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Planning Guide

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Komodo Dancer

Komodo National Park Itinerary

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Thank you for choosing Komodo Dancer for your LiveAboard dive vacation. Our crew looks forward to your visit.

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Dream, Dive, Discover

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Overview of Komodo National Park, Indonesia and the Komodo Dancer

Indonesia is the land of over 17,000 islands stretching over 5,000 kilometers— all surrounded by nutrient rich, cerulean blue waters. A convergence of oceans and currents constantly feed the marine life ensuring the most prolific habitat on earth for divers searching great adventure. Straddling the equator just north of Australia and south of Malaysia and the Philippines, the entire country has a diverse natural beauty from lush, green and rainy at times to arid, volcanic and desolate all represented on islands and islets of varying sizes. Some densely populated and frequented by travelers and many uninhabited and ripe for exploration.

Your home for 10 nights – the Komodo Dancer is a finely crafted twin-masted wooden sailing yacht built in the Pinisi style that has been plying the waters of this island nation for hundreds of years. Built in 2001 in Bira, South Sulawesi with all the modern conveniences anticipated for a luxury LiveAboard experience. You'll find her a spacious, comfortable place to rest and relax between dives. Measuring 30 meters (98 feet) in length with a 9 metre (30 feet) beam – she steadfastly carries adventurous divers throughout Komodo National Park, to the black sands of Sangeang Island, and Sumbawa Island on this itinerary.

Underwater, Komodo is truly unique in having two distinct marine habitats – temperate and tropical separated by only a few nautical miles. Komodo National Park sits at the intersection of five major ocean currents. Infused with nutrients from the cold currents of the Indian Ocean, the park is home to more than 1000 species of fish, 385 species of reef building corals, and 70 species of sponges. The underwater terrain of this UNESCO World Heritage Site includes everything from thrilling vertical walls and pinnacles to tranquil sandy flats. From heart-pounding encounters with sharks, barracuda and mantas to the macroscopic wonder of spotting a tiny pygmy seahorse, the rich marine life will paint memories to last a lifetime.

WHERE IS THE KOMODO NATIONAL PARK IN INDONESIA?

The Komodo National Park is part of the Republic of Indonesia and is located 8 to 9 degrees south of the equator between Java on the West and Lombok and the rest of the Lesser Sunda Islands (Sumbawa, Flores, Sumba and Timor) on the East.

WHAT KIND OF DIVING IS FOUND IN THE KOMODO NATIONAL PARK?

Komodo Dancer visits dive sites in the Komodo National Park, part of the Lesser Sunda Islands and surrounding islands of Sangeang and Sumbawa. Any time of the year this area of Indonesia offers good diving. Visibility may vary from season to season but 10 to 30 meters (35 to 100 ft.) can be expected at most dive sites. **Water tempera-**

tures can vary greatly within the park ranging from a low of 72F (22C) in the south to a high of 84F (29C) in the northern region. Guests are also suggested to bring reef hooks for use at some dive spots.

Komodo Dancer offers 11 Day / 10 night cruises featuring an extended itinerary that allows guests more time diving, more time in the signature area of the Komodo National Park and an opportunity to explore the newly discovered area of the Sangeang Island and Bima, Sumbawa.

IN WHAT TIME ZONE IS BALI LOCATED?

The Indonesian archipelago is spread over three time zones. Central Indonesia Standard Time covers East and South Kalimantan, Sulawesi, Bali and Nusa Tenggara, and is 8 hours ahead of GMT

WHAT LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN ON BOARD?

There are about 583 languages and dialects spoken in the archipelago. Bahasa Indonesia is the national language. In all tourist destination areas English is the number one foreign language. Our crew will converse in English with the guests.

WHAT WEATHER CONDITIONS CAN I EXPECT IN KOMODO?

The Komodo National Park is a destination that offers great diving year round. The area is much drier than Bali and lies within one of the driest regions of Indonesia. A wetsuit is necessary, though some people choose more thermal protection (a 5mm suit) to ensure continued core temperature warmth throughout their visit.

