

Bali - Komodo - Flores



On day 1 embarkation at Benoa harbor, Bali. The ship will leave around 9:00. After lunch you visit the traditional Bali Aga village of Tenganan (East Bali). At night, you will cross the famous "Wallace Line" on your way to Lombok. (The Strait between Bali and Lombok marks an important ecological boundary, first described by Sir Alfred Russel Wallace, the British naturalist. He noticed that the flora and fauna of the islands to the west are home to Asiatic animal and plant species, whereas the islands to the east of that "line" have a greater similarity to species found in Australia.)

On day 2 we will stop at Lombok Harbour on the Eastern shore of the island for a visit to a traditional pottery center and another small village where the villagers will enthusiastically perform some local dances.

On day 3 you'll set foot on to the little known island of Satonda with its stunning crater lake and beautiful coral gardens. Located just a couple of miles off the north-west coast of Sumbawa, Satonda is what remained of an extinct volcano of which the caldera was filled with water when nearby Mount Tambora erupted in 1815. It was the biggest volcanic eruption in the collective memory of mankind, much larger than Krakatoa. With an estimated volume of 160 cubic kilometers of rocks and ash ejected from the volcano the following year became known as the "Year Without a Summer" because of the effect on North American and European weather. A highlight of our visit to Satonda is the sight of many thousands of flying foxes that commute at dusk from the island to feed on the mainland, returning before first light the next day. Immediately after sunset, Ombak Putih leaves for an overnight passage on a course due East.

On day 4 in Bima on the island Sumbawa you visit the local market and a village where the inhabitants will demonstrate some traditional dances. Most famous is the 'adu kepala' : the ritual head-to-head combat...

On day 5 very early in the morning we will anchor off Komodo Island for the first of two days in the National Park. We will go ashore at the rangers station in Loh Liang for an encounter with the fierce Komodo dragons. In the afternoon we go to one of the beaches nearby for some spectacular snorkeling.

On day 6 We will visit the rangers station of Loh Buaya on Rinca Island for another trek through the Park. In the evening our crew will prepare a romantic beach barbecue under the stars.

On day 7 After a last early morning swim we enter the harbor of Labuhanbajo in West Flores in the course of the morning and around noon we fly back to Bali.

Inclusive: full board, AC cabins with private h/c shower and toilet, tea and coffee, towels, excursions, use of snorkeling gear and sea canoes, transfer to airport in Labuan Bajo European cruise director.

Exclusive: Transfer on Bali, local airfares, beverages, crew gratuities, laundry.

Itineraries: subject to change without notice due to sea and weather conditions, availability of safe anchorage, government regulations and other factors beyond the company's control.

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