

## SCHEDULE

### KOMODO & WEST KOMODO

#### Most days follow a schedule like this...

- 6:00 Wake up with hot tea and coffee fresh baked pastries
- 6:30 Dive 1 sunrise dive in before anyone else and sharing the dive site with only the fish!
- 8:00 Buffet style continental breakfast with a wide selection of foods to suit every dietary requirement.
- 10:00 Dive 2 enjoy the full glory of the sun rays and clear water
- 12:00 Alacarte gourmet lunch served on front deck dining area.
- 14:00 Dive 3 a chance to visit some lesser known sites or get some macro photo sessions in.
- 16:30 Fresh snack food served and on some days afternoon beach or sunset hike.
- 18:30 Night dive photographers dream catching all the macro life of our secret spots
- 20:00 Western fusion substantial dinner to keep you going through the night.
- 21:00 A chance to debrief and log the dives with the dive crew and your buddies as we go through our library of fish books, look back at the photos from the day on our media systems and say our good night's.

Inbetween all actives there are chances to take our sup boards or kayaks to the nearby beaches, wake board or wake ski, chill in your AC controlled cabin listening to music or watching movies on our entertainment systems, relax on the top deck lounge beds with panoramic views of the ocean or slump in our sofa with a nice book and hot chocolate.

Where we go on any two trips will never be the same weather conditions and tides will dictate our spots but on a full 8 night cruise, heading from rugged south of Komodo and Rinca with manta alley and cannibal rock all the way to the shark fill North with castle and crystal rock, is not a problem, it's our pleasure.

And don't forget the endemic Komodo dragons we see those too.

#### **NORTH KOMODO:**

Famous for is speeding currents and one in a unique once in a life time drift diving. Sharks galore and pelagic fish life.

- Castle Rock - an underwater seamount only visible from the surface by its whirling currents and the turbulence caused by currents hitting its 3meter deep rocky top. Deep down on the seamount slopes of colourful corals grow in all directions. Divers descend down upstream of the current in a head down quick decent, down to 30meters, reef hook out and at the ready divers then hold on, face into the current and enjoy the show. White tip and grey reef Sharks, tuna, Jacks and trevallies patrol in the front waiting for

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- their next meal. On early mornings Dolphins passing by the reef are a common sighting and also mantas and other rays sometimes pass by.
- Crystal Rock - similar to castle rock, slightly better corals only difference is the dive site a tally touches reaches the surface of the water. About 20cm out at low tide.
- Cauldron - unique drift dive with a difference. Start the dive weigh no current swimming in white sandy areas full of life and corals, chances for mantas are high. Continue heading towards a narrow channel between two islands. As you get closer the current picks up and you pass through a bowl like shape in the reef (the cauldron) apron reaching the far each of the bowl the current suddenly picks up and throws you over the edge in a section called the shotgun. Holding on here is tricky but incredibly fun as the current blows your face and body in what can only be described as underwater sky diving. Continue to drift through to a calm soft coral garden and enjoy the fish life and maybe some manta sightings.

#### **SOUTH KOMODO:**

Less explored and harder to reach far fewer boats visit this area. Land based vistas are amazing sheer volcanic cliffs and crashing white waves.

- Manta Alley - when mantas hair hard to find in the central bays they will be in abundance at manta alley. Cold upwelling brings nutrients and food for mantas. A rocky out cropping facing the Southern Ocean jump in at any point around the island and chances are mantas will be feeding or cleaning but for best experience when the currents run through a small channel on the north of the island we dive in and hold on watching the mantas swoop and fly past like a natural cinema... Thicker wetsuit recommended.
- German Flag - names for the colors of the rocks that mark the dive site this dive is a black sand slope covered in coral blocks. Current is mild and we slowly drift or swim along the slope searching the sea bed for stingrays & sharks hiding under the rocks and many critters.
- End of the World (advanced) - sheer black rock walls open ocean facing cold upwelling bring in large pelagic and encounters with big fish or sharks are common. If the current is not so strong the topography and coral colours are amazing.
- **SOUTH RINCA:**

The real Jurassic Park! A horse shoe shaped bay created by an extinct volcano. The towering cliffs circle the bay and create dramatic cloud forest and unique vistas. Famous Komodo dragons live

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on the beach here making it feel even more like a trip on Jon Hammond's Jurassic Park! Diving here is mostly seasonal in the months of October through to April.

