthermore, the Komodo Islands are so ecologically significant they were established as a National Park by the Indonesian government in 1980 and made a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1991. All the flora and fauna and wildlife both on and off the islands are protected and therefore please be guided by your crew about what is appropriate in this area.

# DAY 1

## LABUAN BAJO - SEBAYOR KECIL - GILI LAWA DARAT

Our staff meet you at the airport at Labuan Bajo with oshibori and refreshing mineral water and then accompany you to the harbour to board your vessel. The Cruise Director welcomes everyone aboard while the chef prepares a delicious meal to be served on deck.

After lunch, we set sail towards Sabayor Kecil where you will spend the afternoon relaxing on pristine white sand beaches, cooling off in the vivid turquoise ocean or exploring coral reefs which teem with marine life.



After an hour's cruise to the northeastern tip of Komodo Island, the first day comes to a perfect close with an easy 20-minute trek up the peak of an island of called Gili Lawa Darat. Here, you can experience exquisite sunset views offering the first of many Instagram-worthy moments.



# DAY 2

## GILI LAWA DARAT - KOMODO BAY - PULAU KALONG

Wake up, lie in or enjoy an early morning yoga session on the top deck followed by a leisurely breakfast. Today we visit Gili Lawa Darat's long stretches of deserted beaches where you can embark on a spectacular snorkelling adventure amongst pristine coral gardens.

Some of the best dive sites in Komodo National Park including Castle and Crystal Rock, Shotgun, The Passage and Lighthouse are in this area. Alternatively, enjoy any of the other water sports onboard or relax in the spa with signature massage.



Afterwards cruise to Komodo Bay, passing Makassar Reef which is one of the most remarkable places in the Komodo archipelago. This location is renowned for attracting giant manta rays, schools of large fish and an array of funky critters, making for unforgettable snorkeling and diving.

In the afternoon continue to Komodo Bay where dependent on sea conditions, you disembark for an exhilarating drift snorkel. The current carries you effortlessly across the reef giving new meaning to 'going with the flow'.

Back onboard Prana, kick back and relax as we set sail for a short cruise to Bat Island, locally known as Pulau Kalong. Get ready for a sunset with a difference where thousands of fruit bats take to the skies at dusk to hunt. A true National Geographic experience and one which you will never forget.



# DAY 3

## RINCA ISLAND / PADAR ISLAND

Early in the morning, jump on Prana's tender before the heat of the day, and head off to Buaya Bay on the north side of Rinca Island. This is your first opportunity for an encounter with the legendary Komodo dragons. Likewise, you can spot wild boar, water buffalos, deer and monkeys while being safely accompanied by a park ranger who will give you some fun facts about the islands wildest residents.



Back onboard Prana, guests can relax as we cruise towards the magnificent, Jurassic-looking Padar Island. Under the water is just as thrilling as the mountainous crevices of the island and we stop at Pillarsteen which is another famed Komodo dive site. This has four large pinnacles covered in soft corals which attract a bevy of colourful marine life including giant pelagics. Also, watch out for the brightly coloured red and purple fire urchins.



As the sun begins to disappear over the horizon, there is no better way to end a perfect day than with a bonfire, a BBQ and signature cocktails on a white sandy beach. After this, you might choose to have one of our beauty therapists rub away the aching muscles of your adventurous day before retiring to your luxurious suite. We overnight in the calm and secure Bay of Padar which is actually a great spot for some watersports.

# DAY 4

## PINK BEACH

Pink Beach is an iconic spot in Komodo and one of the wonders of the world. Its unusual pink sand is formed by a kind of microscopic animal called Foraminifera which produces red or pink light on the coral reef. When this is broken down into sand by the constant push and pull of the waves the colour remains.



At Pink Beach on the island of Komodo, snorkel or dive through spectacular walls of fish looking out for blue-ribbon eels and crocodile fish. Here you can swim through caves, somersault through chimneys and marvel at the coral canyons.

In the evening, our wonderful staff will set up a spectacular beach BBO at sunset where you can lay back and watch the glittering heavens come alive. Once your dinner has digested, you might like to go night diving. This is truly world-class scuba experience, full of unusual and colourful marine life including, basket stars, bobtail squid and Spanish dancers and nudibranchs.



