

SEATREK WITH WHALE SHARKS, CORALS & DRAGONS (KOMODO-BALI)

DAY 1 - 2

- For the first night, you will be staying at a beachside resort on an island just outside of Labuan Bajo, the gateway to the Komodo National Park. You will have the afternoon free to relax and unwind with a swim or a snorkel.
- An opportunity to watch Caci (Whip) dance performance is in the agenda for you. Local ‘strongmen’ perform a ritual whip-fight between two rivals in which the players, each armed with a rattan shield and a whip, will try to hit each other while dancing to the rhythm of traditional acoustic instruments.
- We will have a chance to snorkel at a coral restoration project where you may see how massive the corals have grown after they were first transplanted in 2017.
- A chance to watch fruit bats flying out of their roost to the mainland at sunset to look for food is such a nice experience especially when done from the comfort of our ship.





DAY 3 - 4

- We will have a chance to look for Komodo Dragons. They are a species of lizard found in the Indonesian islands of the Komodo National Park. It is the largest living species of lizard, growing up to a length of 3 meters and weighing up to approximately 70 kilograms.
- Swim with manta rays as they feed on the current and circle the so-called cleaning stations, where small fish remove parasites from their skin.
- Snorkel at an island which is a favourite hangout of sea turtles, where we will have a chance to swim with these gentle reptiles as they cruise along the shallow water of the reef.
- Exploring an uninhabited island with pure white sand with some sparkles of red sand. Beautiful coral reefs laid parallel across the beach.
- Visit a volcanic island where local villagers are boat-builders experienced in building traditional wooden pinisi boat, with the same pedigree and history of SeaTrek's very own ships. Walking around this small village, get a feel for their simple way of life, chat with the locals and maybe buy some handmade textiles as a memento.





DAY 5 - 6

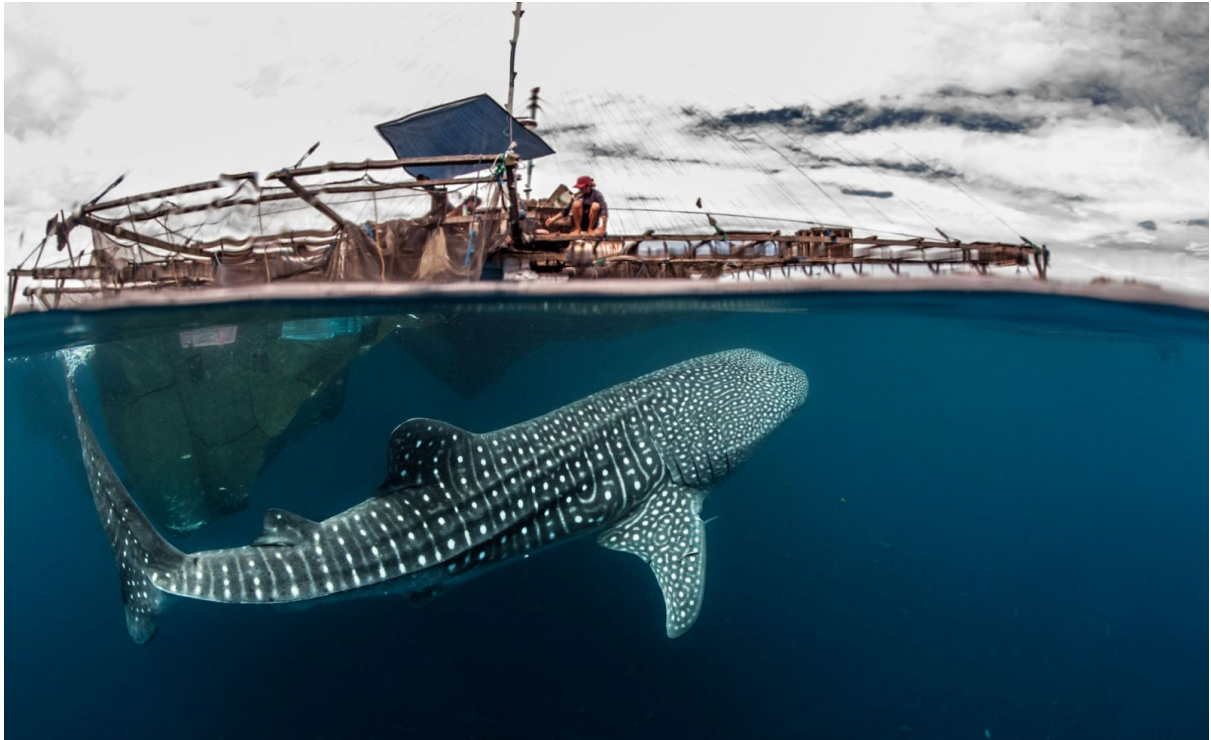
- We will visit a strange and mystical volcanic island with a sunken crater lake in its centre that was filled with saltwater when the nearby Mt Tambora erupted in 1815,

causing a tsunami that flowed into the crater is believed to be magical by local people. A recent research pointed out that the reefs found in the lake are similar to those found in the Precambrian era. We will have the chance to swim, kayak, and paddleboard on the lake.

- A chance to swim with a gentle giant of the sea – Whale Shark. We can't make any promises, as we don't have these wild animals on a leash, but fingers crossed we will. These massive but harmless animals have long congregated here but now, thanks to travelers like you, we have formed a mutually beneficial alliance with the local fisherman who have their traditional small floating fishing platforms in the bay.

- Whale sharks are under constant threat due the sky-high value of their fins, but thanks to your visit with us, these fishermen are paid a healthy fee for spotting where the whale sharks are and letting us in the water by their boat platforms to be up-close to one of the largest creatures in the ocean. As a result the fisherman are very glad to protect these beautiful animals and you get to be a conservationist.





DAY 7 - 8

- Visit a village of the famous Bajao 'Sea Gypsies' of Southeast Asia, and see how they live their lives so close to, on, and in the water.
- Another relaxing afternoon awaits as we land on a nearby uninhabited island, where once again we will relax and enjoy snorkelling, kayaking and paddle boarding.
- Wake up at anchor off the coast of Bali before we say goodbye to the crew and start our tour back to the south of Bali.
- Along the way, experience the best that East Bali can offer with a tour of its deep culture and glorious landscapes and dine on some of Bali's freshest and most delicious traditional cuisine.