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Family Indonesian Highlights
14 days

Indonesia - Trip code FKM



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Experience the best of Indonesia as we showcase the islands of Flores, Komodo, Bali and Lombok on this family adventure of a lifetime. Travel through paddy fields, dramatic volcanoes, and thick tropical jungle, stopping to walk through ancient tribal villages that have kept their traditions over thousands of years. Board a boat for three days on the waters off the Komodo archipelago to search for the infamous Komodo dragon, the world's largest species of lizard, brought to a global audience by Sir David Attenborough. End with time to relax on the golden sand beaches of Lombok.

Trip highlights

ACCOMMODATION GRADE:

Standard

Our standard, mid-range accommodation offers a good level of service, often with other amenities such as a restaurant, bar, garden or swimming pool. Generally rooms will be comfortable with en suite facilities.

TRIP PACE:

Full on

Full on paced trips are for travellers who like their holidays packed with activities and experiences, moving on quickly from place to place with lots of early starts and long, busy days. Some may find them tiring, but others get a buzz from packing their precious holiday-time as chock-a-block full of new experiences as possible!

GROUP SIZE:**10 - 16**

Maximum group size ranges from between 6 to 20 people, depending on the type of trip, the transport and accommodation used and activities included. We rarely have groups that are smaller than five or six people and the average is 12 people plus an Explore leader.

Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

DAY 1 - Trip starts in Bali.

Arrive in Denpasar. Transfer to Seminyak, home to some of the best beaches in Bali. The rest of the day is free to unwind after your journey, heading to the beach opposite the hotel or taking a dip in the pool.



Accommodation: Puri Saron Seminyak (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Meals Provided: None

DAY 2 - Full day free for optional excursions - try a surf lesson or explore the island.

Today is a free day in Seminyak to take it easy after your flight. Head to the expansive beach on the Indian Ocean directly opposite the hotel, relax by the swimming pool or choose from a number of optional activities. A favourite activity is learning to surf, including three hours of tuition and practice, a fantastic start to the holiday! Alternatively for something a little more cultural, there are full day tours of the island, combining beautiful landscapes and Buddhist temples.



Accommodation: Puri Saron Seminyak (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 3 - Fly to Flores. Drive to Moni a small settlement at the foot of Mt Kelimutu.

After breakfast head to Denpasar Airport for a short flight to Ende on the island of Flores. On arrival head towards Moni, stopping to get our first taste of rural life in Saga, one of the few villages in the Lio district with houses built in traditional Lio style with distinctive high pitched thatched roofs, stretch our legs and take a stroll around the village. We then continue for a further two hours through a striking landscapes of rice fields, coffee plantations and olive trees passing several village outposts along the way climbing steadily entering a mountainous region. Our destination is Moni, a small settlement at the foot of the volcanic Mount

Kelimutu (1,639 metres), an ideal base to explore its striking coloured lakes.



Accommodation: Kelimutu Eco Lodge (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 4 - Hike to a sunrise viewing point of Mt Kelimutu. Scenic drive along jungle covered hills to Bajawa.

An early start today as we make our way to the base of Kelimutu volcano, climbing to the summit for an unforgettable sunrise panorama. The walk takes around 45 minutes over a series of steps interspersed with flatter sections, the final 10-15 minutes covers 127 relatively steep steps. Our reward at the summit, on a clear day, is the view of three crater lakes, a spectacular sight. The westernmost lake is named Tiwu ata Mbupu (Lake of Old People) which is usually blue, the other two lakes are named Tiwu Nuwa Muri Koo Fai (Lake of Young Men and Maidens) and Tiwu Ata Polo (Bewitched or Enchanted Lake), which are green or red or even black respectively. The most outstanding feature of these lakes is their differing colours, depending on the changing mineral content of the water at any given time. You may see a turquoise lake next to a black one! It is of no surprise that this area of stunning and unusual natural beauty was once an important place for spiritual rituals. After some time to enjoy this beautiful place we make the journey back down off the volcano and continue our journey to Bajawa, The scenery along the way is spectacular, initially descending back to Ende here we join the coastal road driving past beaches including a striking green stone beach, before winding our way back uphill, surrounded by lush jungle covered slopes with a backdrop of volcanoes in the distance. Bajawa is the spiritual heartland of the Ngada tribal people, who are made up from five tribal groups living in the surrounding area, each with their own customs, language, beliefs and traditional dress.