- Cannibal Rock - underwater seamount covered in beautiful soft corals filter feeding life is everywhere sea cucumbers and invertebrates cover every rocky surface. Colorful fish school everywhere and large sharks and trevallies patrol the deep blue water. Dolphins sometimes frequent this area.
- Torpedo Point - macro heaven volcano rich black sandy slope a keen eyes dive guide can find rare critters all over this slope. Mimic octopus flamboyant cuttlefish and rare seahorse can be found in amongst the frogfish scorpionfish countless nudibranch and weird looking crabs and shrimp.
- Yellow Wall - sheer wall covered in yellow corals current normally mild divers swim along the wall at 25 meters and most of the time fail to the bottom! Depths of 70 meters can be reached before the wall ends. Cracks and holes in the rock house countless fish and critters. Very scenic dive.
- Jimmies Rock (advanced) - current swept submerged pinnacle only possible on mild tides with little swell. Currents rip around this rock which plunges deep into the Southern Ocean with depths of 80 meters at its east side. Cold Upwell bring many pelagic and Eagle rays and white tip sharks are common. Divers jump in upstream of the current decent fast and hold on enjoying the show. Every now and then hammerhead sharks have been known to swim out from the blue and check out the divers holding on. With mild current the rock is covered in fish and coral life.

#### **CENTRAL KOMODO:**

Here is the most famous and most easily accessible area of the national park. Best chances to see Komodo's famous manta Ray population (in the season) and the world-famous Batu Bolong dive site. Currents are strong here but the islands provide a lot of protection for less experienced divers.

- Batu Bolong - an isolated island stretching up from the deep seabed at depths of over 100 meters. The island itself gets its name from a hole in the rocky surface (Batu meaning rock, Bolong meaning hole). Underwater the rocks are covered with every color of coral imaginable and diversity is huge. Every type of fish from small red anthias flitting to and from to giant Napoleon wrasse searching the deep. The currents hit this island very strongly so the dive is always on the opposite side to the current in the protected area and divers zigzag between the current heading from the deep up to the surface.

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- Makassar Reef / Manta Point - huge 2km long sandbar and flat plateaux current runs north to South and mantas can congregate in huge numbers here to feed clean and mate. Divers start at one end of the dive site and drift along the flat bottom looking left

right up and down for the mantas to appear. Stopping and holding on next to mantas cleaning is a once in a lifetime experience as they act like you're not even there and swoop over the top and around the divers.

- Siaba Besar - Komodo best spot for turtles. Huge population of green turtles use this hard coral covered bay as a feeding ground and a place to relax. More often than not the turtles can be seen scratching on corals and rubbing their shells on sponges to keep clean. White tip sharks are not uncommon here either. If turtles are not interesting enough then the white sand algae areas between corals are a macro hunters dream. Flamboyant cattle fish frogfish a huge variety of pipefish and inverts make this area their home.
- Mawan (mantas) white sandy slow mantas come here to clean and divers can experience some seriously close interactions especially in mating season where more than 20 mantas can collect in a small space and dive bomb the sand and divers around them.
- Siaba Kecil (drift dive) - seriously fast!!! Seriously fun. Jump in and just fly. Small channel between two islands and the currents rip through. It's a roller-coaster. Towards the end of the dive, we arrive in a hard coral garden. Keep an eye out for the rare but resident dugong!
- Wainilu (macro) - sloping soft coral Covered rubble reef full of critter that can't be found anywhere else underwater treasure hunt. Seahorse, nudibranch of all colors, octopus and cuttlefish and countless shrimps and crabs. (great night dive).

#### WEST KOMODO:

Untouched and rarely dives West Komodo combines the best of all the areas of Komodo. Great critter hunting in the protected volcanic bays and raging current dives with pelagics on the exposed rocky islands. Mantas are common shark populations is active and best of all no other divers.

- ***Experience level: Advanced Open Water - 50 minimum logged dives required.***

*For further information please contact us, we would love to hear from you.*