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KOMODO TO ALOR

12-night itinerary

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The Ultimate Indonesian Yachts team is passionate about exploring Indonesia's most compelling coastlines. We believe that chartering a private yacht is the best way to uncover the secrets of our blue planet.

Our handpicked collection of luxury and expedition charter yachts offers an unrivalled means of experiencing both land & sea from the comfort of boutique accommodation on the waves. Our yachts combine tradition, elegance and modern conveniences, and each one comes with a skilled crew including an expert captain, a cruise host and a private chef.

We know the islands like the back of our hand and we love planning bespoke adventures to suit you. We take pride in our relationships with clients, yacht owners and agents alike. We take the time to truly know everything about each yacht, from the cruise director's strengths to the cuisine and service onboard.

ALOR ARCHIPELAGO

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The Alor archipelago comprises a series of rugged, volcanic islands, the final link in the chain stretching east of Bali, Sumbawa and Flores. It is perhaps most notable for its staggering cultural diversity – the small archipelago is home to no less than 100 tribes speaking eight languages and 52 dialects.

The entire archipelago harbours a population of 200,000, of which roughly 60,000 people reside on the main island of Alor. Dutch settlers fixed local rajas in the coastal areas after 1908 but were unable to penetrate the interior with its notorious fierce head-hunters up until as late as the 1950s.

This area, with its striking volcano-pocked landscapes, remains known for its enduring indigenous animist traditions and the highland villages with their Moko kettledrums, where visitors are warmly welcomed.

These waters are known for powerful currents, particularly in the narrow straits between Pantar, Alor and Lembata, attracting pelagics such as hammerhead sharks from the deep. From fascinating macro diving to colourful reefs and schooling pelagic fish, Alor has plenty to offer. Conditions here are also excellent for fishing for the likes of Spanish mackerel, dogtooth and yellow fin tuna among other deep-sea game fish.

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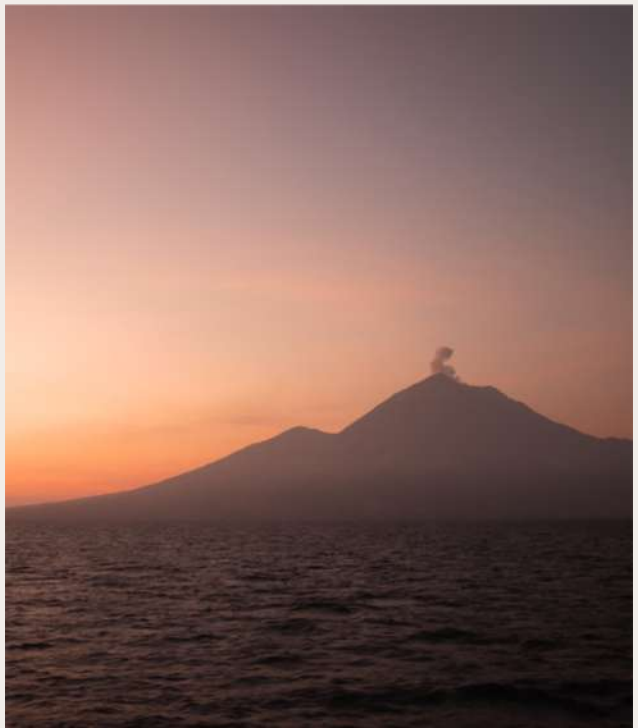


DAY 1: LABUAN BAJO

You will be met at Labuan Bajo airport by the yacht's crew and transferred to the harbour, a 15-minute drive. Once you have settled in onboard, the yacht will depart Labuan Bajo and cruise to the outskirts of the National Park while you enjoy lunch on deck. After lunch, there'll be time to enjoy your first snorkeling session on Komodo's beautiful reefs. Sunset cocktails will be served, followed by dinner under the stars.

DAY 2: RINCA ISLAND

Lesser known than neighboring Komodo Island, Rinca is an excellent place to see Komodo dragons, as well as the monkey population and an array of birdlife. Ttroll through the park with a ranger and catch sight of the famed Komodo dragons. This afternoon, submerge at underwater sites in the channel between Komodo and Flores, such as Tatawa Besar and Kecil, relax on a sandy beach flecked with shells, or explore nearby coves and try some water sports.