WHAT CURRENCY IS USED?

Rupiah (IDR) is the official currency. **It is required for all guests to have some local currency as departure taxes and overweight baggage charges MUST be paid in local currency.** Also it is recommended to additionally exchange enough currency for island tipping and small pocket change. It is advisable to exchange currency at banks, which have the most favorable exchange rates, and most are open Monday to Friday. Major credit cards are accepted by most restaurants, hotels, car rental companies, and shops. Travelers checks are accepted everywhere.

WHAT DOES MY KOMODO DANCER PACKAGE INCLUDE?

All staterooms are air-conditioned and fitted with private toilets, showers and sinks. Breakfast (cooked to order), buffet lunch and an elegant meal at dinner with table side service are served in addition to fresh mid-morning and mid-afternoon snacks. Beverages (non-alcoholic and local beer) are complimentary while onboard. Bathrobes, shampoo and soap/body wash are available for your use onboard. The yacht is equipped with hair dryers in each stateroom. Linens are changed mid-week and fresh towels are placed in each stateroom daily as needed. Filled tanks, weights and weight belts are included.

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FOR WHAT ADDITIONAL EXPENSES WILL I BE RESPONSIBLE?

International and domestic flights are not included in the Dancer package. An airport departure tax must be paid at each airport when leaving. Please see the latest rate card for departure tax amount. Dive instruction, dive and photo equipment rentals and "Boatique" purchases must be settled onboard prior to departure. Acceptable methods of payment include: US Dollars, local currency, traveler's checks, or credit cards (Visa or MasterCard). Personal checks are not accepted. Crew gratuities are not included.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF INDONESIA

The name Indonesia has its roots in two Greek words: "Indos" meaning Indian and "Nesos" which means islands. It is an appropriate description of the archipelago as there are estimated to be a total of 17,508 islands, of which only about 6,000 are inhabited, stretching for 5,150 km between the Australian and Asian continental mainland and dividing the Pacific and Indian Oceans at the Equator.

The islands and people of Indonesia constitute the fourth most populated nation in the world. As a democratic republic, Indonesia is divided into 27 provinces and special territories and classified geographically into four groups. Bali is part of the Lesser Sundas, a chain of small islands stretching eastward.

A rich history of kingdoms, conquests, colonialism, trade and natural disasters has bequeathed it with an exhilarating kaleidoscope of cultures and traditions, people, languages and religions, aspirations and problems, and the dramatic scenery of changing landscapes. It is the combination of the friendly people, the natural attractions, the great variety of things to see and do, and the year-round pleasant climate that make this such a desirable vacation destination.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE KOMODO NATIONAL PARK

Komodo National Park was established in 1980 and was declared a World Heritage Site and a Man and Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 1986. The park was initially established to protect the unique Komodo Dragon (*Varanus komodoensis*), first discovered by the scientific world in 1911 by J.K.H. Van Steyn. Since then, conservation goals have expanded to protecting its entire biodiversity, both marine and terrestrial.

The majority of the people in and around the Park are fishermen originally from Bima (Sumbawa), Manggarai, South Flores, and South Sulawesi. Those from South Sulawesi are from the Suku Bajau or Bugis ethnic groups. The Suku Bajau, originally nomadic people, moved from location to location in the region of Sulawesi, Nusa Tenggara and Maluku, to make their livelihoods. Descendants of the original people of Komodo, the Ata Modo, still live in Komodo, but there are no pure blood people left and their culture and language is slowly being integrated with the recent migrants.

Little is known of the early history of the Komodo islanders. They were subjects of the Sultanate of Bima, although the island's remoteness from Bima meant its affairs were probably little troubled by the Sultanate other than by occasional demand for tribute.

Komodo Dancer - Travel Information

HOW DO I GET TO THE KOMODO DANCER?

International Flights: You will want to fly into Bali's International Airport, Ngurah Rai, (airport code DPS) in Denpasar. You will need to plan to overnight in Bali 2 nights - one night prior to embarkation on the Komodo Dancer and one after disembarkation.

