

EXPLORE!

Bali and Komodo Seatrek
10 days

Indonesia - Trip code ST

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Join us on an adventure in eastern Indonesia as we cruise between the 'Islands of the Gods' aboard a traditional Indonesian Schooner. Along the way we stop to explore volcanoes, swim in waterfalls and snorkel colourful coral reefs. We will meet traditional local communities and hike inland in search of Komodo dragons, wild horses and other flora and fauna that is unique to this fascinating part of the world.

Trip highlights

- ★ **Komodo** - Encounter Komodo Dragons as they prowl through the wild scrublands of Komodo Island
- ★ **Sumbawa** - Explore remote islands, visit rural villages and snorkel tropical reefs on little-visited Sumbawa
- ★ **Lombok** - Discover volcanoes, swim in waterfall lakes and relax on the beautiful beaches of the Gili Islands.
- ★ **Schooner experience** - Sail aboard a traditional Indonesian schooner, recently refitted to a comfortable standard

ACCOMMODATION GRADE:

Premium

Our premium accommodation is hand-picked and chosen for its character, location or local importance. These properties have excellent facilities and a higher level of comfort and service. They provide the perfect wind down after an active day.

TRIP PACE:

Relaxed

You can enjoy easy-going activities and experiences on these Relaxed pace tours, with opportunities to absorb the sights and immerse yourself in the local surroundings, but still come home feeling relaxed and refreshed.

GROUP SIZE:**8 - 12**

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 - Join trip in Sanur

You will be met at the airport and transferred to the small coastal resort of Sanur, where the rest of the day will be at leisure.



Accommodation: Griya Santrian Hotel (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Single room available



Meals Provided: None

DAY 2 - Fly to Labuan Bajo and join group

This morning is free to explore this area. You may wish to just relax and enjoy the long white beach, or perhaps stroll through the town of Sanur. The off-shore reef is about a kilometre off the beach for those wishing to investigate the clear, warm waters, and Sanur has a number of water sports operators offering a variety of more active pursuits, including windsurfing, kayaks, fishing and diving. Later this morning you will transfer to the airport and fly to Labuan Bajo, on the island of Flores. It is here that you will meet the cruise director and the rest of your fellow passengers when being transferred to our resort. In the evening we have the chance to enjoy sunset drinks at the seaside bar before having dinner together and learning a little more of what the next seven days have in store for us.



Accommodation: Labuan Bajo Resort (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Meals Provided: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 3 - Visit village of Melo, spot the 'sea-gypsies' of Kukusan Island and cruise towards Rinca Island

After a leisurely breakfast we board our traditional schooner and raise anchor, starting our voyage along the beautiful and untouched isles of Eastern Indonesia. We first head for the village of Melo where we meet the local 'strongmen'. Here we witness the performance of the 'Caci', a co-ordinated ritual that involves two rivals whip-fighting, trying to hit each other whilst dancing to the rhythm of traditional instruments. It's a curious sport that the men of western Flores are very proud of, requiring speed, agility, skill and coordination.

This afternoon we visit the island of Kukusan, home to the Bajao people, a group of so-called 'sea gypsies' who build their home on stilts over the sea and that ply their trades fishing and hunting.

This evening we hope to be able to witness the mass-exodus of thousands of flying foxes that travel from the island at dusk to feed on the mainland.

The Katharina and Ombak Putih's galleys are filled with fresh produce, often sourced from local markets and fisherman met along the way. The skilled crew provide a variety of international and local dishes for breakfast, lunch and dinner that cover meat, seafood, vegetarian dishes and kids meals, whilst most dietary requirements can be catered for when notified in advance. Meals can also be made up on request, and can be washed down with a wide selection of complimentary soft drinks, juices or hot beverages. The ships also have fully stocked bars selling domestic beers, a selection of wines and imported spirits.



Accommodation: Aboard Schooner (or similar)



Premium Boat



Meals Provided: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 4 - Explore Rinca Island and search for Komodo Dragons. Snorkel off 'red beach'

Today we visit Rinca Island where we have the opportunity to go on a ranger-led trek in search of the magnificent Komodo dragons. The largest of the monitor lizards, they have been extinct elsewhere since the Jurassic age and almost identical fossilised remains date from the age of dinosaurs. Up to three metres long and weighing up to 150 kilograms; their unique size and bulk results from the lack of any serious competing species or predator. Yet they can move swiftly to hunt and their powerful jaws and sharp claws can easily tear apart wild pig, goat or deer.

