



## Family Diving Cruise

Perfect for Small and Big Kids.

Once a year Pindito staff organizes a dive cruise especially suited for families with children. In 2013 this special "Family Dive Cruise" will begin and end in Bali, with a routing into Komodo National Park, a World Heritage Site and location for incredible diving. Starting in 2014 the Family Cruise will start in Bali and end in Maumere, allowing participants to explore Lombok, Sumbawa, Komodo and Flores Islands.

During this special cruise kids can participate in "Discover Scuba", instructor-led diving and snorkelling venues. Meanwhile, parents can explore Komodo's coral reefs or they can join the kids and instructors during these fun and mellow intro-dives.

Participants will also be offered many opportunities for land excursions into Komodo National Park to see and photograph Komodo Dragons and other exotic island creatures.

Parents with children as young as 2 years old are welcome aboard the Pindito for this special kid-friendly cruise. Discover Scuba is available for Kids from the age of 7 and older and younger kids can snorkel with their parents or under the supervision of our dive staff. We recommend that participants get a diving medical exam prior to the cruise. Children up to age 16 will receive a discount of up to 80% to the normal Pindito cruise rate when they stay with their parents (triple occupancy). With two kids in their own cabin, parents can enjoy a 50% discount for these spaces!

## What is "Discover Scuba"?

The Discover Scuba Diving program is conducted from a beach in shallow water (6-12 ft of depth). Before the event our guides will brief all children aboard the Pindito to make them familiar with safe diving techniques and to familiarize them with the basics of scuba equipment assembly and operation.

Children that are already certified are welcome to dive together with their parents while accompanied by our instructors. The Pindito will always choose dive spots that are best suited for our younger guests; calm and colourful, placid and beautiful.

## What is a Komodo Dragon Anyway?

The famous Komodo Islands with their “Komodo Dragons” will be visited on every Family Dive Cruise. Komodo dragons are actually giant monitor lizards, the largest of all the lizards reaching a length of nearly 10 feet and weighing 150lbs! A guide from the National Park Service will lead this excursion keeping everybody safe and sound. They are experts in the local flora and fauna (water buffalos, birds, goannas, dragons, etc.) and they’ll share their knowledge during treks along island paths through the bush.

The Pindito Crew has a lot of ideas to make your Family Dive Cruise a blast. Soccer on the beach, checking out a traditional wooden-built shipyard, visiting a fishing village or driving golf balls from the roof of the Pindito... the lads will keep it fun for everyone! And, the Pindito sports water skis and a wake board, to keep the adrenaline going and get the “ya-yas” out.

## Destination: Komodo National Park

Komodo National Park was declared a World Natural Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1991. It lies in the region of the Sunda Islands (aka Nusa Tenggara). The National Park includes the three larger islands of Komodo, Rinca and Padar, as well as numerous smaller islands. The total area covers 1817 km<sup>2</sup>. Originally the Park was established as a protection zone for the Komodo goannas. Later the focus was changed to the conservation of the region’s entire flora and fauna, on land as well as underwater.

The dive spots around Komodo offer unbelievable variety. One day you can admire rare macro creatures in the morning (“critters”) and in the afternoon drift along with giant mantas and schools of big-eye trevally jacks. There are patch reefs, bommies (pinnacles), sheer walls, and shallow coral gardens to be explored. There are more than 1000 fish species, 260 species of corals, 70 different sponge species, 17 species of whales and dolphins and at least 2 different kinds of sea turtles living in the waters of Komodo National Park. You will love it!