If you need assistance with your flight arrangements, be sure to contact **LiveAboard Vacations**, Dancer Fleet's in-house travel professionals at 1-800-932-6237 or 305-669-9391 for the most competitive airfares.

Domestic Flights: see below.

HOW DO THE DOMESTIC FLIGHTS WORK?

Reaching the Komodo Dancer, it will involve a round trip domestic flight from Bali to Labuan Bajo (Komodo). Since the majority of Indonesian domestic air carriers do not participate in global ticket distribution, the Komodo Dancer team will schedule domestic flights and purchase a ticket for each guest (roughly 2 weeks before departure) as part of their services (this is in addition to the charter fee),

In order to purchase tickets, guests will need to provide Dancer Fleet with the guest's name as it appears on their passport, nationality on passport and the international flight details for the guest's arrival and return home. Please note that Komodo Dancer is only acting as an agent for the airline and is not responsible for, and can accept no responsibility for, cancellations, delays or problems caused by the air carrier. Domestic air rates are subject to change until the time the airline ticket is purchased.

We recommend two hotel nights be built into your travels. Both nights in Bali. One upon arrival in Bali between the international and domestic legs, and one on your journey home between the domestic and international legs. Should a flight delay (or baggage delay) be encountered in either direction, your domestic and international airline tickets are not "linked", and as such, no compensation or assistance would be offered by the airline. The only financial protection available would be Trip Interruption and Cancellation insurance.

Each passenger is required to pay an airport tax upon check in. Payment can only be made in local currency. The Bali Airport Tax (DPS) is approximately 30.000 Rupiahs; Labuan Bajo Airport Tax (LBJ) is approximately 11.000 Rupiahs. Please be sure to have some local cur-

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rency before you begin your domestic flights.

Your domestic airline tickets will be provided to you on embarkation day. A Komodo Dancer team member will meet you at the airport 2 hours before flight.

WHAT LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS DO I NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT?

For international flights, please check with your carrier about weight restrictions and any other restrictions on the content of your luggage. You are also flying domestically on smaller aircraft. Guests are encouraged to pack as light as possible as these aircraft do have strict weight restrictions. The individual luggage allowance on these flights is 33lb (15kg) per person. Luggage in excess of this weight is charged at a per kilogram, per segment rate determined by the particular airline being used. (A connecting flight would have two segments.) However, please be advised there is no guarantee that any excess luggage (especially that above 45kg) will actually travel on the same flight as the guest. This in turn could result in luggage not making it to the guest in time for the charters departure or an international flight home.

WHAT TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WILL I NEED?

You are required to possess a passport valid for at least six months from the date of arrival and have proof of return or onward ticketing. Your passport should have at least two blank visa pages (not endorsement pages) in it in order to facilitate passing through immigration.

You may also require a Visa. You may qualify for a free Visa or a Visa on arrival depending on your citizenship. Please contact your local Embassy or Consulate for your destination or review the requirements on one of the many travel visa information websites.

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION?

At the airport, customs formalities are usually quick and trouble free. Tourists are allowed articles for use during their stay. These include items of personal adornment, wearing apparel, toiletries and any portable articles which someone can reasonably be expected to use during their stay.

WHAT TRANSFERS ARE INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE?

The three transfers included in your package are: (1) From your hotel in Bali to the airport for your domestic flight to Komodo(Labuan Bajo), (2) From the Labuan Bajo Airport to the Komodo Dancer, and (3) From the Komodo Dancer back to the Labuan Bajo airport or your hotel at disembarkation.

Please Note: All transfers in Bali from your hotel to the airport include only hotels located in the following areas: Kuta (Tuban, Legian, Seminyak, Canggu, Kerobokan), Denpasar, Sanur and Jimbaran areas.

HOW DO I GET FROM THE BALI AIRPORT TO OUR HOTEL?

This transfer is not included in your package, however you may either purchase a transfer through Dancer Fleet in advance or make arrangements directly with your hotel. Bali International Airport is just a 15-30 minute ride to the areas where the local hotels are located.