Accommodation: Sanian Hotel Bajawa (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 5 - Tea in a tribal village, 4WD into the island interior, traditional welcoming ceremony, homestay.

Bajawa is a very traditional village where ancestor worshipping plays an important role in local life. After breakfast take a walk around the village. The setting is serene, rolling hills dotted by bamboo-forest; with fields of vanilla, cashew nuts, coffee, cocoa and papaya, offering stunning views over the south coast of Flores. Join our hosts for tea inside their home, with our Explore leader on hand to explain about the customs of the Ngada people. After lunch in Bajawa, we drive to the isolated village of Belargahi, as we get progressively off the beaten track we swap our bus for a 4WD truck to make the remainder of the journey deep into the island interior. To the Belaragi people, visitors from abroad are guests traditionally welcomed with a ceremony called ti'Ikaebunusi, which translates as 'give food to the ancestors'. A bamboo flute 'sulung' concert & dance performance makes the visit complete. Children in the village are always eager to practice their English and it's not unknown for an impromptu game of football to take place in the area separating the two rows of houses. The community will invite you and your family for the night for a truly unique experience staying in a simple guesthouse.



Accommodation: Belaraghi Village Homestay (or similar)



Simple Homestay



Meals Provided: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 6 - Drive through majestic landscapes to Ruteng, market visit.

After breakfast we bid farewell to our hosts, starting the day with a one hour walk to our vehicle. Drive to Ruteng, the capital of Manggarai area. En route stop at Aimere to sample the highly popular local drink called arak, produced by the distillation of locally produced palm wine. Continue through central Flores making our way through ever changing landscapes, passing dense jungle, active volcanoes and rice fields as we make our way west across the island. Finally we reach our destination of Ruteng. Situated at 1170 metres above sea level, the air is noticeably cooler, a welcome relief from the humidity of the lowlands; there is time this afternoon to visit the local craft markets.



Accommodation: Santa Maria Berduka (or similar)



Simple Hotel



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 7 - Take a stroll around the villages and picturesque Lingko rice fields. Continue to the fishing town of Labuan Bajo.

The countryside around Ruteng is amongst the most fertile on Flores, home to the impressive Lingko fields. With their round, spider-web structure, these pieces of land are generally used to grow rice. Land is owned by the community and has been divided up over time in accordance with traditions dating back many hundreds of years. Families with a higher status got larger segments of each field leading to this striking design. Descend to Labuan Bajo, one of the greenest parts of Flores. Labuan Bajo is a fishing town located at the western end of Flores and the main starting point for trips to Komodo Island and Rinca Island, home to the famous Komodo dragons.



Accommodation: Puri Sari Beach Hotel (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Meals Provided: Breakfast


DAY 8 - Embark on a three day cruise to Komodo and Rinca island in search of Komodo Dragons.

