



Ultimate Indonesian Yachts

## 10-DAY / 9-NIGHT ITINERARY – BALI TO KOMODO NATIONAL PARK



Embark on a 10-day adventure sailing from Bali to the fabled islands of Komodo National Park. This exciting journey begins in Bali and ends in Labuan Bajo, the gateway to Komodo.

### BALI

The "Island of the Gods" is worthy of all the praise that is so often heaped upon it. There are few places in the world that have remained so completely true to their culture in the face of such an influx of tourists. Having said that, even today you don't have to go far off the beaten track to find timeless traditional villages and tropical valleys rife with jungle vegetation.

### KOMODO NATIONAL PARK

The Komodo National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage site consisting of 3 larger islands (Komodo, Padar and Rinca) and 26 smaller ones, many of which are uninhabited. Komodo and Rinca are home to the native Komodo dragons, respected by locals who believe they descend from one born to a dragon princess centuries ago. The islands turn from lush green to arid throughout summer, contrasting against the vivid blue of the sea. At first sight the mysterious islands of the Komodo archipelago might remind you of Jurassic Park, rising out of the Indonesian sea in great humpbacked ridges. This is the land of dragons, where you can walk among the giant reptiles of Rinca Island (more spectacularly aggressive than those of Komodo itself), cruise through the mangroves and trek to grassy summits. The tropical waters of Komodo National Park has long been famous as one of the most species-rich tropical underwater environments on earth, with an official count of more than 1,000 types of fish and 260 corals.





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## DAY 1: BALI

Today, you will be collected from the harbour by your crew and transferred to your private yacht. After you have settled in and been briefed by the crew, the yacht will set sail for our first destination, the Gili Islands, where the afternoon can be spend soaking up laidback beach culture and snorkelling with turtles on the northern reefs.

## DAY 2: MOYO & SATONDA

This morning, the yacht will arrive at Moyo. Moyo Island is a pristine national park edged with flourishing tropical reefs, with a lush jungle interior home to macaques, wild cattle, wild pigs, barking deer and all manner of bird species. Here, you may visit a village that is home to a Bajo tribe (known as sea gypsies) and witness traditional music and dance performances, or trek to beautiful waterfalls hidden at the island's forested heart. In the afternoon, the yacht will continue to Satonda Island. The saltwater crater lake of Satonda was created by the great Mt Tambora volcano that erupted in 1815 - one of the biggest eruptions in history – and a truly magnificent sight. Here, you can swim or try watersports on the mirror still crater lake. At sunset, you'll see thousands of bats flocking into the orange skies on their nightly hunting jaunt.





### DAY 3: SANGEANG & GILI BANTA

This morning, the active volcano of Sangeang Api, off the coast of Sumbawa, will come into sight. At Sangeang, you will have the chance to dive or snorkel among the bubbling black sand slopes of the volcano ridge, or head to shore to Wera Village to see how locals build their traditional "phinisi" boats with techniques unchanged for generations. This afternoon, the yacht will continue east to Gili Banta. This paradisiac island is known for its beautiful beaches and stunning marine life, and today, you can play castaway on this uninhabited isle. A leisurely afternoon here can be spent exploring the island or reclining under an umbrella, or perhaps checking out some of the snorkel and dive sites in the local area.

### DAY 4: GILI LAWA LAUT & GILI LAWA DARAT

Today the yacht will anchor on the northwestern edge of Komodo, near the Gili Lawa islands. These two islands are home to some of Komodo's most famous dive sites, including *Castle* and *Crystal Rock*, *Shotgun*, *The Passage* and *Lighthouse*. These sites are home to a myriad of schooling fish and critters. The islands also offer stretches of private beaches for relaxing on between underwater pursuits, and a steep trek to the top of Gili Lawa Darat will reward you with one of the most stunning vistas, stretching from the northern side of Komodo National Park into the distance, making for a wonderful sunset.





## DAY 5 & 6: PULAU PADAR & CENTRAL KOMODO

Set between Rinca and Komodo in the central region of the national park, you'll find the picturesque island of Padar. A sheltered bay on the southeast side of the island makes for a beautiful anchorage, set in the shadow of the dramatic craggy peaks of Padar, and within reach of excellent diving and snorkelling sites. The yacht will spend two days in this area; central Komodo's nutrient-rich waters attract enormous shoals of schooling fish among deep pinnacles and current swept walls that are widely renowned as some of the best underwater sights in Indonesia. The bay of Padar is also a wonderful spot for enjoying powdery soft shores and panoramic island views, and your crew may set up a seafood grill on the beach.