HOW DO I GET FROM THE HOTEL IN BALI TO THE AIRPORT FOR MY DOMESTIC FLIGHT?

This transfer is included in your package. Your package transfer will take you to Bali's airport where you will board a domestic flight to Labuan Bajo to meet the Komodo Dancer. Transfers to the Bali airport are between 6:00 am and 7:00 am depending on the domestic flight times. A representative from Komodo Dancer will contact you or leave a message at your hotel with the exact departure time.

WHAT ARE THE EMBARKATION AND DISEMBARKATION TIMES?

After arrival in Labuan Bajo and once all guests are transported from the airport to the Komodo Dancer – the yacht will embark, usually late afternoon. Disembarkation at the end of the trip happens between 8:00 am – 1:00 pm depending on domestic flight times back to Bali.

HOW DO I GET FROM LABUAN BAJO AIRPORT TO THE KOMODO DANCER?

Once you have claimed your luggage in Labuan Bajo Airport, please look for an agent holding a Komodo Dancer sign or a sign with your name on it. A transfer company has been hired to meet and greet our Komodo Dancer guests who have arranged this transfer in advance.

WHAT DO WE DO ON THE DAY WE DISEMBARK?

The Komodo Dancer aims to return to port on the evening prior to disembarkation. Final disembarkation will occur between 8:00 am –1:00 pm at the end of the charter. Guests will be transported to the Labuan Bajo airport for a domestic flight back to Bali. If necessary, additional transfers from the Bali airport to your hotel can be purchased ahead of time.

For any guest choosing to extend their stay our staff will be happy to organize tours to give you time to off-gas and enjoy the land sites that Bali has to offer. All tours are at an additional charge, but are highly recommended.

HOW DO I ARRANGE FOR PRE AND POST CRUISE HOTELS AND TRANSFERS?

In addition to being able to book your airline tickets to and from Bali, **LiveAboard Vacations**, Dancer Fleet's in-house travel agency, has created several extension packages based around different experiences in the area. Or they would be happy to design something specifically with your interests in mind.

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DO I NEED TRIP INSURANCE?

We strongly recommend each guest purchase comprehensive accident, medical, baggage and trip cancellation and interruption insurance when space is reserved. Trip insurance will protect you from financial disappointment if you are prevented from making your scheduled trip due to illness or family illness, or in the event that unforeseen circumstances prevent the airline or yacht from making its scheduled trip. In an event where it is necessary to cancel or interrupt a sailing due to weather or any matter beyond the control of Dancer Fleet Inc., there will be no refund or credit issued. We also recommend diving accident insurance. Please inquire with our reservation staff for assistance.

Komodo Dancer - The Onboard Experience

IF I AM TRAVELING AS A SINGLE, WILL I HAVE A ROOMMATE?

All rates are quoted on a share basis; therefore, unless you require a guaranteed single room and pay an additional supplement, you will very likely be sharing your stateroom with one other guest of the same gender.

WHAT TYPE OF CUISINE IS PREPARED?

Meals prepared by our onboard chef consist of an international mix with a local flair. If you have any special dietary requirements, please advise our US office as soon as possible so we can adequately prepare to meet your needs. Certain special dietary and beverage requests may not be available on a consistent basis due to the remote nature of this location.

WHAT KINDS OF BEVERAGES ARE AVAILABLE?

The Komodo Dancer's selection includes fruit juices, soft drinks, iced water, tea and coffee and a limited selection of local beer. One glass of wine is served with dinner. Fresh milk may not be available, although UHT long life milk is provided onboard. We recommend that you purchase any special brands of alcoholic beverages you may want to consume onboard from the Duty Free Shop at any airport. We encourage you to consume lots of non-alcoholic liquids during the week to avoid dehydration. **REMEMBER: ALCOHOL AND DIVING DO NOT MIX.** Once you consume alcohol, you become a snorkeler until the next day.

