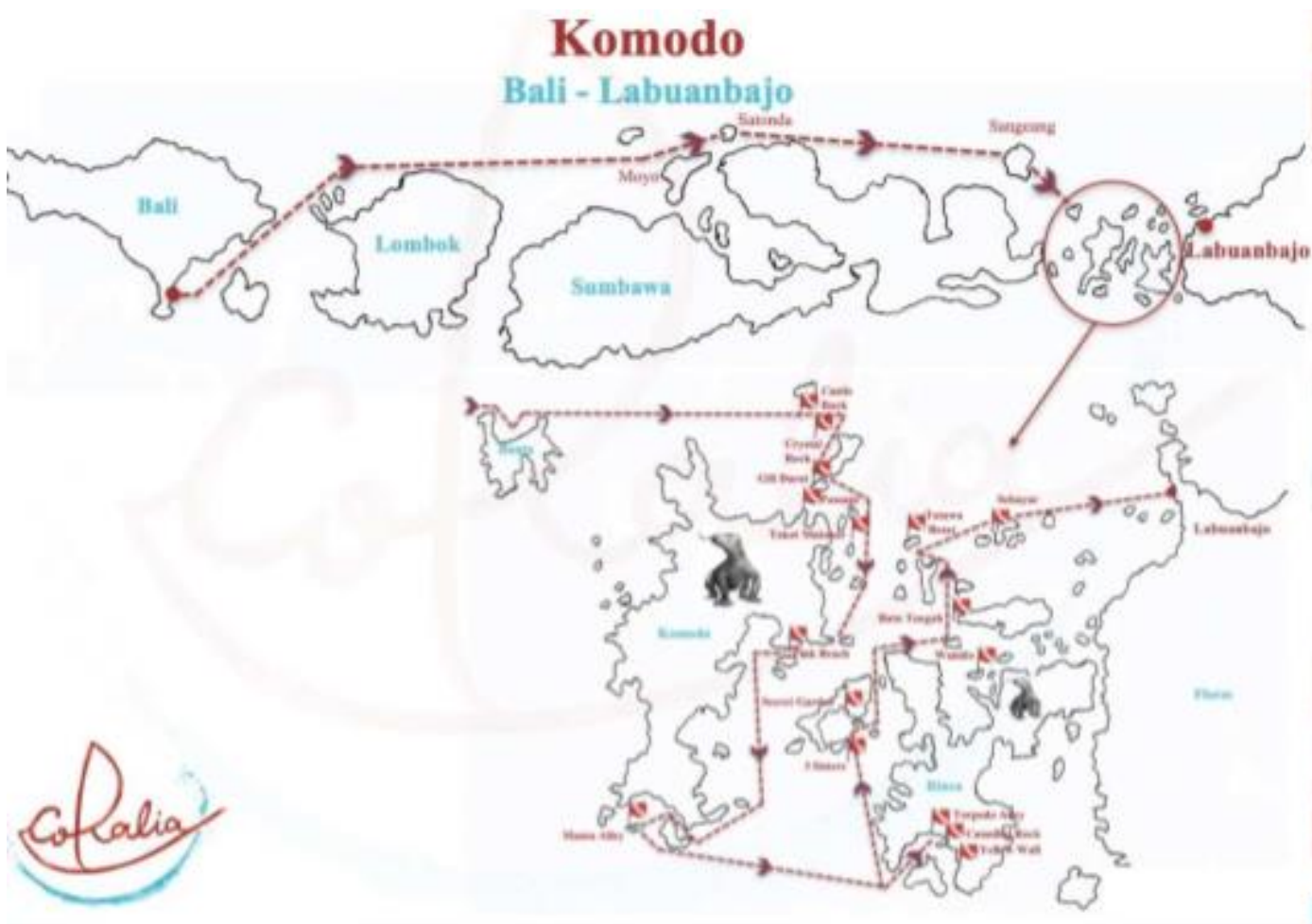


Komodo

from: Bali, to: Labuan bajo

Please note: this is a sample itinerary. Itineraries may change without further notice due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances.



Diving in Komodo offers an exciting variety of dive sites and experiences. Komodo National Park is home to the world’s largest lizard, the Komodo Dragon. This area is a World Heritage Site and one of the New 7 Wonders of the World.

Komodo has it all! Beautiful soft coral reefs, exhilarating drift dives, spectacular hard coral reefs, fishy pinnacles and black sand muck dives. Komodo is home to a large population of manta rays, large schools of fish, turtles, reef sharks and a myriad of weird and wonderful fish and critters!

Embarkation time is before midday, relax on board as we travel to our first destination of the islands of Moyo and Satonda. Either Angel Reef, Little Angel or Karang Pajang will be our first dive of the trip. These reefs all have the protection of the village on Moyo Island, so they are full of fish! We then move to Satonda where there is a healthy reef where we look for nudibranchs, pygmy seahorses and cuttlefish. We will do a late afternoon dive here, and before we head off to our next destination, we will enjoy the

spectacle of thousands of fruit bats leaving Satonda to fly over to their nighttime feeding grounds on Sumbawa Island.

The next day will spent at Sangeang Volcano. It is an active volcano where you can dive at Hot Rocks where there is a phenomenon of bubbles coming out of the reef creating a natural jacuzzi! The black sands are home to all sorts of mystical creatures and the night dive here is not to be missed. We will then travel overnight to Komodo National Park.

In the north of Komodo National Park there are pinnacles full of fish where you might also see reef sharks, eagle rays and turtles. The two most famous dive sites are Crystal and Castle Rock. You might also dive at the fishy reefs of Shotgun and The Passage.

We will spend some time in the large channel between the islands of Komodo and Flores where there are colourful reefs and exhilarating drift dives. At Karang Makassar you can drift along the bottom of the sea to look for manta rays. Tatawa Besar and Siaba Kecil have healthy reefs that are best viewed while floating along in the current. The corals and fish life at the pinnacle of Batu Bolong are beyond belief! Batu Tengah lies exactly in the middle of the National Park and the healthy hard corals here attract reef sharks and turtles.

A highlight of any visit to Komodo is to see the Dragons! There are several locations where you can see these magnificent animals. Any cruise on board Coralia will include a trek to look for Komodo Dragons. There are also a couple of viewpoints where you can take in breath-taking views across the National Park.

There are plenty of macro dives too. Wainilo and Loh Liang Bay are where your dive guides will look for critters that you never thought existed! Melibe nudibranchs, hairy frogfish, flamboyant cuttlefish, ghost pipefish, harlequin shrimps are some divers' favourites. Pink Beach and Torpedo Alley are both excellent dives that can be done during the day and at night.

Padar island has a wonderful viewpoint and long, empty beaches. There are several dive sites such as Three Sisters and Secret Garden in this area. Your dive guides will look for giant frogfish here and keep your eyes out into the open water for schools of mobula rays.

In the south of Komodo are some world-renowned dive sites. Inside Horseshoe Bay on the south of Rinca Island you will see a very different coral landscape at Cannibal Rock and Yellow Wall of Texas. Crinoids and sea squirts host cute ladybugs, colourful walls are home to giant frogfish and hiding inside fire sea urchins are zebra crabs and Coleman shrimps. The Holy Grail of fish, Rhinopias, have also been found in this area. Manta Alley is on the south of Komodo island. This is another popular spot for manta rays to hang out to feed and get cleaned.

On the last full day on board we will do two dives before heading into Labuan bajo to enjoy our goodbye dinner inside the harbour.