DAY 3: SOUTH RINCA

South Rinca is home to Horse Shoe Bay (Nusa Kode), where fierce Komodo dragons patrol 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. Underwater spots here include macro-heaven Cannibal Rock. This is an amazing area to take the tender out for a cruise along the dramatic rock formations.

DAY 4: PADAR ISLAND

Set between Rinca and Komodo in the central region of the national park lies the picturesque island of Padar. A sheltered bay on the southeast side of the island makes for a beautiful anchorage in the shadow of dramatic peaks. Central Komodo's nutrient-rich waters attract shoals of schooling fish on current swept walls renowned as some of the best coral reefs in Indonesia. This bay is a great spot for water sports, relaxing on the beach or cruising the mangroves by speedboat.

DAY 5: MANTA POINT

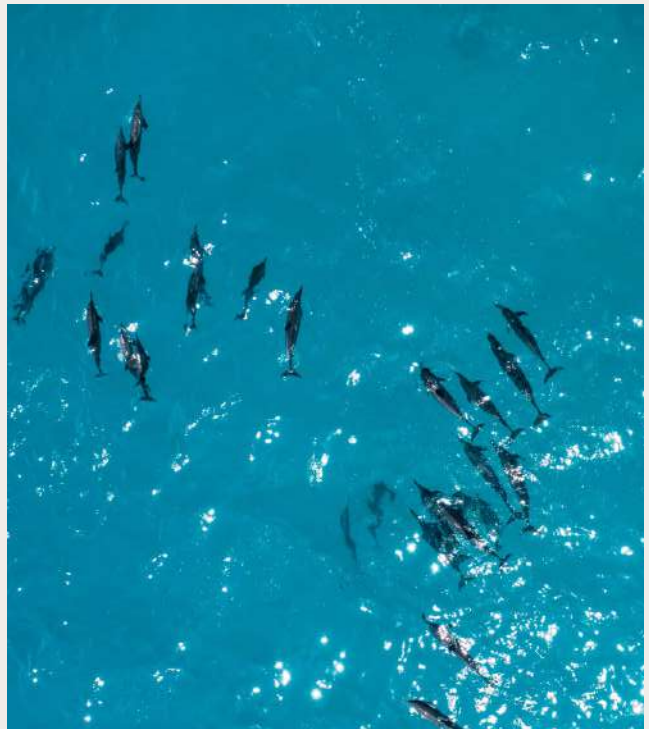
Today, you will have a chance to visit a Manta cleaning station. Swim surrounded by Manta rays as they circle you in an underwater ballet. This area offers one of the most active underwater landscapes in Komodo with vibrant soft and hard coral gardens home to large numbers of fish. After lunch onboard, spend the afternoon beach combing or cruising mangroves and hidden coves on the tender, or relax onboard in the sunshine.