A WORD ABOUT ALCOHOL

The importation of alcoholic beverages in Indonesia is strictly controlled by the government through quota restrictions. Locally produced beer has no restrictions. In accordance with local cultural customs and regulations only local beer is provided and one glass of wine is served with dinner as part of your Komodo Dancer package. At all other times, additional alcoholic beverages (based on availability) including bottles of imported wines and drinks containing spirits may be purchased through the ship's

bar.

There are no corkage or bottle charges imposed for guests who choose to bring their own alcohol on board for personal consumption. Customs regulations allow foreign tourists arriving into Indonesia to bring with them 1 liter of alcohol per adult. If you have a favorite alcoholic wine or spirit that you would like to consume on your upcoming cruise, we encourage you to bring it with you.

While customs in Indonesia is laid back and friendly to tourists, the importation limits are enforced. All checked and carry-on bags are x-rayed when clearing customs, so bottles and containers are easily identified by Customs Officers. Any tourist who attempts to circumvent the import limits opens themselves up to a very inconvenient situation with government officials.

WHAT ELECTRICAL CURRENT IS AVAILABLE?

The electrical current on Komodo Dancer is 220 volts. Guests may wish to bring a converter for the use of small appliances in their stateroom. There is a charging station in the Main Salon which offers access to both 110V and 220V power along with outlets for US, European and UK sockets. The standard current in all of Indonesia is 220 volts.

HOW MUCH SHALL I PACK?

Please plan to travel light, as on all LiveAboard dive yachts, space is limited. We recommend that you pack your gear in soft luggage such as a duffel bag for easy stowage and to add to your comfort in your cabin, leave those large, rigid suitcases at home. Clothing should be lightweight, comfortable sportswear and swim suits are a must. A light sweater or jacket is ideal for the evenings. Dress aboard Dancer Fleet yachts is always casual. Light clothing that reflects the sun and a hat are recommended. Evening dress is informal. Additional items you may want to bring are sunscreen, sunglasses, walking shoes and a hat or visor for your time on shore. Hair dryers are provided in each cabin. We recommend you pack your regulator, dive computer, mask, swim suit, change of clothes and essential items in your carry-on bag. This will make it easier in the event your luggage is delayed. Please check with your airline as to what weight restrictions will apply to your carry-on and checked luggage.

WILL THERE BE ANY OPPORTUNITIES TO GO ASHORE DURING THE CRUISE?

Komodo is famous for its 'dragon'. *Varanus komodensis* is a lizard locally called 'ora', the largest monitor lizard in the world. You have the opportunity to go ashore for a 2-hour walk on Komodo. Experienced park rangers will show the natural habitat of this fascinating predator. The trek usually starts around 7:30 am, the best time to find the dragon.

WHAT IF I AM PRONE TO SEASICKNESS?

Currents and winds may cause moderate movement of

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the yacht at times. If you have a tendency toward seasickness we strongly urge you to bring some over-the-counter motion sickness medication or consult your doctor about prescription brands, such as the trans-dermal patch or Scopace tablets. Chewable ginger tablets or capsules of powdered ginger have also proved to be effective.

WHAT IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY ONBOARD?

All Dancer crews are trained in first aid and diving accident management. Each yacht is equipped with a complete first aid kit and a high capacity oxygen system. Each yacht also has direct contact with the closest hyperbaric chamber. Since emergency transportation and treatment cost is the responsibility of each guest, we strongly recommend that you dive conservatively and obtain special insurance for divers from Divers Alert Network, Dive Assure or similarly ranked company.

HOW CAN MY FAMILY CONTACT ME IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY AT HOME?

In case of emergency your family may contact you by calling our Miami office at 1-800-932-6237 or 305-669-9391 during business hours (8 am – 6 pm EST weekdays). If outside of our operating hours, calls may be made to our emergency cell phone number, 305-778-8004. Please reserve calling this number for emergencies only.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS, MAIL, AND EMAIL?

Check with your local cell phone provider for service while visiting each Dancer yacht destination. The Komodo Dancer is equipped with satellite based phone for emergency communications.

IS SMOKING PERMITTED?

