



**WACA
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Post-Tour**



**21–24
October
2022**

**Komodo National Park:
Land of the Dragons**





If you're seeking white sand, spectacular diving and surf, bubbling hot springs, majestic waterfalls and hidden traditional villages then the Lesser Sundas or Nusa Tenggara is your wonderland. Spreading west from Bali to the Wallace Line dividing Asia from Australasia, this archipelago is jungle green in the north and tending to drier savannah in the south and east. In between are limitless surf breaks and barrels, technicolour volcanic lakes, pink-sand beaches, swaggering dragons and underwater worlds filled with colour and creatures. The Lesser Sunda Islands are part of a volcanic arc, the Sunda Arc. This arc is formed by subduction along the Java Trench in the Java Sea. All the Islands are part of Indonesia except East Timor which occupy the eastern half of the Island of Timor.

Since earliest times of human settlement in the Indonesian archipelago, her seas have been natural lanes of migration, communication and commerce. Not surprisingly, therefore, that up to this day the islands have inherited perhaps some of the most sophisticated maritime traditions in the world. Here, one can still watch traditional ships sailing across the open seas to catch fish or transport goods. One of these ships stands out as a legendary icon of the seafaring culture in Indonesia: The majestic Phinisi Schooner. The Mutiara Nusantara Phinisi is a modern adaption of the traditional Phinisi with luxurious cabins each with a private ensuite bathroom.



Our tour starts with a flight from Bali's Bali Ngurah Rai International Airport (also known as Denpasar International Airport) to Labuan Bajo on Flores island where we will begin our three days, two nights, cruise in the Komodo National Park on-board a Phinisi boat. We will island hop between the various islands in the marine park, swim with manta rays, walk the sands of the Pink Beach but the star attraction will be seeing the Komodo dragon, the biggest lizard in the world.



Programme

Day 1 (21 October) — Bali to Labuan Bajo (Lunch and Dinner)

Our tour starts with a flight from Bali's Ngurah Rai International Airport (also known as Denpasar International Airport) to Labuan Bajo on Flores island where we shall be transferred to the harbour to begin our three days, two nights, cruise in the Komodo National Park on-board a Phinisi, an Indonesian sailing boat. We will sail to Kelor Island where we will trek to the top of one of many hills and enjoy a lovely view of the island. From Kelor we will proceed to Manjarite for snorkelling to see the underwater beauty of varied fish and coral reefs. Continuing we will visit Kalong Island to enjoy the sunset and view the millions of bats flying overhead. Lunch, dinner and overnight on the Phinisi boat.

Day 2 (22 October) — Komodo National Park (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Enter the Dragon. Christmas Island crabs? The adorable Quokkas of Rottneest? There's perhaps no place in the world as synonymous with its animal inhabitants as Indonesia's Komodo National Park. A 603 km² archipelago, Komodo National Park is part of the Lesser Sunda Islands, dotted between the Indonesian provinces of East and West Nusa Tenggara. Here the remarkable Komodo dragon, a beastly monitor lizard measuring up to 3 m long, thrives on paradisiacal islands surrounded by a sparkling blue sea.

Established in 1980 the Komodo National Park is one of Indonesia's, if not the world's, greatest natural treasures. Within its 1,817 km² are Komodo, Rinca and Padar islands as well as smaller islands with a rich marine ecosystem that affords divers unforgettable underwater adventures. Those who spot orca, snorkel or climb to Padar's peak are equally spoilt.

After breakfast on board we will proceed to Padar Island, the third largest island that is a part of Komodo National Park, for an island hike. People have described this hike as being out of this world due to the stunning vistas from the high vantage points. Lunch will be served onboard and afterwards it's snorkelling in the waters of the famous Pink Beach, one of the seven pink beaches on the planet, and one of the many amazing features of Komodo island.



Next it will be trekking around the island with a guide to find the amazing Komodo dragon. The star attraction, the biggest lizard in the world. Our last stop will be at Karang Makassar where there are always a couple of juvenile manta rays playing around and it is possible to snorkel amongst them. After that it's dinner and overnight on the Phinisi boat.

Day 3 (23 October) — Kanawa Island and Labuan Bajo (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

After breakfast onboard, the tour continues to Kanawa Island to snorkel, swim and take pictures of the scenic island, Following lunch we return to Labuan Bajo where we visit the Mirror Stone cave and Love Hill overlooking the surrounding bays. In late afternoon we will check into the Jayakarta Hotel or similar.

**Day 4 (24 October) — Labuan Bajo to Bali (Breakfast)**

Check out will be after breakfast and then we proceed to the airport for our return flight to Bali's Ngurah Rai International Airport after what should be a most memorable trip.

POST-AGA TOUR REGISTRATION DETAILS

Package Cost: USD 1,200.00 per person based on double occupancy.

Maximum Capacity: 24 participants (*registered on a first come first served basis*).

Date: 21–24 October 2022.

Package Includes:

- Two nights aboard a Phinisi boat and one night hotel accommodation as specified in the programme.
- Meals as specified in the programme.
- A tour of Labuan Bajo city and surroundings in air-conditioned coaches with English speaking guides.
- Entrance to Komodo National Park with the services of English speaking guides.
- Flight from Bali to Labuan Bajo and return.
- Gratuities for guides and drivers.
- USD 20.00 WACA fee.

Package Does Not Include:

- Expenses of a personal nature such as drinks/ meals (unless specified in the programme), laundry, telephone calls, internet, etc.
- Travel and personal insurance.
- Visas (refer online at www.indonesiaevisas.com or contact an Indonesian Consulate or Diplomatic Mission for visa requirements).
- Any other miscellaneous charges as applicable.

Registration Form: can be downloaded from the Events section of the WACA website www.waca.org or requested by e-mail from Mr. Keith Miller at WACA Headquarters info@waca.org.



Payments: to be confirmed on the package a deposit of USD 700.00 per participant is required. It can be made by cheque, money order or bank draft in United States dollars made payable to the “World Airlines Clubs Association” and sent with the duly completed Registration Form to: World Airlines Clubs Association, c/o Mr Keith Miller, 644 Westwood Avenue, Dorval, Quebec, Canada H9P 2M5.

The balance of payment can be made in the same manner as above and sent to Mr. Keith Miller as above by 15 July 2022. Payment can also be made by bank transfer. WACA’s bank account details as follows:

Bank name and address: Bank of Montreal, 2005 Peel Street, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3A 1T7.

Account name: World Airlines Clubs Association.

Account number: 4600-790.

Transit number: 01581-001.

Swift code: bofmcam2.

It is most important to note that bank transfer charges for both the issuing and receiving banks must be borne by the participant. WACA’s Bank of Montreal charges USD 14.00 for each transfer received.

Regretfully, WACA does not have the capability to accept payments by credit card. Payment by PayPal is also not an option due to the high service charge incurred.

Registration Deadline: 15 July 2022.

Cancellation: if the registration is cancelled prior to the registration deadline date, the deposit will be refunded *if a replacement participant is found* less a service charge of USD 150.00.

If the registration is cancelled after the registration deadline date, there will be no refund of any payment that has been made.