As well as these magnificent beasts, Rinca is also home to a healthy population of monkeys, wild buffalos and deer. For those up to the challenge, ascending the hills in the centre of the island affords glorious panoramic views.

After an exhilarating morning in the dry, rugged, Savannah-like environment, we return to our schooner and head to 'red beach', so named due to the particles of red coral mingled into the sand. Here we snorkel along one of the richest reefs in eastern Indonesia, packed with colourful coral and a huge variety of fish. Manta rays can often be spotted here too.



Accommodation: Aboard Schooner (or similar)



Premium Boat



Meals Provided: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 5 - Wake up off-shore of Komodo Island, ranger-led walk searching for Komodo Dragons

We rise early this morning and go-ashore at Loh Liang to meet our park ranger on the world-famous Komodo Island. At only 37km long by 21km wide, Komodo is a

rather desolate place inhabited by just a few fishermen and their outriggers. Walking through the dry and dusty scrub we head to a point from which we may observe the awesome Komodo dragons. We spend around three hours exploring the island looking for dragons before returning aboard and cruising on to Makassar Reef. A huge variety of sea life can usually be observed along the reef, and sightings of manta rays and sea turtles are common. As the day begins to draw to a close we head to Gili Lawa Darat to climb a hill in time for sunset, before returning the beach for an evening's barbeque and bonfire.



Accommodation: Aboard Schooner (or similar)



Premium Boat



Meals Provided: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 6 - Snorkel the tropical waters of Pulau Sangean, relax on the white sands of Banta Island beach

After a leisurely breakfast we arrive on Banta Island for a morning of relaxation on the palm-fringed white sand beaches of the island.

After lunch we continue onto Pulau Sangean. Pulau Sangean is home to an active volcano, meaning the locals only inhabit the island for brief periods, taking advantage of the rich and fertile soil to grow crops and keep their herds of buffaloes, which can often be seen swimming in the sea off of the beaches of the island. This morning we explore Pulau Sangean both on-land and in the waters that surround it, rich with coral and gaseous bubbles escaping from the sea floor below.



Accommodation: Aboard Schooner (or similar)



Premium Boat



Meals Provided: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 7 - Explore the volcanic island of Satonda and its sunken crater lake

There will be a chance this morning to visit the small village of Labuan Aji on the island of Mayo, before walking to Diwu Mba'l waterfall for a refreshing dip in the crystal clear waters. We then continue onto the volcanic island of Satonda.

The island is thought to have witnessed the biggest volcanic eruption in living history when, in 1815 Mount Tambora erupted with such force that it triggered a tsunami. This in turn caused such dramatic changes in the atmosphere that it affected global weather patterns, giving rise to the 'year without summer'. The eruption was four times more powerful than the famous eruption of Mount Krakatoa in 1883, and the ensuing tsunami flooded the crater with seawater, leaving behind a sunken crater lake in the island's centre. We plan to walk to along of the rim of the crater this afternoon, with plenty of opportunity to peer into the mysterious lake below as we learn about some the myths and legends the locals associate with it.



Accommodation: Aboard Schooner (or similar)



Premium Boat



Meals Provided: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 8 - Sail on for the Gili Islands, optional kayaking or paddleboarding

We wake this morning moored off the idyllic coastline of northern Lombok. After breakfast we head ashore and drive into the island's interior to the village of Senaru. Senaru offers a fascinating insight into the rural communities dotted about this part of the island, with their thatched houses, and vegetable gardens packed with veg, fruits and spices. After spending some time meeting the villagers we continue to Sindang Gila, a towering waterfall that cascades water from the jungle-covered rocks some 40 metres above. The walk continues past rice paddies and along irrigation channels to the mosque of Bayan Beleg, the oldest Mosque on the island and perhaps the most curios with its thatched roof and bamboo walls.

