SeaTrek The Remote Ring Of Fire: East Of Komodo (Alor-Komodo)

10 Days/9 Nights
Four Star With Lts

Alor To Komodo
Pacific Cruise

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Sail with us through the Komodo National Park, a World Heritage Site renowned for its rich marine biodiversity in Indonesia's Lesser Sunda Islands, to the Alor Archipelago, an undiscovered region of white sand beaches and monsoonal landscapes, and rich, authentic culture. We've created an exclusive itinerary that explores the natural wonders and rich cultural traditions of these stunning islands in Indonesia's spectacular Pacific Ring Of Fire where you will awaken to volcanic peaks jutting dramatically from the land and sea, seek out the famed Komodo dragon in the wild, snorkel in kaleidoscopic underwater seascapes specially chosen for their marine life, and explore ancient villages and their traditional crafts. Relaxing evenings will perfectly complement our active days as we enjoy the Indonesian exceptional food and wine experience, entertainment, and tropical sunsets dipping below the horizon.

OUR SAILING ADVENTURE SEATREK

Whether it's swimming with whale sharks & mantas rays, on leisurely gliding along a stunning tropical reef surrounded by myriad fish and corals, snorkelling for an hour at the very heart of what we do at SeaTrek. We do it well and we do it often - usually twice a day for an hour or more at a time. We mature if you are a novice or a seasoned pro, our tour leaders will ensure that you have everything you need to have some of the best underwater experiences ever!

WANT TO ADD ON A WILDLIFE OR CULTURAL EXCURSION TO YOUR TRIP?

Our four-day orangutan programme that features in our Orangutans & Dragons itinerary offers an unforgettable wildlife & cultural experience.
Of our SeaTrek cruises throughout the year, regardless of length or location, so just let us know this is something you would like to do when making your reservation and we will happily arrange it for you.
For textile enthusiasts, we also have two five-day land tours across Flores Island in June each year that form our
Ancient Villages, Textiles, Dragons & Volcanoes itinerary. This tour meets tour, which will visit many traditional weaving villages and take you deep inside these unique cultures.
We are also a wealth of information on other great destinations and wildlife and cultural excursions in Indonesia
that can be added on to your SeaTrek cruise.
The possibilities are endless so let us know what is on your bucket list.

TEXTILES & WEAVING

This part of Indonesia is famed for its traditional tribal groups where that textile production will live at the heart of their culture. On this journey, we have the opportunity to visit many different villages. Tajdida Ulur & Watublapi (Day 4), Uma Pasu (Day 8) each with very distinct practices that have been passed down from generation to generation. Each village has its own way of weaving the ancient symbols, binding, weaving and dying techniques that they have practiced for generations. Using all natural fibres and colours, including cotton and other natural dyes, using ingredients such as sea sponges, sea anemones and the ink of sea hares, these finished items are a wonder to behold, and we will have the opportunity to purchase some of the finished textiles as souvenirs of our journey.

Note: For those guests with a storage interest in textiles, SeaTrek can arrange multi-day land based trips to explore more of the fascinating and diverse weaving cultures across this region of Indonesia.

BE PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE

Our mission is to provide the best experience possible for our guests given the current conditions and when unexpected opportunities for adventure may present themselves along our cruise routes. Sometimes unexpected weather or tides or others local factors dictate that we need to vary from the published route, and at times there are special opportunities to explore and discover new locations, wildlife encounters. Our experienced crew will always be a defacto ambassador for the published itinerary and will be undertaken after discussion and agreement among guests. Ultimately, the boat captain and your tour leaders will make decisions to maximize trip safety and your overall enjoyment, so please come prepared to be flexible!

THE MORE YOU KNOW THE MORE YOU SEE

Our tour leaders are a wealth of information on the regions we visit and will prepare you for each activity with on board talks and presentations to give you a greater understanding of the different experiences you will have and dives you will take. They will also act as your cross cultural bridges to all the people we meet along the way, so feel free to ask them to consult when talking to local Indonesian people on your travels.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Because of the flight schedules to Alor from Bali, guests must embark/disembark in Alor the day before the scheduled start of the journey. This extra night is not included in the cruise rate. The overnight stay is included in the ticket price and will be booked by SeaTrek on your behalf.

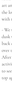
ITINERARY

DAY 1

- You will be collected from your hotel in Kupang and taken the airport for the short flight to Alor, where you will be met and taken straight to the boat. After settling in and receiving a safety briefing and orientation, we will have lunch.

