

DAY	ITINERARY WITH MV MERMAID I BALI – KOMODO – BALI	DIVES
DAY 1	<p>Check-in on board Mermaid I between 13:00-15:00 hours at Benoa Harbour in Bali.</p> <p>After the boat and safety briefing, you'll set up equipment and you can settle into your cabin. Dinner will be served at 19:00 hours as Mermaid I cruises into the sunset on her overnight journey to Moyo Island, north west Sumbawa.</p>	dives -
DAY 2	<p>Start your adventure with a great dive in the calm, clear waters of Angel Reef at Moyo Island. Massive elephant ear and barrel sponges, schools of longfin bannerfish and red tooth triggerfish, frogfish, nudibranchs, eels, surgeonfish, snappers and dogtooth tuna.</p> <p>After a visit to the local village, it's lunchtime.</p> <p>Afterwards, Mermaid I will cruise for two hours to Satonda Island for a macro dive followed by a world class night dive after watching a million bats fly at sunset. After a great dive and dinner, she will cruise overnight to Sangeang Island, off the north coast of Sumbawa.</p>	dives 3
DAY 3	<p>The Nusa Tenggara region has some extremely interesting and unique marine life.</p> <p>Today you will spend the day doing two or three dives around Sangeang Volcano. Here, you can see rare nudibranchs, pygmy seahorses, leaf scorpionfish, blue ribbon eels, black sand diving with all its treasures and underwater hot springs that support this very unique marine environment. Night dive here or on Gili Banta for the chance to see incredible stargazers and cute coral cat sharks.</p>	dives 4
DAY 4	<p>Depending on the current, you will start the day at GPS Point at Gili Banta, famous for sharks and pelagic fish.</p> <p>Then Mermaid I will enter Komodo National Park for more exhilarating blue water/fish soup diving!</p> <p>Gili Lawa Laut has several great dives - if the tide is right, you will have a chance to spot grey reef sharks and dolphin at Taka Toko. Lighthouse Reef and The Old Passage offer fast drifts with pelagics, perhaps a manta if you are lucky!</p> <p>Crystal Rock offers awesome soft corals in gold and orange hues plus the chance for sharks, turtles, Napoleon wrasse and fishes galore. Tonight, you will dive the famous Pink Beach - spectacular colours, frogfish, slipper lobsters, basket stars, robust sea cucumbers unique to the area and more!</p>	dives 4

DAY 5

Start your day with an exciting visit to Loh Liang Komodo National Park to walk with the dragons! As you quietly walk through the bush, look out for not only Komodo dragons, but deer, wild boar and birds as well.

Afterwards, relax as Mermaid I cruises south to dive the Three Sisters or Pillarsteen at Padar Island.

Next stop is a diver's paradise - Horseshoe Bay at Rinca Island, home of one of the top ten dives in the world, Cannibal Rock. Here, you will discover an abundance of corals, sponges, ascidians, sea apples, black corals, turtle, cuttlefish, loads of reef fishes and so much more! You can also watch dragons scavenging on the beach as well as monkey, deer, wild pigs along the shore or go beach combing. There may even be a chance to follow whales and dolphin feeding in the calm bay. Mermaid I will overnight at this peaceful place, diving at one of the many fabulous spots for your night dive.

dives

3**DAY 6**

More world class dives today as you relax in Horseshoe Bay at Rinca Island. The Yellow Wall of Texas is absolutely stunning, a wall covered with enormous yellow soft corals. Go slowly along the wall looking for unique creatures but don't forget to look out into the blue to see what might be passing by. Maybe you might drop down a bit deeper to check if the tiny yellow pygmy seahorses are on the giant gorgonians at depth. Nusa Kode offers more walls and critters coupled with white tip reef sharks. Torpedo Alley is famous for its "electric" rays and perhaps one of the best night dives of your life for critter lovers.

dives

4**DAY 7**

Today you'll head on over to Manta Alley to watch in awe as these magnificent creatures feed, play and get cleaned at the many cleaning stations. In the afternoon, you can do some more big fish dives at Loh Serah, Tatawa Kecil or the infamous "Current City" Batu Bolong. Come face to face with reef sharks, turtles, Napoleon wrasse and more. Many good night dives around here – Gili Darat is great for sleeping turtles, colourful reef stonefish, Spanish dancers – calm sea – a good place to sleep.

dives

4**DAY 8**

The diving around Gili Lawa Laut, Tatawa Kecil, Gili Darat is so awesome you will all want more so today, you will do 2 – 3 dives here. Then you'll head off for a night dive at either Gili Banta or maybe Batu Putih in Sumbawa – both interesting sites. Overnight, Mermaid I will cruise back to Satonda and Sumbawa.

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DAY 9

You will enjoy two dives around Sumbawa and Moyo Islands – a chance to shoot anything you missed at the beginning of the trip. Then the crew wash your equipment for you while you relax on the sundeck or download your pictures, enjoying our trip video as well just before dinner with all your new friends.

dives

2**DAY 10**

After breakfast, departure transfer at 8:30 am.

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TOTAL DIVES : 28