This morning make our way to the harbour to board our home for the next three days. Setting sail, our first stop is Rinca Island where we meet with the national park's rangers, who lead us carefully along a trail into Komodo dragon territory. Komodo dragons, known locally as 'ora', are highly dangerous giant lizards reaching up to lengths of over 3.5 metres and weighing up to 150 kilos, more usually though they are around 2.5 metres in length. Hidden in the undergrowth the Komodo dragons wait patiently for their prey, such as deer and water buffalo - which we are likely to see in the national park - and when the time is right they ambush their victim and bite into them releasing a toxic venom from glands within their lower jaw causing a slow death. We walk for around two hours across a relatively flat terrain covering around 5km. Komodo dragons are likely to be seen in greater numbers after the mating season which takes place between May and August. Heading back to our boat we continue sailing around the archipelago, along the way there is ample opportunity for snorkelling, the underwater-world surrounding the islets present magical snorkelling experiences. The easterly islands of Indonesia mark the boundary known as the 'Wallace Line' where Asian fauna finally gives way to Australasian wildlife. Look out for some of the region's colourful birds including Green Junglefowl and the endangered Yellow-crested Cockatoo. We overnight on board near to an island of dense mangrove forest inhabited with flying foxes; spend time watching these animals leave their habitat by the hundreds in search of food. As darkness falls, far from the light pollution that blights so much of the world, spend the evening on deck having dinner enjoying stunning views of the night skies with the sounds of nocturnal wildlife all around. Our boat features simple family accommodation, facilities include two toilets and a salt water shower, with a limited amount of fresh water for bathing. You may choose to sleep on deck under the stars as we anchor for the night. All meals are prepared by our cook from fresh ingredients.



Accommodation: Overnight Boat: Bintang Laut - Komodo National Park (or similar)

 Simple Boat

 Meals Provided: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner


DAY 9 - Boat cruise in the Komodo archipelago, beachcombing and snorkelling.

This morning we make our way to Komodo Island itself where we take another safari walk with national park rangers to spot Komodo dragons, the largest species of lizard in the world, and learn a little more about these imposing beasts. There are thought to be over 2000 Komodo dragons on the island as well as buffalo, deer and wild boar. We return on board to sail to Pantai Merah on the other side of Komodo Island, known for the pink tinge on the coastline. The pink colour is due to old bits of coral being broken down in the sea and blending with the white sand, the closer we get to the beach the more vibrant the pink becomes. We have time to go snorkelling with good chances of seeing clownfish, parrotfish and with a bit of luck sea turtles. Continue sailing enjoying a further nights dining under the stars, overnighting on board in the bay of Rinca.



Accommodation: Overnight Boat: Bintang Laut - Komodo National Park (or similar)

 Simple Boat

 Meals Provided: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner


DAY 10 - Boat cruise in the Komodo archipelago in search of Komodo dragons.

For those who wish, we will get up before the crack of dawn in order to head to a viewpoint on Rinca Island for panoramic views and see the sunrise. Rinca is less visited than its neighbour Komodo, remaining one of the very few places left in the world where you can find these ancient animals. Spend the last morning in the Komodo archipelago in search of these majestic lizards before heading back to our boat for lunch. This afternoon we have time for a final snorkel before sailing back to Labuan Bajo where we say a fond farewell to our crew, disembark and head to our hotel for the night.



Accommodation: Puri Sari Beach Hotel (or similar)

 Standard Hotel

 Meals Provided: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 11 - Fly to Lombok. Drive to Tetebatu, a small village on the slopes of the mighty Rinjani volcano.

After breakfast head to Bandara Komodo airport to catch a short flight to Lombok. On arrival at Lombok Airport drive to Tetebatu, a small village on the lower slopes of the mighty Rinjani volcano (3700 metres high). Beautiful situated between rice and tobacco fields it's a popular starting point for spectacular walks. The rest of the day is free to relax by the hotel pool or take a stroll to one of the many waterfalls or markets in the area.



Accommodation: Tetebatu Mountain Resort (or similar)

 Standard Hotel

 Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 12 - Walk through terraces and bamboo groves, home-cooked lunch, drive to Senggigi beach.

This morning we take a walk following old pathways through shady bamboo groves and village gardens before entering a wide, open landscape of rice terraces and palms ending in the small village of Kampong. Here we meet our driver and drive to Pringgasela where we are treated to a home cooked lunch. Lombok is a melting pot of cultures and this is reflected in the styles of food available, Sata pusut is a delicious local satay often served with meats and coconut pressed onto skewers and grilled over the roaring fire. Lemper is also popular, comprising of small parcels of sticky rice filled with shredded beef or chicken and wrapped in leaves. After lunch we have time to take a walk around the village known for its pottery and weaving, before driving to the coast and the town of Senggigi. Senggigi is a popular destination in West Lombok, with a beach that stretches out along several kilometres. There are many restaurants and bars with live music, alternatively kick back, relax on the beach and take in the beautiful sunset.