- We will visit the very traditional village of Takpala, where we will be greeted by the head man and his warriors for a fascinating cultural performance. We will then travel by local boat over onto the bay to look for the resident dugong named Mouse, who is looked after by a local man dedicated to Mouse's well-being. Sightings are common, so hopefully we will be in luck.

- Back on the boat we can relax and unwind, as we raise anchor head west to Pura Island, where we will spend a quiet night at anchor.



DAY 2

- After breakfast we will snorkel at a local reef called Clown Valley, home to many sea anemones and their resident guardian clown fish. It's a fantastic spot to see a wide variety of marine life among the corals.

- In the early afternoon we will have a second snorkel at Buaya Island, a location with a beautiful wall drop-off and lots of fish.

- We will then head on a local quiet bay to spend the night at anchor.

DAY 3

- After breakfast we will visit the old Modoiso village of Uma Pasu, which is renowned for their creation of that textile using many local materials including sea sponges and natural plants for the dying of their textiles.

- We will travel around, meet the friendly local people and witness the full production process and have the chance to view many of their finished textiles.

- In the afternoon we will go snorkelling on a local reef and during dinner, we will depart overnight to the uninhabitated active volcanic island of Kawela.

DAY 4

- Waking up just off the active Kawela Island, we will explore the Hospitality Lagoon by zodiac with our dinghy, and circumnavigate the uninhabitated island. We will also go for a snorkel on the island's southern point. In the late morning, we will spend some time on a beautiful white sandy shoal where we will go over the paddle boards and umbrellas and spend some time on the beach.

- After lunch, we will go ashore and drive to a local village to see some prehistoric 300-year-old rock art and maybe go to try some of the locally brewed arak alcohol with the villagers.

- We will snorkel again and then at dusk we will have cocktails on the back deck as we watch the sunset over the active Ile Api volcano. After dark and if the mission activity is strong, we will be able to see the lava erupting from the top against the night sky.

DAY 5

- In the morning, we will explore the beautiful underwater reefs on the northeast of Adonara island.

- We will head to Solor Island as we have lunch, enjoying the beautiful views of the volcanoes and islands as we head through the stunning island passage between the islands. On Solor, we will visit the local village and the ruins of a 16th century Portuguese fort, which used to guard the old spice waypoint of the ancient spice trade.

DAY 6

- We wake up at anchor in Maumere Bay against the backdrop of an extinct volcano and enjoy a leisurely breakfast before the day's activities begin.

- We will take a short drive on the scenic Inerie Gera highlands to visit the small village of Watublapi, where we will be met with singing and welcoming by the local people. Famed for their unique textiles, we will be shown first-hand their ancient techniques of spinning, dyeing, and weaving their famous fabrics. Here we will have the chance to view (and purchase) some of the local textiles, try their hand too, and learn their locally produced liquor.

- In the late afternoon we will head off to Kanu overnanchorage area.

DAY 7

- Today we explore the beaches and reefs of the northeast side of the island, Rising Conservation Area, home to many species of coral and abundant underwater life which we will snorkel through.

- We will move between islands enjoying some great beach time along the way with the kayaks and paddle boards.

- An around sunset, we will head over to the direction of the Komodo National Park.

DAY 8

- Today we are in the Komodo National Park, and after breakfast we will visit Hacienda Island for some snorkelling, where a local NGO is running a reef restoration programme, and we will cross one very over coral sacks to place in the sea. The island is home to many fish and is a nursery ground for black-tipped reef sharks.

- In the afternoon, we will look for manta rays and their cleaning stations in the Gili Lawa Darat in the very south of the park. Here we can climb to the top of the island to the majestic sweeping views of the park and all the surrounding islands. A spectacular drift snorkel in the narrow channel between the islands is not to be missed.

DAY 9

- We enter an early breakfast and go ashore on Rinca Island for one of the main highlights of trip – watching for the iconic and fearsome Komodo dragons. We will go for a ranger led walk through the savannah and forest and will hopefully spot the dragons in the wild along with buffalo, deer, monkeys and many different kinds of birds.

- Coming to the richly diverse north of Nusha Besar Island, we will snorkel with thousands of fish and sea turtles that congregate in the area.

- At dusk we will gather on the back deck or rooftop bar to witness a spectacular event: the evening departure of tens of thousands of Fruit bats that fill the skies as they leave their home burrows to forage on the mainland.

DAY 10

- After a leisurely breakfast, we will visit a nearby island for some beach time.

- Later in the morning, we will head back to port, where we will say goodbye to the crew and your fellow departees and head to the airport for the flights to your next destination.