

KOMODO LIVEABOARD DIVE TRIP

WHEN

August 20 - 30, 2021*

WHERE

Komodo Island, Indonesia

www.explorerverventures.com **Blue Manta Explorer**

INCLUDES • 11 days / 10 nights accommodations (cabins assigned at signup) • Komodo National Park Fee (\$200) • 4 dives daily (weather permitting) • all meals (western & Indonesian), snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, milo • Cabin services daily including towels & toiletries • Tanks, weights, weight belts, air fills • Roundtrip transfers from local airport and select hotels

\$4800 / PERSON

THE GREAT AMERICAN DIVING COMPANY

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Hours By Appointment

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RESERVATIONS

Space is limited. Reserve your space either in person or over the phone.

THE FINE PRINT

A non-refundable \$750 / person deposit is required at sign up. Additional \$750 payments are required on 11/1/19, 5/1/20, 11/1/20. Final payment is required by 5/1/21. We also offer convenient automatic monthly payments. Travel insurance is highly recommended. A passport valid for 6 months is required for entry. Rental gear, Nitrox, courses, tips, soft drinks, alcohol and anything not specifically listed is additional. Price subject to change until deposit received.

* Actual travel dates are dependent upon roundtrip airfare schedules. Airfare will not be available until October 2020 at which time dates and prices will be adjusted.



Blue Manta Explorer

11 day/ 10 nights & 33 dives

Komodo-Komodo Itinerary

Blue Manta Explorer Trip Schedule

- **Departure: 3pm, 1st Day - Bajo Port, Labuan Bajo, Western Flores.** Or earlier if everyone arrives before and all Trip Preparations have been completed. Free transfer from local hotel or Komodo Airport (LBJ) to Blue Manta Explorer on Trip Departure day (transfer time 15 mins).
- **Last dive ends: 12pm, Penultimate Day,** followed by a walk on the wild side in search of Komodo dragons, then sail back to Bajo Port where we spend last night on Blue Manta Explorer. This allows for your minimum 18 hours surface interval/No Fly Time (as recommended by PADI) before flying next day.
- **Return: 5am, Last Day - Bajo Port, Labuan Bajo, Western Flores.** After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to the Airport in time for Check-in & flight or local hotel. **Note;** latest BM Check-out, midday.

The World Heritage listed Komodo National Park is one of the most iconic diving destinations in Indonesia. Its popularity grows exponentially with every passing season and keeps guests coming back for more with its unique blend of adrenaline pumping current fueled dives, stunning coral reefs, beautiful scenery and of course the world's largest lizard, the Komodo Dragon. Whether you love big fish or are a macro enthusiast, Komodo truly has something for everyone, Manta, shark, turtles, eagle ray and even dolphins can be spotted in crystal clear blue waters of the North, while all manner of macro megastars can be spotted in the cooler, nutrient rich waters of the Southern areas of the park.

Sample Itinerary (schedules are at the Captain's discretion and subject to changes according to weather and sea conditions)

- **Day 1.** (1-2 dives) 3pm. The staff will meet you upon your arrival to Komodo Airport or local hotel and transfer you to Blue Manta Explorer. Depending on arrival time, we do check dive(s) at Bidadari and night dive at Pulau Sebayor.
- **Day 2.** (4 dives) South Komodo; Manta Alley, Cannibal Rock, Torpedo Alley at Nusa Kode.
- **Day 3.** (3-4 dives) South Komodo, Padar Island; one of our favorite regions in the park with some stunning and diverse dive sites such as 3 Sisters and Pillarsteen. Plus, visit to Pink Beach.
- **Day 4.** (4 dives) North Komodo; Golden Passage, Big Nose, Coral Garden at Batu Monco.
- **Day 5.** (4 dives) North Komodo; dive around the thriving reefs of the active Volcanic Island of Sangeang, at Hot Rocks, Deep Purple, Critter Creek, & night dive.
- **Day 6.** (4 dives) North Komodo; Castle Rock, Crystal Rock, & Shot Gun at Gili Lawa Laut. Pinnacles, drift dives full of action with hunting fish; jacks & sharks!
- **Day 7.** (4 dives) North Komodo; Tatawa Besar & Kecil, Siaba Kecil, & Wainilu. Tons of Anthias, Napoleon wrasse, sharks, & excellent night dive.
- **Day 8.** (4 dives) North Komodo; Batu Balong & Mantas on the Moon (Makassar Reef)
- **Day 9.** (4 dives) North Komodo; highlight dives can be repeated or new sites explored!
- **Day 10.** (2 dives) North Komodo; Siaba Bay plus Mawan or Pengah. This followed by a walk on the wide side in search of Komodo Dragons and trekking on one of the local Islands. Then we sail towards Labuan Bajo, where you spend last night on Blue Manta Explorer in Bajo Port. Plenty of time to wash & dry equipment, rest & relaxation, and if need be, an early flight on Trip Departure day.

- **Day 11.** (0 dives) 5am-12pm; check out after light breakfast, farewells, and transfer to local hotel or airport in time for Check-in & flight. Take your pre-booked flight from Labuan Bajo to Bali.
- **Diving days:** 10 days (33 dives)

Dive Site Information

Komodo

- **Water Temp:** South 22-26 degrees Celsius (72-79° F)
North & Central 26-28 degrees Celsius (79-82° F).
- **Air Temp:** 25-30 degrees Celsius (77-86° F),
- **Visibility:** 20-40 meters (65-100 feet). **Current;** medium to strong
- **Level:** intermediate to advanced. **Best Time to Dive:** start of May to end of October

Embarkation / Disembarkation

- Labuan Bajo (LBJ), Western Flores

How to get to & from Labuan Bajo (LBJ), Western Flores

- **NEW:** Singapore (SIN) to Labuan Bajo via Jakarta (CGK) SAME day with Garuda Indonesia
- If you arrive to Bali (DPS) by 9am on Trip Departure day you should be able to connect with Lion Air or Sriwijaya Air.
- Else stay 1 night in Bali before trip and catch early morning flights from Bali to Labuan Bajo. Early morning flights with Garuda Indonesia, Lion Air, or Sriwijaya Air.
- On Trip Return if you have connecting International flights home, please allow enough time between your domestic/international flights.

What's included? NOTE: Soft drinks are no longer included

- Land transfer from local hotel / airport from destination on trip start & end days (Labuan Bajo) to boat, all nights' accommodation on Blue Manta Explorer, all meals (Western & Indonesian) snacks, hot beverages, coffee, tea, Milo, soft drinks, towels, toiletries, cabin services, FOC replacement if equipment breakdown, 12-liter air tanks, weights & belt, warm towel & drink after every dive
- 5 dive guides (1x Instructor, 4x Dive Master)
- 33 dives

What's excluded?

- All flights, hotels, pickups outside trip start & end dates fee applies per car, Marine Park & Harbor fee (**USD200/pax-paid in advance**), dive & travel insurance, massage services (USD35/ hour), laundry services (USD5/ basket), Nespresso coffee (USD2), alcohol; beer (USD4), wine (USD30-50), Satellite Wi-Fi (USD30/ pax)
- Diving Gear; Full Set USD50/ diving day (except Large tank) or if individual items then; BCD (USD12), Regulator (USD12), wetsuit (USD8), fins (USD5), mask (USD5), torch (USD12), dive computer (USD12), 15L tank rental (USD12)
- Nitrox Enriched Air fills (USD15/ diving day or USD5/ fill).
- Note: Nitrox & Diving Gear Items priced per diving day and is subject to availability
- Exposure suits: 3mm shorty wetsuits available ONLY.