

ADELAAR SIGNATURE & WHALE SHARKS

BALI – TELUK SALEH - KOMODO – BALI (10 NIGHTS)

DAY 1 BALI

After boarding Adelaar in Serangan in the South of Bali, you will enjoy your first day on board whilst cruising along the Bali coast in the afternoon before crossing the Wallace line in the evening.

DAY 2 MOYO & SATONDA ISLANDS, SUMBAWA

Two morning dives are scheduled at Pulau Moyo along the fringing reef outside the main village. Arrival in Satonda will be late afternoon with one dive along a sloping reef, with a sandy bottom and with many coral outcroppings. As the sun sets, the sky fills with bats heading to the mainland for their nightly forage. We prepare for the first night dive of the trip. (2 – 3 dives)

DAY 3 TELUK SALEH

Teluk Saleh Bay where we will spend time with the surfacing Whale sharks. This permanent aggregate of whale sharks have recently been discovered. Conservation International was instrumental in tagging the sharks and educating the local villages on conservation measures to preserve the habitat of these gentle giants. Our onboard team works closely with the local village who guide us to the spots of recent sightings. Early morning snorkeling and diving session with the sea giants. Afterward we continue our travel to Komodo National park. (2-3 day dives)

DAY 4 NORTH KOMODO NATIONAL PARK - GILI LAWA LAUT

We are up early for a glimpse of the sunrise as we arrive at Gili Lawa Laut. The park is in the region known as Wallacea, denoting the overlapping of Australian and Asian biogeographical areas. There is a splendid assortment of dive sites just outside this picturesque bay. (3-day dives, 1 night dive)

DAY 5 CENTRAL KOMODO NATIONAL PARK - KOMODO ISLAND

Dragons! We go ashore to hike into the interior of Komodo Island, to look for Komodo dragons. This UNESCO World Heritage site is the only natural habitat of these giant monitor lizards. The area was designated as one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature in 2011. Once safely back aboard, we travel south for a late morning and afternoon dive along the coast of Komodo. At dusk, we dive Lehoc Sera to search for the elusive mandarin fish. (2-day dives, 1 night dive)

DAY 6 SOUTH KOMODO NATIONAL PARK - RINCA & NUSA KODE

An early morning departure is planned, as we head to the extreme southern end of Komodo to Manta Alley. This area typically has much cooler temperatures with nutrient-rich waters, perfect for Mantas! We enjoy lunch as the boat moves to Southern Rinca to an area known as Nusa Kode. With the towering cliff walls surrounding all sides, the landscape in this remote area is breathtaking.

The resident dragon population likes to sun themselves on the beach from time to time. Catch a glimpse of these prehistoric animals from the safety of Adelaar's main deck. After the sun sets, we prepare for a night dive and a late dinner. (3-day dives, 1 night dive)

DAY 7 SOUTH KOMODO NATIONAL PARK - NUSA KODE & PADAR

There are two dives planned for this area, one of which will be the famous 'macro temple' of Cannibal Rock, a photographer's dream come true. From here we journey north to Padar Island for our afternoon dive. Just before sunset, we go ashore and hike across a beautiful crescent bay, to witness a spectacular sunset. Alternately, for those who prefer to be underwater, a night dive is planned. (3-day dives, 1 night dive)

DAY 7 CENTRAL KOMODO NATIONAL PARK - WAINILU

We depart early from Padar and enter the central park area, also known as 'current city'. This area of the park is subjected to the strong tidal currents that run through the Lintah Strait, bringing with them, plenty of marine life. These currents make for lots of action and exhilarating drift dives. Mantas are often seen in these parts. In the late afternoon, we make our way north toward Wainilu and prepare for a night dive. (3-day dives, 1 night dive)

DAY 8 NORTH KOMODO NATIONAL PARK - GILI LAWA

We spend the morning diving around the northern boundary of the park off the islands of Gili Lawa Laut and Gili Lawa Darat. In late afternoon we say goodbye to Komodo National Park and start our westward journey back towards Bali. We stop for the night in Banta Island, just outside the park boundary, and prepare for our last night dive. (3-day dives, 1 night dive)

DAY 9 SANGEANG VOLCANO, SUMBAWA

A very early morning departure, with destination Sangeang, a volcano whose most recent eruption was in 2014. Upon our sunrise approach, Sangeang rises majestically from the sea, emitting the occasional puff of smoke. The black sandy bottom of this site makes for spectacular diving. In places, a steady stream of gaseous sulfur, bubbles up from the sand making its way towards the surface. Swimming through, you have the feeling of being in an underwater jacuzzi! Tonight, we sail through the night towards Moyo Island. (3-day dives)

DAY 10 MOYO

We arrive at Moyo Island early this morning, for our final two dives along the fringing reef, outside the main village. A shore excursion takes you through the local village along a winding path towards a waterfall. Those daring enough can grab the rope, swing out over the falls, and drop into the pool below! We sail through the night towards Bali. (2-day dives)

DAY 11 BALI

Arrival in Serangan Harbor, Bali will be after 10:00 AM.
(Itinerary may vary depending on weather and sea conditions)

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