

# PONEER EXPEDITIONS











## **ITINERARY**

## Komodo • Kayaking Adventure

10 DAYS • 9 NIGHTS **Actual Kayaking- 5 days** 

Bali/Jakarta - Labuan Bajo - Bedadhari - Seture Island -Pungu Kecil – Pungu Island – Kukusan – Gado – Warloka - Kaaba - Manta Point - Sebayor Kecil - Kanawa -Labuan Bajo - Tado Village - Labuan Bajo - Bali/Jakarta

### **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

Tour Style **Kayaking Adventure** 

**Tour Start** Bali/Jakarta

Tour End Bali/Jakarta

Accommodation Hotel, Eco Lodge, Safari

Tent

Included Meals 8 Breakfasts, 5

Lunches, 4 Dinners

**Difficulty Level** Moderate

#### **INDONESIA • KOMODO KAYAKING**



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 Tengarra 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.

# KOMODO an 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 Tengarra 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.

## WHY PIONEER EXPEDITIONS?

Pioneer Expeditions are one of the few specialists that really *do* off the beaten track and unique adventures. The team have a real passion for wildlife and adventure travel which we love to share with our clients. We delight in searching the world for new destinations, new experiences and creating the most incredible adventures.

We like to introduce our clients to unique, the different, and the incredible. Whether it is through wildlife tracking, sea kayaking, snorkelling, trekking, rafting, cycling or observing wildlife in its natural environment, we want to give you the real Pioneer experience.

From the moment you choose to travel with Pioneer Expeditions until you return back home, you are supported by our dedicated team. We listen to what you want and can create an itinerary around your specific needs, working with your budget and with a commitment to responsible travel. Alternatively, our small group tours have a maximum of 12 people, making it a much more personal experience.

## ITINERARY





#### **DAY 1: ARRIVAL BALI/ JAKARTA**

Arrive in Bali/Jakarta and transfer to your hotel.

Overnight Hotel



Overnight: **Hotel** 



Meals: **N/A** 



Distance: **1Hour** 



Activities: **Travel** 

#### DAY 2: FLY BALI/JAKARTA TO LABUAN BAJO. ARRIVE AT KOMODO LABUAN BAJO AIRPORT

You will be met at the airport by one of our team members and taken to your hotel. 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.



Overnight:



Meals:



Distance: **2-3 Hours** 



Activities: **Kayaking** 

#### DAY 3: LABUAN BAJO - BEDADHARI - SETURE ISLAND

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.



Overnight:
Safari Tents



Meals: **B, L, D** 



Distance: **3Hours** 



Activities: **Kayaking** 

#### **DAY 4: SETURE - PUNGU KECIL - PUNGU ISLAND**

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 then paddle to Pungu Island, where we will stay overnight in Safari Tents.

Overnight Safari Tents.



Overnight: Safari Tents



Meals: **B, L, D** 



Distance: **2Hours** 



Activities: **Kayaking** 

#### DAY 5: Pungu Island- KUKUSAN - GADO - WARLOKA - KAABA

After a bit of snorkelling just off the beach of Pungu Island 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 snorkeling 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 in Support Boat.



Overnight:
Support
Boat



Meals: **B, L, D** 



Distance: 1Hour



Activities: **Kayaking** 

#### DAY 6: RINCA - MANTA POINT - REMOTE SIDE OF SEBAYOR KECIL

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 the more remote side of Sebayor Kecil to set up our last beach camp for the trip. The remote side of Sebayor Kecil has a beautiful beach and some great coral reefs and fish population so a spot of snorkeling the next morning is encouraged.



Overnight Safari Tents.



Overnight: **Safari Tent** 



Meals: **B, L, D** 



Distance: **2Hours** 



Activities: **Kayaking** 

#### DAY 7: SEBAYOR KECIL - KANAWA - LABUAN BAJO

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.



Overnight: Hotel



Meals: **B. L** 



Distance: **1hour** 



Activities: **Snorkelling** 

#### DAY 8: LABUAN BAJO – TADO VILLAGE - LABUAN BAJO

Today we will visit local village, Tado Village, where you will have a tour, observe (or participate, if you want) in traditional mat weaving and clay pan making activities, as well as hiking to the see the spider rice fields.

Overnight at Hotel.



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Meals:







Activities: **Exploring** 

#### DAY 9: LABUAN BAJO - BALI/JAKARTA

We will have a bit of free time before we fly back to Bali/Jakarta 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/Jakarta 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.



