

# KM Blue Manta 9 day/ 8 nights & 26 dives Komodo-Maumere Itinerary

# **Blue Manta Trip Schedule**

- Departure; 3pm, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 <u>Komodo</u> <u>Airport</u> (15 mins) to Blue Manta on Trip Departure day.
- Return; 5am, Last Day Maumere, Flores. After a light breakfast and fond farewells, we take you to your local hotel or <a href="Frans Seda Airport">Frans Seda Airport</a>, Maumere in time for Check-in & flight (transfer time 20 mins). Note; latest BM Check-out midday, Trip Return day.
- Last dive ends; 12pm (midday), Penultimate Day. Plenty of time for R&R while we sail back to Maumere where we spend last night on Blue Manta. This also allows for your minimum 18 hours' surface interval/ No Fly Time (as recommended by PADI) before flying next day.

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

- Note; all schedules are subjected to changes according to weather, sea, diving, & local conditions.
- Day 1. (1-2 dives) 3pm. Our staff will meet you upon your arrival to Komodo Airport or local hotel and transfer you to Blue Manta. 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 to fly with mantas, Cannibal Rock, Torpedo Alley at Nusa Kode.
- **Day 3.** (3-4 dives) South Komodo, Padar Island; one of our favourite 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; Castle Rock, Crystal Rock, & Shot Gun at Gili Lawa Laut. Pinnacles, drift dives full of action with hunting fish; jacks & sharks!
- **Day 6.** (3 dives) North Komodo; Batu Balong & Mantas on the Moon (Makassar Reef). This followed by a walk on the wide side in search of Komodo Dragons, and trekking on one of the local Islands.
- **Day 7.** (4 dives) North Komodo; Tatawa Besar & Kecil, Siaba Kecil, & Wainilu. Tons of Anthias, Napoleon wrasse, sharks, & excellent night dive.
- Day 8. (2 dives) Maumere; Pulau Babi or Pulau Besar. Sail back to Maumere Port where you spend last night on board. Plenty of time to wash & dry equipment, have lunch, rest & relaxation, and if need be, an early flight on Trip Departure day.
- **Day 9.** (0 dives) 5am-12pm. Check out after light breakfast & farewells, we transfer to local hotel or airport. Take your pre-booked flight to Bali.
- Diving days: 8 days (26 dives)

# **Dive Site Information**

### Komodo-Maumere

- Water Temp; South 22-26 degrees Celsius, North & Central 26-28 degrees Celsius.
- Visibility; 20-40 meters. Air Temp; 25-30 degrees Celsius
- Level; intermediate to advanced. Best Time to Dive; start of May to end of October

# **Embarkation / Disembarkation**

• Labuan Bajo (LBJ), Western Flores / Maumere (MOF), Flores

# How to get to Labuan Bajo (LBJ), Western Flores;

- If you arrive to Bali (DPS) by 9am on Trip Departure day you should be able to connect with <u>Lion Air</u> or <u>Sriwijaya Air (Nam Air)</u>.
- Else stay 1 night in Bali before trip and catch early morning flights from Bali to Labuan Bajo. Early morning flights with <a href="Garuda Indonesia">Garuda Indonesia</a>, <a href="Sriwijaya Air">Sriwijaya Air</a> (Nam Air), or <a href="Lion Air">Lion Air</a>

# How to get from Maumere (MOF), Flores

• Daily flights with <u>Lion Wings</u> & between <u>Garuda Indonesia</u> & <u>Sriwijaya Air (Nam Air)</u> cover all days from Maumere to Bali (flight time around 2 hours).

### What's included?

Land transfer from local hotel / airport from destination on trip start & end days (Labuan Bajo/Maumere) to boat, all nights' accommodation on Blue Manta, 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), 26 dives

### What's excluded?

- All flights, hotels, pickups outside trip start & end dates fee applies per car, Marine Park & Harbour fee (USD200/ pax), dive & travel insurance, massage services (USD35/ hour), laundry services (USD5/ basket), Nespresso coffee (USD2), alcohol; beer (USD4), wine (USD30-50), Satellite Wi-Fi (USD30 for trip per person)
- 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
- Note: Exposure suits; 3mm shorty wetsuits available ONLY.

### **Additional Trip Information**

- For more Trip & Travel information plus FAQ's please see our Komodo Fact Sheet
- For more Information on KM Blue Manta please see our Blue Manta Info Pack
- **Note**; late receipt of Passport details may very likely lead to delayed departure & significant changes to the itinerary. We **MUST** receive guest's details well in advance in the trip.