Accommodation: Puri Saron Senggigi (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 13 - Free day on the beach

Spend your last full day in Indonesia relaxing on the beach or by the hotel pool.



Accommodation: Puri Saron Senggigi (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Meals Provided: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 14 - Tour ends at Lombok airport. Optional tropical beach extension to the Gili islands.

The trip ends after breakfast at your hotel. Alternately why not extend your trip in the idyllic Gili Islands.

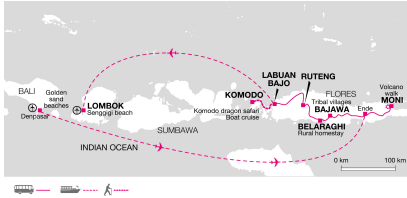


Meals Provided: Breakfast

Family information

Minimum age

11



Why book this trip

This is the perfect trip for families who want to get off the beaten track and experience the diversity of three of Indonesia's many islands. Starting in Bali, we have time to try out a host of optional activities including a surf lesson, mountain biking or take a spiritual temple tour in Ubud. Heading east to the less visited island of Flores experience volcanoes, welcoming homestays, jungle clad hills, wide expanses of white sand beaches and delicious home cooked Indonesian food prepared from local ingredients. A highlight of the trip is the two night live aboard cruise in the Komodo archipelago in search of the infamous Komodo dragon, we visit two separate islands along the way, with ample time for snorkelling. The trip ends in Lombok, famed for its white sand tropical beaches with the option to extend your stay in the Gili Islands. This holiday is perfect for adventurous families who are happy to a night on a boat and enjoys being active. And of course you should see a Komodo Dragon along the way!

What's included?



Included meals

Breakfast: 13
Lunch: 4
Dinner: 3



Transport

Bus
Boat
On Foot



Trip staff

Explore Tour Leader
Boat Crew
Driver(s)



Accommodation

2 nights simple boat
1 nights simple homestay
9 nights standard hotel
1 nights simple hotel

Trip information

Country information

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Climate

Lying on the equator, Indonesia stays hot all year round, with daytime temperatures in the 80's (26°-28°C). Humidity is usually high. The wet seasons are roughly: Java- October to April; Bali- November to May; starting later the further east you travel. Nights are much cooler in the mountains than on the plains. Sea breezes normally keep the coastal strips of the islands from becoming too uncomfortable.

Time difference to GMT

+7

Plugs

2 Pin Round

Religion

Islam, Christian, Hindu

Language

Indonesian (official), numerous regional dialects, Sundanese, Javanese and some English.

Budgeting and packing

Optional activities

Day 2: Bali - Surf lesson. This introductory course covers theory about the basics of surfing, safety essentials, surf awareness, board characteristics, paddling and standing up. You will get to practice these new skills and catch your first small waves. For more confident surfers there are advanced courses available. Lesson starts at 10am and lasts 2.5 hours. IDR 567,000 per person (approx £32) Day 2: Bali - Bike tour of Ubud. Explore the beautiful island of Bali on two wheels. Riding past lush rice terraces, historic temples, villages and breakfast overlooking Mt Batur an active volcano. Full day tour, includes an early pick up from your hotel. IDR 500,000 per person (approx £28), lunch included. Day 2: Southern Bali. Afternoon tour including the Hindu temple complex at Uluwatu and dinner at a beachfront seafood restaurant on Jimbaran Bay. IND 600,000 per person (approx £33), dinner included. Day 2: Bali - further options are available including a cultural tour of East Bali and a dedicated spiritual temple tour, please speak to your Explore leader for full details.

