



Ultimate Indonesian Yachts

18-DAY / 17-NIGHT ITINERARY: MOYO, KOMODO & ALOR



Embark on an epic 18-day sailing sojourn east of Bali. This journey will take you from the pristine tropical island of Moyo, across the Wallace line to Komodo National Park and farther still, to the remote reaches of the Alor archipelago, finishing in Labuan Bajo.

SUMBAWA & MOYO ISLAND

Sumbawa is an island in the Lesser Sunda chain, with Lombok to the west and Flores to the east. Traditionally, the island is known as the source of sappanwood used to make red dye, as well as honey and sandalwood. Its savannah-like climate and grassland is used to breed horses and cattle and to hunt deer. Just off the coast, Moyo Island is a pristine nature reserve home to beautiful waterfalls and wildlife.

ALOR ARCHIPELAGO

Alor is the largest island in the Alor Archipelago in South Eastern Indonesia. Among the islands surrounding Alor, visitors will see spellbinding marine life, the unique Moko kettledrums and the traditional villages of the highlands – not to mention Komba Island, where Batu Tara volcano billows smoke every 30mins. On these reefs, one of the most common sights is the woven fish traps used by the locals. These little-visited villages are known for the wonderful curiosity of their people and the local spear fishermen sporting wooden framed goggles.

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. At first sight the islands of the Komodo archipelago might remind you of Jurassic Park, rising from the sea in humpbacked ridges covered with windblown savannah grasses. This is the land of dragons, where you can walk among giant reptiles, cruise through the mangroves and trek to grassy summits with panoramic views and fiery sunsets. 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.



SAMPLE ITINERARY

DAY 1: SUMBAWA & MOYO ISLAND

Upon arrival at Sumbawa airport, you will be collected by your private yacht's representative and transferred to the harbour to board your vessel. Once you have met the rest of the crew and settled in, the yacht will set sail from Sumbawa, bound for nearby 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 can 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. Spend your first evening aboard sipping cocktails as thousands of flying foxes set out across orange skies on their nightly hunting jaunt. Dinner will be served on deck under the stars.

DAY 2: SANGEANG & GILI BANTA

This morning, the impressive peak of Sangeang Api, an active volcano, will appear on the horizon. As you enjoy breakfast under the equatorial sun, the yacht will anchor in the crystal clear lagoon beside Wera Village. Here, you can head to shore to see how the locals build their traditional phinisi boats with techniques unchanged for generations, or alternatively take up the chance to dive or snorkel among the bubbling black sand slopes of the volcano ridge. After lunch, the yacht will cruise farther west to Gili Banta. This paradisiac island is known for its beautiful beaches and stunning marine life, and you can play castaway on this uninhabited isle, exploring the uninhabited island or reclining under an umbrella, or perhaps checking out some of the spectacular snorkel and dive sites in the local area.





DAY 3: 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 alike. 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 rewards you with one of the most stunning vistas, stretching off the northern side of the Komodo National Park into the distance, and makes for a wonderful signature Komodo sunset.



DAY 4: 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. The yacht will cruise overnight to Riung.



DAY 5: RIUNG MARINE NATIONAL PARK

As the yacht cruises into Riung Marine National Park, also known as ‘Seventeen Islands’ in honour of Indonesia’s Independence Day, you will spend the day exploring this chain of 24 protected isles off the north coast of Flores. Aside from incredible marine life, the park is home to interesting wildlife on land in the forests, and five fishing villages inhabited by a mixture of Islamic Buginese and Catholics from the hinterland.

DAY 6: MAUMERE

This morning, you will be collected at Maumere harbour by a local guide. Maumere, the capital city of the Sikka district, is a main entry point for visiting Flores. Your tour will begin at Sikka village, which is known for its ancient church dating from 1899 and ikat textiles, which are enthusiastically sold by the local people. You’ll also stop in at Ledalero Museum before visiting the local market and Wuring fishing village.



In the afternoon, you’ll return to your private yacht in the harbour of Maumere for a relaxed evening onboard, taking in your first magnificent sunset across the Alor archipelago.



DAY 7: NORTHERN KAWULA & KOMBA ISLAND

This morning offers the chance to dive or snorkel the reefs off the north coast of Kawula, where large schools of brightly colored reef fish cluster around stunning tiers of hard coral in the shadow of Ile Ape volcano. You will then head ashore to Ionata village, where you can see the 30m skeletal remains of a blue whale, which remains a sacred icon to the villagers. From this village, you will be driven to Kampung Lama at the base of le Ape volcano, where you can see the remains of old artefacts and houses. Later, the afternoon can be spent visiting one of the most active volcanic peaks in the ring of fire, miles out to sea, off the northern coast of Flores. Here lies Komba Island, where you can snorkel or dive a coral reef on one side of the isle, and enjoy dinner out on deck on the other side, perhaps catching sight of a lava spill as Batu Tara volcano spews smoke into the skies at dusk.



