



Indonesia  
Komodo Kayaker

# PIONEER EXPEDITIONS



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## Itinerary

## Indonesia • Komodo Kayaker

**10 Days • 9 Nights**

Actual Kayaking – 5 days

Bali – Labuan Bajo – Bedadhari – Seture Island – Pungu Kecil – Kelor – Kukusan – Gado – Warloka – Kaaba – Manta Point – Sebayor Kecil – Kanawa – Labuan Bajo – Wulang Waterfalls – Labuan Bajo – Bali

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the world renowned Komodo Park and Rinca Island
- See the largest lizard on the planet
- Paddle among some of the most remote islands in Indonesia
- Snorkel amongst pristine coral and schools of fish

### TOUR ESSENTIALS

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| Tour Style       | Kayaking Adventure                 |
| Tour Start       | Bali                               |
| Tour End         | Bali                               |
| Accommodation    | Hotel, Eco Lodge, Safari Tent      |
| Included Meals   | 8 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 4 Dinners |
| Difficulty Level | Moderate                           |

We will paddle our sea kayaks to some of the most remote beaches on earth, drift over coral reefs and visit islands inhabited by mythical Dragons. We will be visiting the remote province of Nusa Tenggara and the islands of Flores, Rinca, as well as uninhabited islands in the Komodo National Park. This is a truly unique expedition to a fascinating destination.

# Overview

For those who crave adventure and remote places, who crave cultural immersion and like being in the outdoors, who love a physical challenge but also cherish quiet times of relaxation, then our Kayaking Komodo expedition is for you. We will be visiting the remote province of Nusa Tenggara and the islands of Flores, Rinca and dozens of uninhabited islands. You will be escorted around the Komodo National Park by one of our well trained kayaking guides who not only will give you pointers on how to kayak but also inform you on what you are experiencing on the trip.

Our objective is to visit the home of the mighty Komodo Dragon. The Komodo Dragon's sheer size and power is unbelievable growing more than 3 metres in length and weighing over 150kg. Although they plod along at a leisurely pace, do not be fooled, when called for, the Dragon can run up to 30 kilometers an hour and strike at lightning speed. We will be visiting uninhabited islands, snorkeling in crystal clear water above pristine coral. We will visit caves and islands packed with flying fox as well as remote communities that live off the sea. Our nights will be spent beneath the stars on some uninhabited island.

The Kayaks used are double Komodo Sea Kayaks considered one of the best double kayaks in the world.

The Komodo Kayaking Expedition is a fascinating journey to one of Indonesia's remoter parts. It is a journey into the past, when dinosaurs roamed the earth.

# Itinerary



## DAY 1: ARRIVAL BALI

Arrive in Bali and transfer to your hotel.

*Overnight Hotel*

## DAY 2: FLY BALI TO LABUAN BAJO. ARRIVE AT KOMODO LABUAN BAJO AIRPORT (B)

You will be met at the airport by one of our team members and taken to Bajo Komodo Eco Lodge. This afternoon you will meet with your Guide and then head off for an introduction paddle along the river while enjoying the flora and fauna.

*Overnight in Hotel.*



### DAY 3: LABUAN BAJO - BEDADHARI - SETURE ISLAND (B,L,D)

Today we start our adventure. After the safety briefing at Puri Sari beach, we head off to Bedadhari Island for a bit of snorkelling and lunch. After lunch we are off to visit the spectacular site of Goa Rangko cave. Goa Rangko is a grotto with an amazing clear lake seamed by stalactites and stalagmites. After Goa Rangko we will sail back to Seture. Overnight in Safari style tents on Seture beach.

*Overnight Safari Tents.*

### DAY 4: SETURE - PUNGU KECIL - KELOR (B,L,D)

After breakfast we start our paddle to Pungu Pearl farm to check out how to source these beautiful products of the sea. Then off to Menjerite for lunch and some snorkelling. We will reach Kelor in the afternoon. Kelor has a beautiful beach surrounded by crystal clear water and a small hill which is perfect to climb to watch the sunset over the Komodo National Park. Overnight in Safari Tents on Kelor.

*Overnight Safari Tents.*

### DAY 5: KELOR- KUKUSAN - GADO - WARLOKA - KAABA (B,L,D)

After a bit of snorkelling just off the beach of Kelor and breakfast we start paddling to Kukusan, a local village. If school is in we will visit the school and students. Our next leg is to Gado with its' wonderful mangroves and snorkelling in a spot with giant table corals and more. Hopefully one of the resident turtles might say hello.

In the afternoon we have the option of paddling or boating to the fishing village on Rinca to have a stroll. Used to be living with the Dragons in their neighbourhood, the village is now protected by a high fence around the village to keep the beasts out. This will be followed by a sunset boat ride to a small mangrove island (Kaaba), inhabited by bats. This is a great sight enjoyed from our top deck with thousands of bats flying into the night sky for their evening meal. Overnight in cabin on support boat in the park.

*Overnight Support Boat.*

### DAY 6: RINCA - MANTA POINT - SEBAYOR KECIL (B,L,D)

Early morning we will rise and boat to the Rinca Ranger's Office to look for Komodo Dragons. Rinca (pronounced Rin - cha) is the best place in the park to see the Dragons as their numbers and density are larger there. We will be shown around the park by a trained Ranger who will explain the eco-system, the Dragon's habits, the life of other inhabitants on the island such as the Macaque, Buffalo, Deer, Tree snakes etc.