Clothing

The region is tropical (humid) and days can be very hot. Casual clothes are the most practical, whilst tight fitting garments should be avoided. Please bring long skirts, trousers and shirts to cover yourself fully in order to respect local sensibilities and please bear in mind that short shorts are generally unacceptable. If you have a white shirt or blouse please bring it along for the temple experience, but this is not compulsory. Bring some warmer layers for the time spent at higher altitudes. Light rain gear and/or an umbrella is excellent in sticky, tropical conditions. A sunhat is essential as is swimwear. Long trousers and loose tops in light neutral colours are recommended for the Komodo walking safaris.

Footwear

Comfortable walking shoes, trainers and sandals.

Luggage

20kg

Luggage: On tour

One main piece and a daypack. Remember, you are expected to carry your own luggage - so don't overload yourself.

Equipment

Binoculars for wildlife viewing, torch, water bottle, insect repellent, high factor sunscreen (at least factor 15), good quality sunglasses and a lip salve with sun protection. You may also wish to bring your own snorkel and mask for snorkelling off Pink Beach.

Tipping

Explore leader

At your discretion you might also consider tipping your Tour Leader in appreciation of the efficiency and service you receive.

Local crew

Although entirely voluntary, tipping is a recognized part of life in this region of the world. Some local staff look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided. Accordingly you should allow approx. £35 for gratuities for local staff.

International Departure Taxes

Airport taxes for exiting Lombok from the International Airport is Rp 150,000 rupiah for international flights.

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Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Lunch price

£5

Dinner price

£9

Beer price

£1

Water price

£0.5

Foreign Exchange

Local currency

Rupiah (Rp).

Recommended Currency For Exchange

USD, EUR and GBP.

Where To Exchange

Always check rates first. Banks and moneychangers usually have the best rates. Exchange is also possible at airports. Always keep receipts.

ATM Availability

In major towns.

Credit Card Acceptance

In major towns.

Travellers Cheques

Travellers Cheques are accepted but require the purchase receipt. Well known brands and higher denominations are recommended.

Transport, Accommodation & Meals

Transport Information

Bus, Boat, On Foot

Accommodation notes

Booking a Single Room

All of our group tours are planned and operated on a twin-share basis, meaning that the standard cost is based either on individual travellers sharing accommodation with another group member of the same sex, or people who book together sharing accommodation. Please refer to the tour notes where the single room option availability is detailed on a night by night basis for this tour, and the price for the available nights is detailed on the dates & prices tab by departure date. For Self-Guided trips the Single Room supplement offers the option of a single room each and is charged per person. The Single Room supplement also applies to the third person in a party of three that will be accommodated in a single room.

We overnight on our private boat in simple shared accommodation, made up of double and single bunk beds in two mixed-sex cabins. Facilities include two toilets and a salt water shower, with a limited amount of fresh water for bathing. You may choose to sleep on deck under the stars as we anchor for the night. Please also note that due to the remote nature of Bajawa, the region is prone to frequent power cuts. Water here is pump-driven, so on an occasion there is a power cut there may also be no running water.

Essential information

FCO Advice

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice click [here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, click [here](#)

Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

Essential Information

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

Visa Information

Indonesia: British nationals travelling to Indonesia for tourism purposes can enter the country without a visa for up to 30 days at certain ports of entry including international airports in Jakarta, Yogyakarta, Bali, Medan, Surabaya and Batam, and sea ports in Batam and Bintan. If travelling on a free visa you must also exit via one of these approved ports. All passports must have at least 6 months validity remaining after departure from Indonesia

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may consider applying through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See www.travcour.com to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our [Essential Information](#) and [Booking Conditions](#).

Transfers

[Find out more about Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions before you book.](#)

Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer click [here](#)

Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. [Read more about them here.](#)

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

Non refundable permits

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Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, but we recommend protection against malaria, tetanus, infectious hepatitis, typhoid and polio. Consult your travel clinic for latest advice on Malaria and Zika Virus. Please take preventative measures to avoid mosquito bites - these include mosquito repellent as well as long trousers and long sleeve shirts to cover up when necessary. Although not compulsory, travellers may wish to immunise themselves against Japanese encephalitis. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at <http://www.explore.co.uk/Travelhealth/> and from your local healthcare provider.