DAY 8: TAKPALA, MOMBANG & PURA ISLAND

Today, you will head ashore with your guide to Takpala, a traditional Abui tribe village located on a hill with spectacular views of the Flores Sea. You'll continue to Mombang village and spend time with the locals to learn about the traditional way of life in these isolated reaches. This afternoon, the yacht will make for Pura Island, home to a small village in the middle of the Alor strait, which is a perfect point from

which to reach some of the area's most extraordinary diving and snorkelling sites.



DAY 9: ALOR CHANNEL

Today may be spent exploring underwater sites along the coast of Alor & Pantar islands, where you can glide through enormous shoals of fish, stunning colorful coral reefs and drifting pelagic marine life. In the evening, the yacht will anchor in the entrance to the bay at Kalabahi, home to "Mucky Mosque", one of the best critter night dives in the region.

DAY 10: BEANGABANG

In the very south of the Pantar Strait lies the small, remote village of Beangabang, 3 hours by boat to the nearest town. The village is nestled on a beautiful bay that curves gracefully between two out flung headlands. A large lava flow on one side shows the islands fiery past, and parts of the beach are so hot that they are painful to walk on and the black sand of the beach is steaming. Even by local standards, this is a very simple village with the most welcoming of people, and one of the most wonderful places to get a sense of local culture. For divers, there is a sandy slope nearby which is critter heaven.

DAY 11: BAJAWA

Today you will head ashore with your guide to Bajawa, where you may explore the traditional Ngada villages of Luba and Bena. These villages are beautifully located side by side in the forest with views of Mount Inerie, and the locals merge Catholic and animist beliefs, which is apparent in the megalith stones and wooden crosses surrounding the old houses.



After a wander around the villages, you can visit the local market of Bajawa, before heading back to the yacht to spend the rest of the afternoon on a deserted beach.



DAY 12: MOUNT KELIMUTU

Early this morning, you will be driven from Ende harbour to Moni, where a short walk (30 minutes) reaches Kelimutu. Mount Kelimutu means Mountain of the Spirits, and its main draw is the famed three lakes set within the surreal summit of the craters at 1690m. The trio of lakes comprises Tiwu ata Mbupu (Lake of Old People), which is usually blue and the westernmost of the three lakes. Then there's Tiwu Nuwa Muri Koo Fai (Lake of Young Men and Maidens) and Tiwu Ata Polo (Bewitched or Enchanted Lake), usually green or red respectively and separated only by a crater wall. While it is the make up of dissolved minerals that give the lakes their different, changing colours, local legend and ethereal landscapes mean this area takes on a mythical feeling. On the way back to Ende, you can stop at the traditional village of Saga Lio Tribe and visit Ende Local Market and Soekarno House, the residence of the first Indonesian president.



DAY 13: WAEREBO

You will depart early this morning and head ashore with your guide for the drive to Denge, before hiking for approximately an hour uphill through the rainforest to reach Wae Lomba creek. Here, you can take a break at the natural pools before continuing the trek to Ponoroko, where you'll find a spectacular panoramic view over the South and Savu Sea. The next stop will be at Nampe Bakok - a place where you'll have a complete view over the traditional village of Waerebo. You'll

continue to the village for lunch with the locals, after which you'll trek back downhill for the drive back to Dintor, where you'll board your private yacht in the late afternoon.



DAY 14: 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 nudibranches. This is also an exciting area to take the tender out for a cruise along the foot of dramatic rock formations.

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DAY 15 & 16: 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, located in the shadow of the dramatic craggy peaks of Padar, and within reach of excellent diving and snorkelling sites. 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 will set up a freshly prepared seafood grill on the beach, where you can recline on comfortable cushions and rugs in the glow of candlelight.



DAY 17: NORTH RINCA

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. Keep a look out for wild pigs, deer and the occasional water buffalo, one of the favorite foods of the Komodo dragon. In the afternoon, you can visit Rinca village and watch the

flying foxes on Pulau Kaaba, where the yacht will anchor for the night. Here, you'll enjoy your final evening aboard your private yacht with sunset cocktails and a decadent dinner under the stars.



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DAY 18: LABUAN BAJO & MELO VILLAGE

Early this morning, the yacht will return to Labuan Bajo harbour. After breakfast, you will wave goodbye to your private yacht's crew and meet your guide ashore for a trip to Melo village, where the traditional Whip Dance (Tari Caci) performance can be seen, which is famous of the Manggarai people of West Flores. After an insightful morning in rural Flores, you will be transferred to the airport to catch your flight home.

Please note that all itineraries 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. info@u-i-y.com