Overnight: **Hotel** 



Meals:



Distance: **N/A** 



Activities: Free Time

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

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



Overnight:



Meals:



Distance: **Varies** 



Activities: **Travel** 

## EXTENSIONS

#### **OPTIONAL: BEACH EXTENSION**

#### DAY 9: LABUAN BAJO - BALI/JAKARTA

We will have a bit of free time before we fly back to Bali/Jakarta 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/Jakarta airport by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Amed.

Overnight at Hotel.



Overnight: **Hotel** 



Meals:



Distance: **3 Hours** 



Activities:

Free time and Transfer

#### **DAY 10 & 11: LEISURE DAYS**

Day at Leisure- Amed.

Overnight at Hotel.



Overnight: **Hotel** 



Meals:



Distance: **N/A** 



Activities: Free Time



#### **DAY 12: LEISURE AND TRANSFER**

Morning at leisure – afternoon transfer to Denpasar.

Overnight at Hotel.



Overnight: **Hotel** 



Meals:



Distance: **2-3 hour drive** 



Activities: **Travel** 

#### **DAY 13: END OF THE ADVENTURE**

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



Overnight:



Meals: **N/A** 



Distance: **Varies** 



Activities: **Travel** 

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **INCLUDED**

- Kayaks and all safety gear including vest, paddle etc.
- 2 nights accommodation in Bali/Jakarta twin share
- 3 nights accommodation in Labuan Bajo
- 3 nights camping
- I 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 internal flights
- S National park fees
- Professional guide throughout expedition
- S Labuan Bajo Town Tour
- Ranger and local guide fees
- All meals on expedition (9 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches and 4 Dinners)
- Airport transfers to and from accommodation in Bali/Jakarta (Holiday Inn) and Flores (Bajo Komodo Eco Lodge).

#### **NOT INCLUDED**

- Airport Tax
- Travel insurance for your trip
- Still and movie camera fees in the Komodo National Park
- Alcoholic Beverages
- International flights
- Tips



## 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

"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

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

-S. Bosworth

"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

"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

"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

# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

ACTIVITY DURATION BEST TIME TO GO

**GROUP SIZE** 

SINGLE TRAVEL POLICY

This expedition is open between March and December.

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

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Many of our guests travel on their own. This style of trip is ideal for single travellers, combining the benefits of group camaraderie and group security with lots of individual flexibility for what you want to do each day. Single supplement options vary by trip style. Standard trip pricing is based on double occupancy. Solo guests can request either to share twin accommodations with another traveller, or request single accommodations for an additional fee. If you are willing to share and we are able to match you up - no problem and no extra cost.



If we cannot match you up then we have a £75 supplement fee. This fee will be applied at the time of booking, but will be reimbursed just before your departure if we are able to match you up.

Should you prefer private accommodations, we can provide you with your own room and extra charges apply.

**Note**: The number of single rooms available on most departures is limited and may not be available at each location. If we are not able to provide you with your own room throughout the trip, we will pro-rate the supplement fee.

**EXPEDITION SCHEDULE** 

Regular weekly scheduled departures. Dates as per website

**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 level (2-7 hours per day). his means that you will need an average level of fitness but some specific training may be required.

## THE PIONEER BOOKING PROCESS

Where do you go from here? Well, you can feel free to email us at <a href="mailto:info@pioneerexpeditions.com">info@pioneerexpeditions.com</a> if you're interested in this trip, or any of our other expeditions from around the world. Visit our website <a href="mailto:www.pioneerexpeditions.com">www.pioneerexpeditions.com</a> to unearth all of our other equally amazing trips and destinations.

#### 1. Contact us -

We will be happy to answer any questions or enquiries you may have. From here we will begin to plan and put together your dream adventure holiday! Alternatively, on our website you will find our booking and enquiry forms; once filled in, we will be notified of your enquiry and will get back to you ASAP.

#### 2. Leave everything to us -

Everything will be arranged and booked by us, but we will make sure to keep you updated every step of the way. In addition, we can arrange your international flights if needed, as we have access to competitive airfares. We can also arrange any additional tours or additional night's accommodation.

#### 3. Wait for your adventure to begin -

Sit back and count down the days until your trip of a lifetime with Pioneer Expeditions. We'll handle all of the last minute preparations and provide you with everything you need. All practical information will be sent out to you, prior to your trip.

If you feel like altering this itinerary to suit your personal preferences, we can arrange all of that and more – just get in contact with us and let us know you requirements and wishes. From here, we can simply tailor-make your dream holiday.