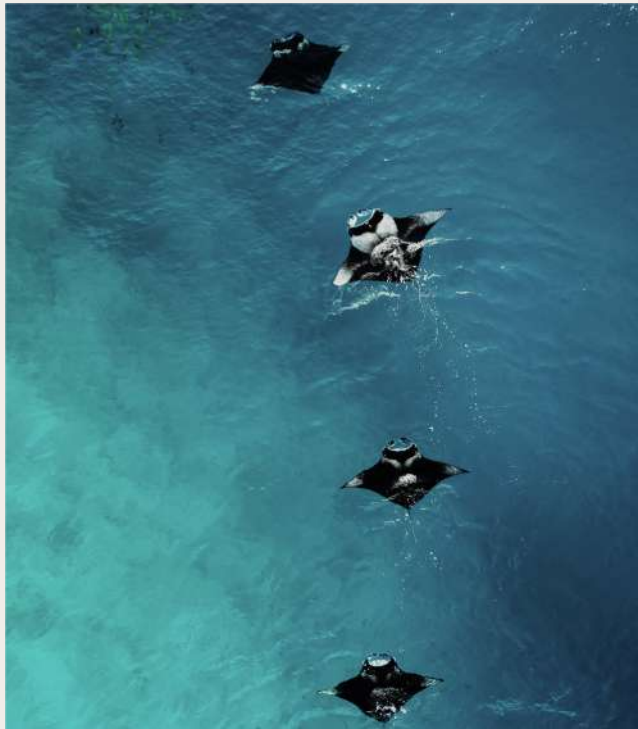
DAY 6: GILI LAWA LAUT

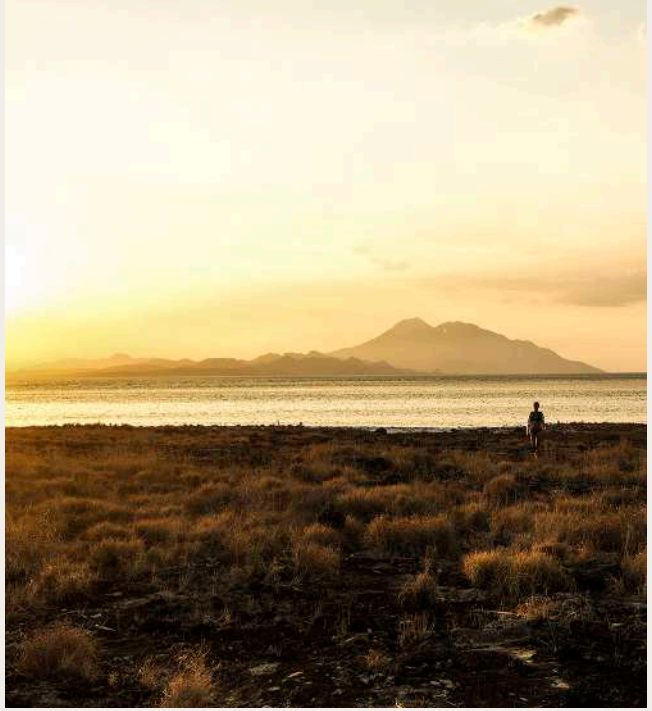
The yacht will anchor on the northwestern edge of Komodo, near the Gili Lawa islands. These two islands are home to Komodo's most famous underwater sites including Castle Rock, Shotgun, The Passage and Lighthouse. Pitch up on a stretch of golden sand between underwater pursuits. A steep trek will reward you with stunning views over the surrounding islands at sunset.

DAY 7: 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. There's an interesting cave nearby where dusk brings a mighty spectacle - thousands of bats taking off for their nightly jaunt.







DAY 8: MOUNT KELIMUTU

**This requires external assistance for the land-based activity at extra cost*

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 9: PALOE

Today we will approach the small volcanic island of Paloe. There's a fascinating village built on the volcanic slope, as though the smoking crater above was no real threat, and you can head ashore to see the traditional ikat weave textiles in the making. After lunch onboard, spend the afternoon snorkelling and diving in crystal clear waters.

DAY 10: KAWULA & KOMBA

This morning offers the chance to explore the north coast of Kawula, where schools of reef fish cluster around tiers of hard coral in the shadow of Ile Ape volcano. You can also head ashore to Ionata village to see the 30m skeletal remains of a blue whale, which remains a sacred icon to the villagers. Subject to weather, we may make the crossing to Komba, where one of the active volcano can be seen spewing smoke into the skies.

DAY 11: TAKPALA & MOMBANG

Today, you will head ashore to Takala and Mombang, traditional Abui tribe villages located on a hill with spectacular views of the Flores Sea. The villagers here inhabit stilted fala huts, built from timber and bamboo thatching, and you may have a chance to see the lego-lego dance, used to mark first harvest, marriage, death and war, and see local women craft clothing from tree bark using traditional methods.