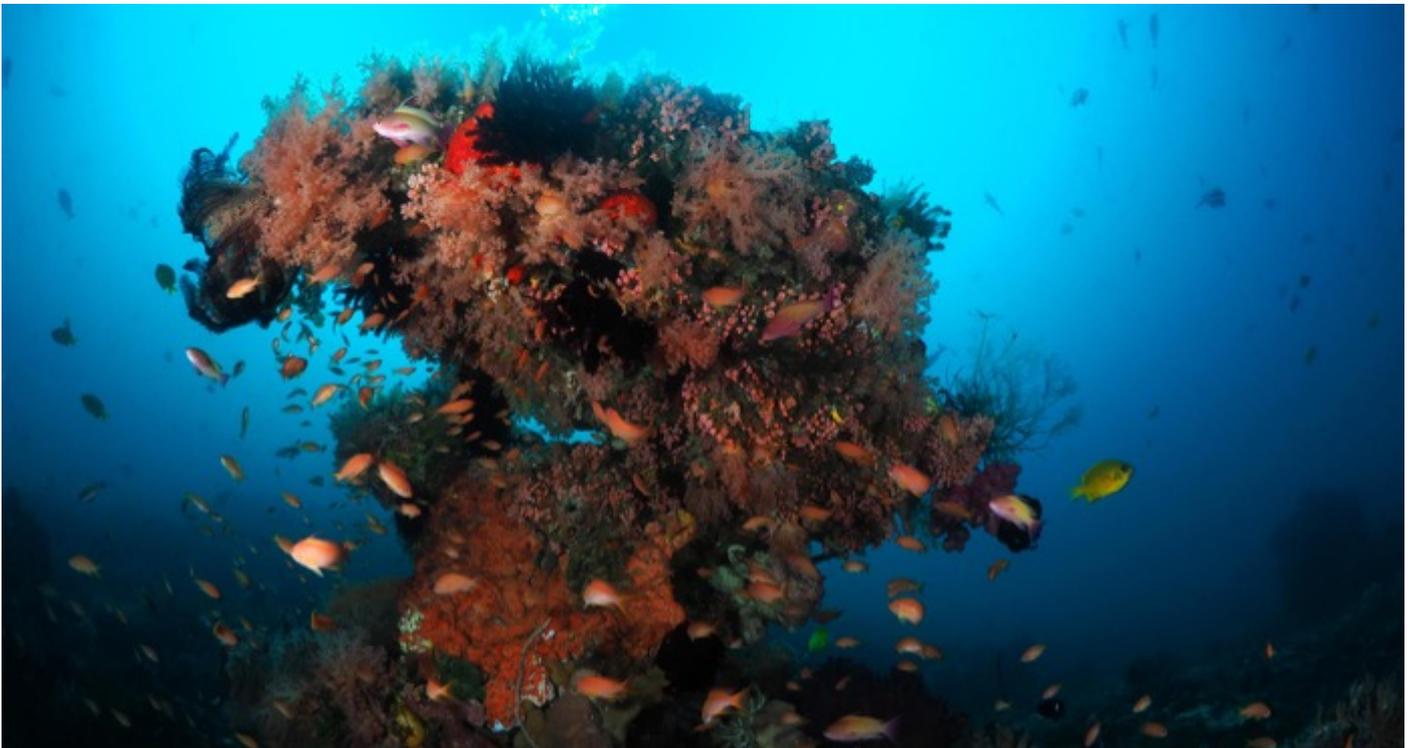
## DAY 5

### RINCA ISLAND

Today is all about the east of Rinca Island. This is a very secluded spot and as yet very few other boats have discovered this gem, most go to the south. There is a peaceful serenity here accompanied by striking tropical scenery which cannot fail to impress and de-stress.

Rinca Island is very different from central Komodo and has sheer peaks climbing into the skies and a thickly forested interior inhabited by monkeys, deer, wild boar and fish eagles. Take kayaks to the island's untouched beaches or explore the ecosystem of the shoreline including stunning rock formations.

One of the best underwater spots nearby is Cannibal Rock, one of the world's most celebrated macro sites with an endless supply of critters including as pygmy seahorses and colourful nudibranchs.



Then again, book an appointment with one of our spa therapists and enjoy a massage on deck. Afterwards, enjoy another sophisticated culinary experience in Prana's dining room and adjourn to the cinema under the stars and watch the latest blockbuster.

## DAY 6

### LABUAN BAJO - BACK TO REALITY

We arrive back in Labuan Bajo harbour in the morning and enjoy a relaxed breakfast. The final farewells and departure for the airport