## DAY 7: SOUTH RINCA

South Rinca is home to the famous Horse Shoe Bay, also known as Nusa Kode, where you can see fierce Komodo dragons patrolling a beach backed by thick forest inhabited by monkeys, deer, wild boar and fish eagles. The landscape here is markedly different to that of central Komodo, with sheer peaks rising into whirls of cloud. Worthy underwater spots here include Cannibal Rock, one of the world's most famous macro sites and home to all manner of critters such as pygmy seahorses and colourful nudibranchs. This is also an exciting area to take the tender out for a cruise along the foot of dramatic rock formations.



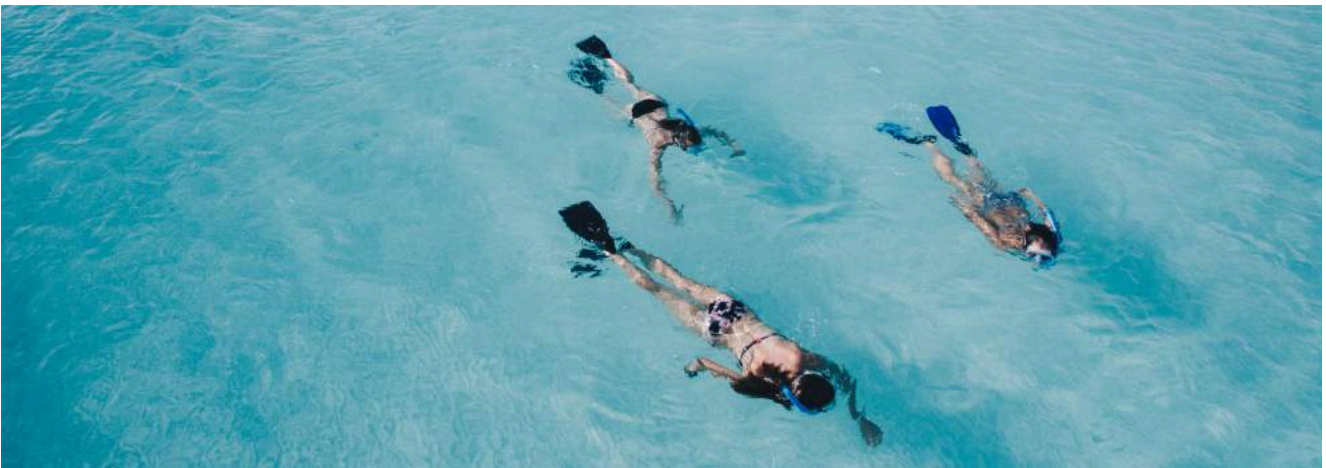


## DAY 8: RINCA ISLAND & KOMODO STRAIGHT

Although lesser known than neighboring Komodo Island, Rinca is an excellent place to observe Komodo dragons, as well as the monkey population and a vast array of birdlife. This morning, you can stroll through the park with a ranger early in the morning and catch sight of the famed endemic dragons. This afternoon, you may submerge at underwater sites in northern Rinca, relax on a sandy beach flecked with tiny shells and pink coral, or explore nearby coves. Nestled in the channel between Komodo Island and Flores, the underwater sites of *Tarawa Besar* and *Kecil* offer bustling coral reefs and pelagic encounters.

## DAY 9: SOUTH WEST KOMODO

Today, you will have a chance to visit the well-known 'Manta Point', located in the south west of Komodo. This is home to the famous Manta cleaning station, and you'll have the opportunity to swim surrounded by Manta rays as they circle around you in an underwater ballet. Known as the most active area in all of Komodo because of its topography, three rocks in this deep bay are covered in an array of vibrant soft and hard coral gardens and home to large numbers of fish, including species such as Tuna, Napoleon, Wrasse, Barracuda, and many more. After lunch onboard, you'll spend the afternoon beach combing or cruising hidden coves and tropical mangroves on the tender, finishing the day with another spectacular sunset in a private bay.





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## DAY 10: LABUAN BAJO

This morning, the yacht will arrive into the port of Labuan Bajo. After a farewell breakfast onboard, your crew will assist you with disembarking and escort you to the airport to catch your flight home.

*Please note that itineraries starting or ending outside of Komodo are typically subject to relocation fees. Routes are subject to change, depending on weather conditions, progressing harbor clearances, changes to domestic flights and other deciding factors. Please contact Ultimate Indonesian Yachts to discuss your requirements.*

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