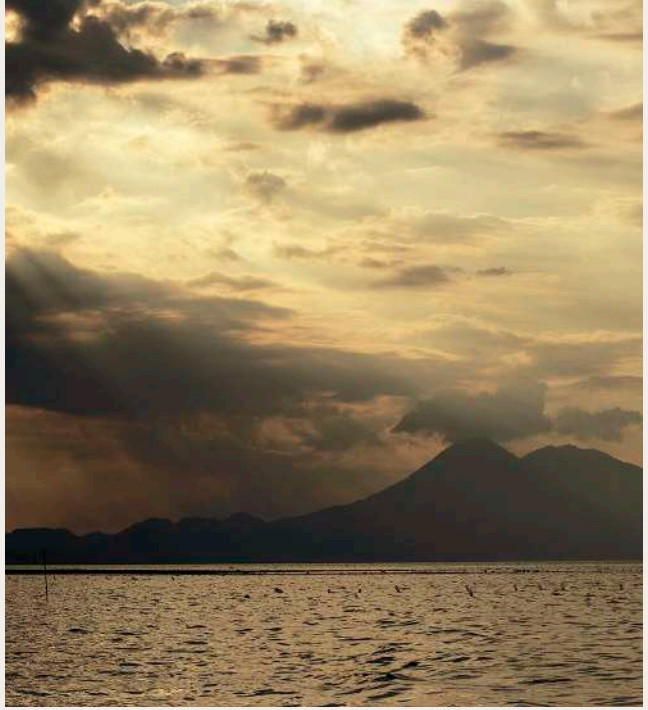
DAY 12: ALOR CHANNEL

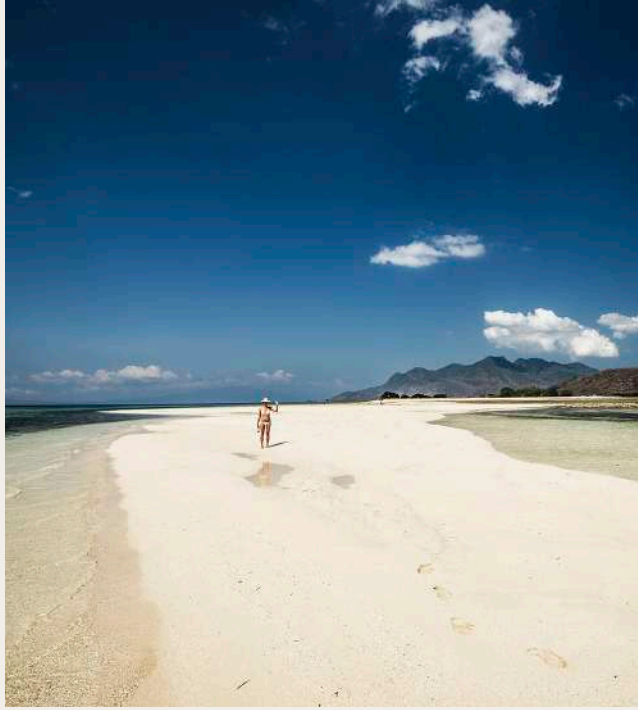
**If preferred, we can remove Kelimutu and spend a second day the Alor channel, which has plenty to explore.*

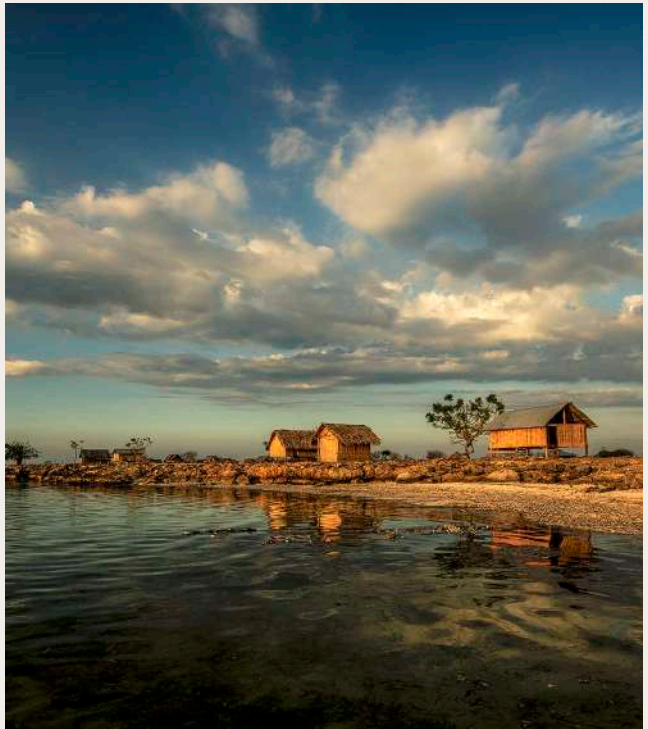
Here, explore incredible reefs along the coast of Alor & Pantar islands, such as Clown Valley, Sharks Galore, Mandarin House and The Boardroom, where you can glide through enormous shoals of fish, stunning colorful coral and drifting pelagic marine life. In the very south of the Pantar Strait lies the 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.

DAY 13: ALOR

This morning, the yacht will approach Alor port. After a final breakfast on deck, your crew will assist you in disembarking the yacht and transfer you back to the airport to catch your flight home.







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