A designated area on the back of the outdoor lido deck is available for smoking. Smoking is not permitted in any other area for any reason.

IS THERE ENTERTAINMENT ONBOARD?

The Komodo Dancer has a TV equipped with various input cables, HDMI, RCA etc. for videotape and video camera playback, a compact disc player, a DVD player and stereo in the Main Salon. If you have a favorite movie, slide show or a video to share, we encourage you to bring it along! You may also bring your own favorite music CD's. A small library of "books for exchange" is maintained onboard, as well as marine life identification books for reference.

HOW CAN I CELEBRATE A SPECIAL OCCASION?

Our crew is delighted to help you celebrate any special occasion onboard including birthdays, anniversaries, honeymoons or weddings. Kindly advise our US office at least 30 days prior to departure so that we can adequately prepare.

IS IT CUSTOMARY TO OFFER A GRATUITY TO THE CREW?

Aboard Dancer Fleet yachts, gratuities are not included. We prefer that our guests reward our crew based on per-

formance. If the crew performs to your expectations, we suggest that a gratuity of approximately 10% of the published package price be considered normal aboard a live aboard dive yacht. Payment of gratuities is entirely at the discretion of the guest. Payment of gratuities can be by cash, traveler's checks, or credit card (Visa or MasterCard). The crew greatly appreciate cash as local banking fees and government taxes for traveler's checks and credit card processing reduce the amount of gratuity left on a credit card up to 35% in some destinations.

HOW CAN I PAY FOR MY EXPENSES AND PURCHASES ONBOARD?

Each Dancer yacht has a small, onboard "Boatique" which sells a selection of logo clothing, custom jewelry, sundries, diving accessories, batteries, logbooks, etc. A crew member will gladly assist you with your purchases at any time during the week. The US Dollar, local currency, traveler's checks or credit cards (Visa or MasterCard) are accepted onboard. Personal checks are not accepted.

Komodo Dancer – Diving Operations

HOW MANY DIVES WILL WE DO EACH DAY?

We will offer three to four dives per day (depending on itinerary), including a night dive and 2 on the last day (weather and sea conditions permitting).

WHAT PAPERWORK WILL I NEED FOR DIVING?

Remember to bring your c-card or proof of certification. The divemaster requires proof of certification before the first dive. You will be required to complete our Cruise Application and Waiver agreement prior to departure for Indonesia. Our GIS (Guest Information System) allows guests to complete all required paperwork on-line including the cruise application, waiver agreement, special requests and travel information. If you haven't received a link to access the GIS, please contact a Dancer Fleet agent. Passengers who fail to complete the GIS registration process will be denied boarding. Please remember, many Dancer destinations require complete passenger information prior to departure for itinerary approval by government agencies.

HOW WILL WE DIVE FROM THE KOMODO DANCER?

Tender diving is the rule rather than the exception. All dives will be made from two dive tenders. Guests board the tender and then don their gear at the dive site. For divers who require special assistance we will endeavor to provide it. Backward roll entry from the tender is the most convenient way to enter the water. Our crew will hand down cameras and other equipment. To re-board the tenders, guests may remove their gear in the water and hand it up to our staff and simply climb aboard by way of a ladder secured to the gunwale of the tender.

For your safety, it is recommended that each diver carry an emergency SMB (safety sausage), a Dive Alert or other

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suitable audible surface signaling device and mini-strobe light on all dives. If you do not bring any one of these devices with you they are available for rent on board, however, quantities may be limited.

ARE THERE ANY LIMITATIONS OR RESTRICTIONS ON THE DIVING?

All diving onboard the Komodo Dancer should be planned as no-decompression dives and conducted within the limits and standards of their certification agency. Solo diving and rebreather diving is not permitted.

CAN I EARN ADVANCED DIVING CERTIFICATIONS OR SPECIALTIES ON BOARD?

