

SeaTrek With Whale Sharks, Corals & Dragons (Komodo-Komodo)

9 Days/8 Nights
Your Time With Us

Komodo To Komodo
Ports of Call

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

Starting and ending in the Komodo National Park, this is a journey through the volcanic epicenter of Indonesia's Ring of Fire, where you will see the results of countless millennia of Earth's shifting tectonic plates, mighty forces that have helped shape the landscapes, cultures and habitats that exist both on land and in the sea.

- Visit local villages to experience local customs and see how the people live their lives and make their living from fishing, farming and boat building.
- Walk on an active volcanic island and witness the building of a UNESCO-heritage pinisi using the same traditions and techniques used to build your own SeaTrek ship.
- Trek the hills and forests of the park's prehistoric islands in search of Komodo dragons in the wild.
- Listen to the early morning birdsong as you hike through dry tropical and monsoon forests of the region.
- Experience being in the water with whale sharks and learn how they live in symbiotic harmony with local fishermen.
- Swim, kayak, paddle and play on remote island beaches and feel the soft pink sand between your toes.

- Soar weightlessly through warm tropical waters as you snorkel on kaleidoscopic coral reefs teeming with underwater life.

- See thousands of giant fruit bats fly high above the boat as they emerge from their forest roosts on their nocturnal quest for food.

- Paddle board and kayak on an ancient freshwater crater lake in the heart of an extinct volcano.

SNORKELLING WITH SEATREK

Whether it's swimming with whale sharks & mantas rays, or leisurely gliding along a stunning tropical reef surrounded by myriad fish and corals, snorkelling lies 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. No matter 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 of your life.

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

Our four-day orangutan programme that features in our Orangutans & Dragons itinerary can be worked into any of our SeaTrek cruises throughout the year, regardless of length or location, so just let us know if this is something you would like to do when visiting Indonesia 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, and Vibrant Coral Reefs 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 all you have to do is ask.

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 weather conditions, tides or other 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, events and activities. These explorations will always be a definite enhancement to the published itinerary and will be undertaken after discussion and agreement among guests. Ultimately, the boat captains and your tour leader 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 each day. 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 translate when talking to local Indonesian people on your travels.

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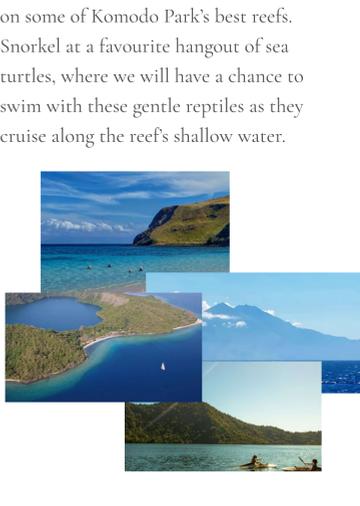


DAY 1 - 2

- You will be greeted by your Tour Leader(s) either at the airport or your hotel if you've arrived before the embarkation day. As you settle into your new home, we will head to our first snorkeling session of the trip.

- Go ashore searching for the fearsome Komodo dragons found only in the Komodo National Park. This is the world's largest lizard, growing up to a length of three meters and weighing up to approximately 70 kilograms.

- Enjoy some magnificent snorkelling on some of Komodo Park's best reefs. Snorkel at a favourite hangout of sea turtles, where we will have a chance to swim with these gentle reptiles as they cruise along the reef's shallow water.

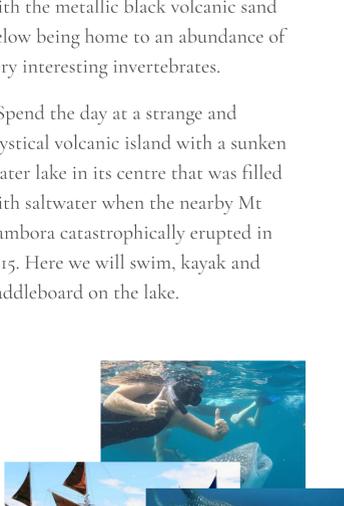


DAY 3 - 4

- Wake up off the coast of a beautiful uninhabited island with a beach of pure white sand with some sparkles of powdered red coral, creating the effect of a "pink beach." We will spend the morning here, swimming, paddle boarding, and snorkelling on the beautiful coral reef that lies parallel to the beach.

- Cruise to a nearby active volcanic island where we will enjoy a unique snorkeling experience where volcanic gasses escape from the sea floor among the corals, with the metallic black volcanic sand below being home to an abundance of very interesting invertebrates.

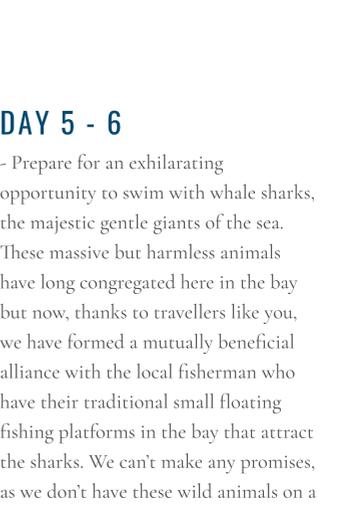
- Spend the day at a strange and mystical volcanic island with a sunken crater lake in its centre that was filled with saltwater when the nearby Mt Tambora catastrophically erupted in 1815. Here we will swim, kayak and paddleboard on the lake.



DAY 5 - 6

- Prepare for an exhilarating opportunity to swim with whale sharks, the majestic gentle giants of the sea. These massive but harmless animals have long congregated here in the bay but now, thanks to travellers like you, we have formed a mutually beneficial alliance with the local fisherman who have their traditional small floating fishing platforms in the bay that attract the sharks. We can't make any promises, as we don't have these wild animals on a leash, but fingers crossed that we will see them.

- Visit the beautiful village on Moyo Island for an amazing experience. Walk to the stunning waterfall and enjoy a refreshing dip in the cool water.



DAY 7 - 8

- Visit a nearby active volcanic island where we will encounter a large wooden pinisi boat with the same pedigree and history as SeaTrek's very own ships being built on the beach. 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 souvenir.

- Entering the Komodo National Park again, we will go snorkelling and beachcombing. We'll have the opportunity to participate in the coral restoration program, where you will see how the corals and fish populations have grown since they were first transplanted in 2015.

- Experience one of our famous SeaTrek beach BBQs under a night sky filled with millions of stars as you feast on the fantastic local delicacies prepared by our chef, all accompanied by live musical entertainment from our talented crew.



DAY 9

- After breakfast on our last day, we will take you on a scenic drive towards Melo Village, where you will witness the traditional Caci dance performance. 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.

- After lunch on the boat, we will say farewell to the crew and your fellow shipmates as you disembark and continue onto your next destination.

