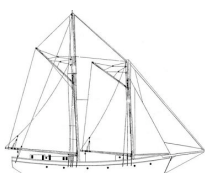


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Private Charter: Bali - Komodo



The western most of the Lesser Sunda Islands, Bali brings mysticism and legend to mind with the temples and folklore of the ancient Hindu religion. Here you can enjoy a heady mix of stunning natural landscapes, Hindu festivals, exquisite artefacts and classic Balinese dance in this unrivalled tropical paradise before setting sail east from Bali to another world. Travel across the imaginary 'Wallace line' to the Komodo National Park and beyond, where the flora and fauna of subtropical Asia make a sudden and dramatic change into those typical of Australasia. There are few destinations with the cultural and natural diversity you will experience in the islands beyond Bali: towering volcanoes, dry savannahs, quiet coastal villages, emerald seas, megalithic cultures, tribal rituals, the Komodo dragon, and a world of kaleidoscopic beauty under water. The best time to cruise in the Lesser Sunda islands is between April and September when the weather is dry, with plenty of sunshine.



Sample Itinerary

Please note that this is only a sample itinerary and it can be adjusted and adapted according to your preferences.



Day 1 - 2

Bali - Lombok

Embarkation in Serangan. After sailing into the Lombok Straits, with views of the majestic Agung volcano, the vessel settles on an easterly course to arrive at the Gili Islands, northwest Lombok. The Gili islands have superb white sand beaches, excellent snorkeling and diving.

Sendang Gile Waterfalls

From Amoramor Bay one can go ashore for an excursion to the Sendang Gile Waterfalls in the lush foothills of the Rinjani volcano.

Day 3

Lombok - Satonda

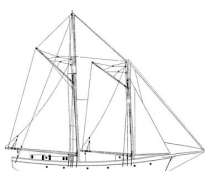
The uninhabited island of Satonda is separated by a narrow strait from the Tambora volcano on the Sumbawa mainland, the site of the largest eruption in recorded history. Satonda itself is a small volcano and a salty lake fills its crater. At sunset one can enjoy the spectacle of a large colony of fruit eating giant bats flying over.

Day 4

Satonda - Sangean

Sangean island is an active volcano towering 1800 meters above the surrounding water. Here one can stop to visit the tiny settlement on the island and swim in crystal-clear waters.

Bugis Boatbuilders





Opposite the island of Sangean, on the Sumbawa mainland is the village of Wera, a Buginese village known for boatbuilding. Here one can see all kinds of craft in various stages of construction, including the “Phinisi” trading ships of Indonesia.

Day 5 - 6

Gili Banta & Gili Lawa Laut

Gili Banta is the first of the islands in the Komodo Archipelago. This island provides a crescent shaped bay that offers a beautiful anchorage from where you can jump into turquoise water and swim to the white sandy beach. The islands of Gili Lawa Laut, on the northeast tip of Komodo, are another stunning location for anchoring, with beautiful moon-scape scenery, fantastic little bays and beaches, and the best dive sites of the entire Komodo National Park.



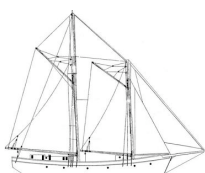
Day 7

Komodo National Park

Unesco World Heritage site, Komodo Island is famous for the local inhabitants: giant lizard known as the Komodo Dragon. One can go hiking and looking for the ‘dragons’, and also wild horses, water buffalo, wild boar, and monkeys in spectacular scenery of savannah and emerald coves. Climb up a local summit and one can enjoy a splendid panorama over the moon-scape islands of the Komodo Archipelago.

Red Beach

Red beach, directly across the bay from Komodo village, has a unique pink-red coloured sand. The



colour of the sand is caused by pulverised fragments of the red coral species.

Day 8

Labuanbajo

The serene anchorage of Labuanbajo is the main arrival point for visitors into the Komodo National Park. Here one can make a tour to a nearby village where, if the time is right, one can attend the ‘whip-fight dance’ ceremonies.

Whip Dance

Unique to the Manggarai people of West Flores is a dance called the “caci”- a whip and shield duel. This fascinating display of dance and war is never over until blood is drawn and these warriors wear their lacerations with pride, as they are the marks of bravery.

Day 9 -11

Labuanbajo - Kelimutu

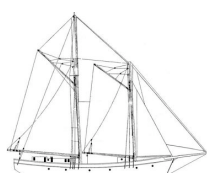
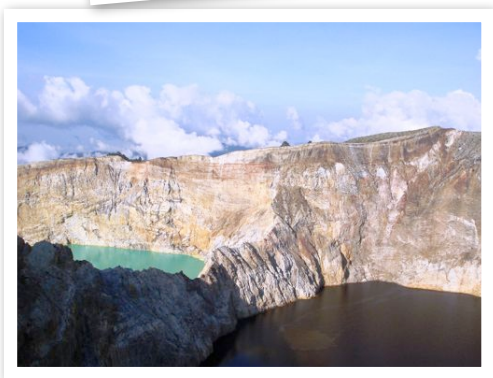
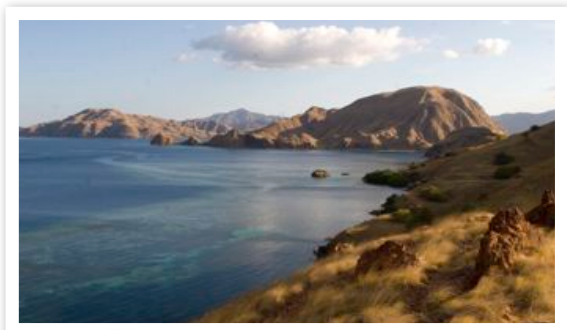
Arriving in the small harbour of Ropa for an excursion to visit the Kelimutu volcano, famous for its three coloured lakes. Experience the spooky atmosphere surrounding this natural phenomenon, unique in the world.

Kelimutu Lakes

Tiwu Ata Mbupu (Lake of Old People) is usually blue. The other two lakes, Tiwu Nuwa Muri Koo Fai (Lake of Young Men and Maidens) and Tiwu Ata Polo (Enchanted Lake) are typically green or red in color, respectively.

Riung

Return westwards to Riung, where one can find a small archipelago of 17 islets, a good place for snorkeling, relaxing, beach-combing, climbing one of the summits for enjoying the panorama over the sea and Flores.



Day 12 - 13

Riung - Moyo

Return via the Komodo Archipelago, with the chance to explore Rinca island and re-visit Gili Banta. Moyo is a small island, and nature reserve, off the north coast of Sumbawa. There are several fine snorkeling sites along its west coast and one can also go ashore to visit the village of Labuanhaji.

Moyo Waterfall

Moyo island for a waterfall excursion which begins with a walk through a village to a jungle path covered in leaves and vines before revealing a series of waterfalls that cascade into terraced, limestone pools.

Day 14

Bali

End of the cruise, arrival in Serangan, Bali. Transfer to airport for return flight home.