After a drink at the Ranger's Cafe' we will start heading west to Manta Point to hopefully snorkel with these gracious animals. After lunch we will then start our paddle towards Sebayor Kecil to set up our last beach camp for the trip. Sebayor Kecil has a beautiful beach and some great coral reefs and fish population so a spot of snorkelling the next morning is encouraged.

*Overnight Safari Tents.*

## **DAY 7: SEBAYOR KECIL - KANAWA - LABUAN BAJO (B,L,D)**

After enjoying the reef just off the beach we make our way towards Kanawa through some Mangroves before we hit an open stretch. We will stop in Kanawa for lunch and more snorkelling before we boat or paddle back to Labuan Bajo. For those taking up the SCUBA Diving option, this is the day that you can SCUBA Dive at some of the best sites in the Komodo National Park. Sites change due to weather and water conditions, as well fish conditions such as Batu Bolong. The SCUBA Boat will pick you up for 2 dives and then drop you back to the hotel in the late afternoon (lunch provided).

*Overnight Hotel.*

## **DAY 8: LABUAN BAJO - CUNCA WULANG WATERFALLS - LABUAN BAJO (B)**

Today we head out for a day at the Cunca Wulang Waterfalls. The falls are just beyond a beautiful traditional village. The hike there and back is picturesque and we will have a chance to chat to the locals along the way. The falls are spectacular with an enormous fall at one end of a large canyon, which has been carved by the falls themselves. We will be able to swim in the beautifully cool waters all the way to the fall's base.

*Overnight at Hotel.*

## **DAY 9: LABUAN BAJO - BALI (B)**

We will have a bit of free time before we fly back to Bali today. We can have a swim at the Eco- Lodge pool, go into town and walk around the harbor, or just relax on the sprawling veranda overlooking the sea. You will be met at Bali airport by the hotel and taken there. You can either stay the night at the hotel or fly out to your next destination later that evening. Either way you will have a room available to yourselves.

*Overnight at Hotel.*

## **DAY 10: END OF THE ADVENTURE**

End of your amazing adventure. You can now fly home or extend your stay in Indonesia.

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## OPTIONAL BEACH EXTENSION

### DAY 9: LABUAN BAJO - BALI (B)

We will have a bit of free time before we fly back to Bali today. We can have a swim at the Eco- Lodge pool, go into town and walk around the harbour, or just relax on the sprawling veranda overlooking the sea. You will be met at Bali airport by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Amed.

*Overnight at Hotel.*

### DAY 10 & 11: LEISURE DAY (B)

Day at leisure - Amed.

### DAY 12: (B)

Morning at leisure – afternoon transfer to Denpasar.

*Overnight at Hotel.*

### DAY 13: END OF THE ADVENTURE

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# What our clients have said

*"It was a magic holiday, an experience we will never forget. Everybody really enjoyed it and we would definitely recommend it to non-kayakers as well as kayakers. The snorkeling is simply the best I've ever seen."*

-Dunning Family

*"The trip was fantastic, everybody had a brilliant time. The crew were all brilliant. The second boat was a bit "rustic" but that didn't bother us. We will definitely be looking for a similar trip in Indo next year!"*

-S. L. Davies

*"Thank you for organising a great holiday for us. We had an excellent time and all went well - Thanks once again and hopefully we will get a chance to travel with you again in the future."*

- I. Watt

*"I've recently returned from a wonderful holiday on your Komodo dragon expedition. It was a fantastic experience and myself and my boyfriend Arthur thoroughly enjoyed it".*

-N. Collins

*"Some wonderful memories, I would not hesitate to recommend it to a friend"*

-S. Bosworth

*"Beautiful snorkeling, great beaches, wildlife. The trip leader was absolutely brilliant, he was a mine of information about local fauna and flora and customs."*

-L. Kalton

# Important Information

## INCLUDED

- 🌿 Kayak use with all safety gear including vest, paddle etc
- 🌿 2 nights accommodation in Bali twin share
- 🌿 3 nights accommodation in Labuan Bajo twin share
- 🌿 3 nights camping
- 🌿 1 night accommodation in our support boat. Note: Cabins are shared by group members of the same gender and we might not be able to accommodate couples in the same room that night
- 🌿 All domestic flights
- 🌿 National park fees
- 🌿 Professional guide throughout expedition
- 🌿 Tour to Cunca Wulang Waterfalls
- 🌿 Labuan Bajo Town Tour
- 🌿 Airport transfers
- 🌿 Ranger and local guide fees
- 🌿 All meals on expedition (9 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches and 4 Dinners)
- 🌿 Toilet tent
- 🌿 Airport transfers to and from accommodation in Bali (Holiday Inn) and Flores (Bajo Komodo Eco Lodge).

## NOT INCLUDED

- International Airfares
- Airport Tax
- Travel Insurance for your trip
- Still and movie camera fees in the Komodo National Park
- Tips
- Alcoholic beverages

# Additional Information

## ACTIVITY DURATION

### SEASON

This expedition is open between March and December.

### BEST TIME TO GO

The best time of year for these expeditions is March to October as these are the driest and usually the most settled months.

### GROUP SIZE

2 – 10 PAX

### EXPEDITION SCHEDULE

Check out our website or email us for a list of our scheduled departures and prices.

### DIFFICULTY LEVEL

Our grades have been designated based on our perception of the degree of physical activity you are likely to require to enjoy the adventure. These are only a guideline. This itinerary has a 'Medium' to 'Difficult' level (2-7 hours per day). This means that you will need an average level of fitness but some specific training may be required.