Several diving specialty courses are offered on each Dancer yacht. To ensure that an instructor is available and that all required paperwork is complete, 30 days advanced notice is required prior to sailing. IMPORTANT: If you intend to receive diving instruction onboard, you must complete a medical statement in advance and return it to Dancer Fleet Inc. prior to the departure date. A doctor's note will be required if you answer yes to any of the questions on the medical statement. A list of available courses and prices is located on our website at www.dancerfleet.com.

ARE NITROX FILLS AVAILABLE?

The Komodo Dancer is equipped with Nitrox facilities. Nitrox fills of up to 32% are normally available to all certified Nitrox divers for an additional charge. Nitrox dive profiles must be planned and executed with a Nitrox compatible computer. It is recommended that the planned PO2 level be set within the limits of your certifying agency. All Nitrox fills must be analyzed by the divers using the mix and logged prior to each and every dive. Nitrox certifications are usually available onboard to all certified open water divers for an additional charge.

WHAT DIVING EQUIPMENT WILL I NEED TO BRING?

Equipment provided aboard the Komodo Dancer includes tanks - 80 cu. ft. (11.2 liter) aluminum cylinders with DIN/yoke adaptable valves, weights and weight belts. Divers will also need the following equipment:

Basic Required Diving Equipment for Each Diver

- Regulator with alternate air source
- Depth and pressure gauge
- Dive computer
- Buoyancy Compensation Device (BCD)
- Mask / fins / snorkel
- Night Dives: we require at least two light sources
- Reef Hooks - strongly suggested

Recommended (Additional) Dive Equipment

- Battery operated tank marker light.
- Dive light w/ extra batteries/charging source

WHAT SAFETY EQUIPMENT DO I NEED TO HAVE?

We suggest that you bring your own to ensure compatibility with your personal equipment. The Komodo Dancer has a limited supply available for rental by our guests.

Recommended Surface Safety Equipment For Each Diver

- Audible Surface Signaling Device such as a Dive Alert (Air Horn) or an Emergency Whistle of superior quality.
- Visual Surface Signaling Device (Daytime) such as an Inflatable Safety Sausage or similar device.
- Visual Surface Device (Night or Dusk) such as a Personal Mini-Strobe or similar device.

Additional Recommended Surface Safety Equipment

- Signaling mirror
- Whistle

IS DIVE GEAR AND PHOTO/VIDEO GEAR AVAILABLE FOR RENT?

Every Dancer has a limited amount of diving equipment available for rent, so it is critical that you advise our US office staff in advance if you decide you want to rent gear. The Komodo Dancer at this time does not have photo/video gear available for rent, but does have charging stations for guests bringing their own equipment.

I AM A PHOTOGRAPHER – WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

Photo opportunities are abundant no matter what system you have. The yacht has a laptop on board where the dive staff will be more than happy to assist any guest who wants to have their photos copied onto a CD/DVD or their portable flash drive.

Camera Tables: Every Dancer has a camera table built into the dive deck for your use.

Charging Stations: There is a charging station with 110V and 220V power available for your use.

Rinse Buckets: There is a "cameras only" rinse bucket for the exclusive use of photographers onboard.

All divers are required to have a buddy with them at all times. When on a drift dive, photographers are expected to stay with the body of the group on their tender. You may move away from the group within reason – providing that the divemaster leading the dive is kept in sight at all times. You will not be permitted to separate from the group or carry your own drift line.

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Komodo Dancer - Komodo National Park Itinerary

Komodo National Park is known for its stunning diversity, spectacular marine life and exciting dive and land adventures. In addition to those great experiences, the Komodo Dancer has added a few new locations to the west of the park to its itinerary to include black sand diving - a "macro Mecca" for photographers and divers who like nothing more than hunting out strange and wonderful critters on the reef and sand.

In 2011, the Komodo Dancer offers all 11 Day / 10 Night cruises featuring an enhanced itinerary that allows guests more time diving, more time in the signature area of the Komodo National Park and an opportunity to explore the newly discovered area of the Sangeang Island and Sumbawa.

A sample itinerary follows. Remember—the exact itinerary you sail may vary slightly at the Captain's discretion due to weather, logistical, or safety concerns.



