



BALI AND FLORES CRUISE

9 Days/8 Nights

Please Enquire for Departure Dates - (Generally April - September)

BALI - SUMBAWA - KOMODO - FLORES

FLORES-KOMODO-SUMBAWA-BALI (Reverse Itinerary)

Day 1: South Bali - Amed -Gili Trawangan - North East Lombok (L/D)

This morning your guide and private car will meet you at your Sanur hotel (around 0830) and transfer you to Amed (2 hour drive).

Upon arrival, board the 'Katharina', your home for the next 8 days. Cast off and set sail east toward the Gili Islands.

You'll stop at Gili Trawangan for swimming, snorkelling or relaxing on the beach. Continue cruising later this afternoon to north east Lombok.

Dinner onboard (Please note: all meals for this cruise are served onboard unless otherwise mentioned)

Overnight onboard the Katharina.

Day 2: East Lombok Discovery - Pulau Moyo - Badas (B/L/D)

Docked in Labuhan Lombok, east Lombok, boarding will be after breakfast to a local coach for a tour into the interior of east Lombok, untouched by the crowds like in western encounter of the Island.

Visit a pottery village, attend a local dance performance and have lunch on the way. After re-embarkation, continue journey to the island of Moyo, off the coast of west Sumbawa.

At the southern tip of Moyo, spend a few hours relaxing, swimming and snorkeling. Before nightfall headed to Badas, the harbor of Sumbawa Besar, capital of west Sumbawa to spend a quiet night amidst the hills surrounding a beautiful bay

Overnight onboard the Katharina.

Day 3: Sumbawa Besar - Satonda - East Sumbawa

(B/L/D)

Disembark Katharina and go for a visit to the city of Sumbawa Besar. The island of Sumbawa traditionally is divided in two Sultanates, Sumbawa Besar in the western part and Bima, the eastern part of the island.

Visit the former Sultan's palace, a structure entirely laid out in local teak and harboring relics, displaying the luster of the ancient Sultan's court. From this lofty location, descend to meet the locals at their typical Indonesia habitat, the Pasar.

Those who want to join the pace of daily life may jump on the typical local means of transport, the horse cart. In a parade with the local people, out for their daily shopping, at the market; experience the colors, fragrances, and stunning variety of vegetables, fruits and spices. Prices are established by an elaborate process of negotiating.

Lunch on board Katharina and afterwards, set sail to the island of Satonda, an extinct volcano. At the island, walk over a tiny ridge hiding the Crater Lake. Feel the eerie atmosphere surrounding this big pond, all silent except the sound of a lonely bird or the odd gecko.

Pass over the beautiful local reef just off the island, and enlightened by a rainbow of aquarium fish which will bring you to enter a world entirely different in colors but similar in silence.

The highlight of the visit to Satonda is the sight of thousands of flying foxes that commute at dusk from the island to feed on the mainland, returning before first light the next day. At night time, sail north of Sumbawa to the east coast of the island

Overnight onboard the Katharina.

Day 4: Wera - Sangea - Gili Banta - Rinca

(B/L/D)

Arrive in the morning at Wera on the east coast of the island of Sumbawa. Wera is a Buginese settlement famous for its boatbuilding.

At Wera, encounter all kinds of craft in various stages of construction, much the way the Katharina which was built in 1998. Visit the village and hope to attend a local performance.

If weather prohibits a safe landing, sail to Sangean Island, an active volcano towering 1800 meters above the surrounding waters. Meet the people of the tiny settlement on the island and make a short hike testing the steepness of the volcano.

In the afternoon, proceed to Gili Banta, uninhabited and perfect for some excellent swimming and snorkeling. During the night Katharina sails onward to the island of Rinca, part of the Komodo National Park

Overnight onboard the Katharina.

Day 5: Rinca - Komodo Discovery - Padar - Loh Liang

(B/L/D)

Wake up with the boat at anchor off Rinca Island, the second largest of the eighty islands in the Komodo archipelago and the richest in terms of fauna.

Trek through spectacular scenery of savannah, looking to view wild horses, water buffalo, wild boar, monkeys, and of course the famous 'Komodo dragons'.

Lunch will be served while crossing over from Padar Island to another spectacular beach location for some exceptional snorkeling. A quiet night will be spent in the bay of Loh Liang.

Overnight onboard the Katharina.

Day 6: Loh Liang - Mesa - Sabolon - North Flores

(B/L/D)

This morning, continue ashore at the ranger station in Loh Liang on Komodo Island for another trek through the Park.

In a setting of a dry and rugged landscape, meet some of these giant creatures that come closest to anything you ever fancied of prehistory. Be shocked and awed! In the afternoon top at the small island of Mesa to visit a settlement of the Bajau, the 'Sea Gypsies' who are indigenous to the area of the Lintas Strait and live in houses on wooden stilts that are often underwater during the high tide.

If time allows a final stop will be made in the Park at Sabolon, another paradise in its own right. The beach has a pink look caused by scattered particles from red coral. As the sun sets we hoist the anchor for the overnight passage to the North Coast of Flores

Overnight onboard the Katharina.

Day 7: Riung leisure

(B/L/D)

A morning dedicated to explore the Riung Archipelago, a group of (17) uninhabited islands with white sand beaches and beautiful coral gardens just off the North coast of Flores.

Spend the whole day beachcombing and snorkeling. A hike up to the hill guarantees the spectator of a spectacular view of the main island.

Barbecue lunch will be served on a desert beach before we continue our voyage further eastward.

Overnight onboard the Katharina.

Day 8: Ropa - Kelimutu discovery - Ropa - Maumere

(B/L/D)

Early in the morning the boat will arrive in Ropa, Central Flores, the starting point for the excursion to Kelimutu, a volcano with 3 crater lakes, each in a different color.

Situated in the midst of forest-covered mountains, the colors of the lakes are a surprise,

as they change from time to time. They may be turquoise, black and a reddish brown, but don't be surprised if you find a white one or a red one!

Take time to experience the spooky atmosphere surrounding this natural phenomenon, quite unique in the world. On the way back, stop in several villages to meet with some of the women who specialize in the typical Flores ikat weaving techniques.

Upon arrival at the vessel, continue to a nearby beach for the remainder of the afternoon for relaxing, swimming and snorkeling.

In the evening, another BBQ will be set up on the beach. At night set sail from Ropa to Maumere, east-Flores

Overnight onboard the Katharina.

Day 9: Maumere - Watublapi - Transfer to Airport for Flight to Bali (B)

In the early morning, arrive in Maumere. Visit to the small village of Watublapi to witness a cultural performance and the traditional hand weaving process typical for Flores.

After the performance transfer to Maumere airport for return flight to Bali.

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