Sample Itinerary

10 Night Itinerary - Daily Events

Pre-Embarkation Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Arrival at Bali Airport (DPS) • Transfer from airport to a hotel in Bali • Check into Bali Hotel
Day 1 (Embark)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer from hotel to Bali Airport for domestic flight to Labuan Bajo (LBJ) (Transfer #1) • Fly from Bali to Labuan Bajo on Flores Island • Transfer from Labuan Bajo (LBJ) to Komodo Dancer. (Transfer #2) • Embark Komodo Dancer • Check-out dive
Day 2-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diving up to 4 dives each day while exploring the region of Komodo National Park, Sangeang Island and Sumbawa. • Areas that may be explored include Labuhanbajo, Sebayor, Gil Lawah Laut, Tatawa, Gili Banta, Bima, Loh Buaya, Nusa Kode, Gil Motang, Padar, Langkoi and Loh Liang
Day 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diving two dives
Day 11 (Disembark)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer from Komodo Dancer to Labuan Bajo Airport (LBJ) (Transfer #3) • Fly from Labuan Bajo (LBJ), Flores Island to Bali • Arrive Bali and transfer to hotel
Post Disembarkation Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer from hotel to Bali Airport (DPS) • International Departure for home

Itinerary Notes:

- On disembarkation day, while it is possible to board a late night flight for an international departure that evening, a flight delay on the domestic carrier could cause a guest to miss their international flight. Schedule and equipment changes are possible with the inter-island airlines even after ticketing. We highly recommend an additional overnight in Bali upon the conclusion of the cruise in addition to the purchase of Trip Cancellation / Interruption Insurance so that guests have protection and a backup in case this situation would occur.
- The Komodo Dancer will schedule domestic flights and purchase a ticket for each guest as part of their package; however, in doing so, Komodo Dancer is only acting as an agent for the airline and is not responsible for, and can accept no responsibility for, cancellations, delays or problems caused by the air carrier



Sample Domestic Flight Schedule:

Airlines	Flight #	Days	Itinerary	Departure	Arrival	Fare
<i>Denpasar (Bali) to Labuan Bajao</i>						
Trigana / Aviastar	MV-912	Daily	DPS-LBJ	08:00	09:05	\$143
Merpati Airlines	MZ-6550	Daily	DPS-LBJ	12:45	14:40	\$205
Lion Air / Wings Air	JT-1830	Tu, Th, Su	DPS-LBJ	13:35	14:55	\$173
<i>Labuan Bajo - Denpasar</i>						
Trigana / Aviastar	MV-837	Mon, We, Sa	LBJ - DPS	16:30	17:35	\$143
Trigana / Aviastar	MV-913	Tu, Th, Fr, Su	LBJ - DPS	09:35	10:40	\$143
Merpati Airlines	MZ-6551	Daily	LBJ - DPS	15:10	16:50	\$205
Lion Air / Wings Air	JT-1831	Tu, Th, Su	LBJ - DPS	08:30	09:05	\$173

Flight schedules and fares subject to change without notice and not guaranteed until ticketed.

The above information was correct as of the published revision date on this guide.

- Each carrier allows 15kgs standard baggage. Excess Baggage rates are: Trigana / Aviastar Rp 11,000 / kg, Merpati Airline Rp 14,500 / kg. and Lion Air Rp 13,200 / kg. **Payment can only be made in local currency.**
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- Lion Air / Wings Air has instated a new cancellation and refund policy effective June 3, 2011. Once tickets are purchased an administrative fee and prorated cancellation fee will be imposed of up to 90% of the original ticket price for either cancelled tickets or refund requests.
- Indonesian Domestic Carriers do not operate like US Domestic carriers where flights can be confirmed and purchased 11 months prior to travel. In Indonesia, flight schedules normally become open to reservations and sale 90, 60, or 30 days prior to departure - sometimes even less. For example, 'Xpress Air' to/from Sorong opens flights only 1 – 2 weeks prior to departure. Your tickets will be purchased as soon as the selected carrier makes them available.

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