After lunch we set off for the popular destination of the Gili Islands. We climb ashore on Gili Air. With its white sandy beaches, beautiful coral reefs and abundance of iridescent tropical fish, the island is a snorkeler's paradise. We have some time here to explore, swim, snorkel and enjoy a few drinks as we watch the sun dip into the ocean on the last night of our cruise.



Accommodation: Aboard Schooner (or similar)



Premium Boat



Meals Provided: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 9 - Last snorkel off Eastern Bali before driving to Sanur

We awake under the gaze of Bali's mighty Mount Agung, clearly visible as we enjoy breakfast moored off the coast of eastern Bali this morning. There is time for one last swim or snorkel in the quiet waters of Amuk Bay before we disembark and make the 90 minute drive south to Sanur. Upon checking into the hotel, the remainder of the day is at leisure.



Accommodation: Griya Santrian Hotel (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Swimming pool available



Single room available



Meals Provided: Breakfast

DAY 10 - Trip ends in Sanur

The trip ends in Sanur this morning after breakfast.



Why book this trip

This trip explores the little-visited eastern Indonesian isles from the comfort of a traditional-style Indonesian schooner. It's a relaxed paced trip with plenty of opportunity for swimming, paddling and snorkelling the rich tropical waters. The focus however, is not just in the ocean, as we plan to explore remote islands on foot, meet traditional communities and witness the unique bird and mammal life found in this region, including of course the legendary Komodo dragon. The trip is suitable for adults and families alike, the minimum age for this trip is 7 years old. Please note this trip is not exclusive to Explore, so the cruise operates with a Cruise Director rather than an Explore Leader, and you may share your voyage with other customers that have not booked through Explore.

What's included?



Included meals

Breakfast: 9
Lunch: 6
Dinner: 7



Transport

Bus
Boat
Flight



Trip staff

Boat Crew
Cook
Expedition Crew
Local Guide(s)



Accommodation

6 nights premium boat
3 nights standard hotel

Trip information

Country information

Indonesia

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

Clothing

Temperatures tend to hover between 27 and 33 degrees so lightweight cotton and linen clothing is recommended. A pair of long trousers or sarong is recommended for the village visits, as are a comfortable pair of walking shoes. Don't forget swimwear, and you may also want to consider a t-shirt or rash-vest for swimming and snorkelling to avoid sunburn on your back and shoulders. A sun hat is essential, and a jumper or lightweight fleece is useful for the cooler and breezy evenings.

Footwear

Comfortable walking shoes, trainers and sandals/flip flops.

Luggage

20kg

Luggage: On tour

One main piece of baggage and a daysac. Remember, you are expected to carry your own luggage and cabin space is limited, so don't overload yourself.

Equipment

Pack a torch, sunglasses, binoculars, insect repellent, and a waterproof bag for your camera. You may wish to bring your own snorkel and mask, although these are provided onboard. High factor sun cream and sunhat is essential, and as the water intensifies the sun's strength, we recommend a minimum of factor 30. Towels are provided on board. You may also wish to pack motion sickness tables/patches if you are particularly sensitive to seasickness, although the waters in this area are generally considered calm.

Tipping

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

Country Information

Indonesia

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

GBP will often get the best rates, EUR and USD are also accepted

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, Flight

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.

Your cruise will be aboard either the Katharina, accommodating 12 passengers, or the Ombak Putih which accommodates 24 passengers. Both ships are traditional Bugis-style Pinisi schooners, built in 1995 in Kalimantan, Indonesia. They have benefited from two major re-fits, the latter in 2014 bringing them up to a comfortable and modern standard. The ships are equipped with the latest navigation and safety equipment, and can power themselves under sail or, more commonly, using their 280Hp 6-cylinder marine engine in order to stick to the planned timescales. Both ships have 3 decks comprising of the cabin deck, the main deck with lounge, bar and crew quarters, and the top deck with a dining area and sun deck. Electricity is available onboard, free tea, coffee, soft drinks, juices and mineral water is provided throughout the cruise, whilst a wide selection of wines, beers and spirits are available for purchase. All meals are included, with a wide variety of cuisine and snacks on offer, and special dietary requirements can be catered for when notified to Explore in advance. The ship carries an array of complimentary snorkelling equipment, 2 sea kayaks and 4 paddle boards all available for the guests use. Cabins onboard are a mix of double and twin-share, with private en-suite facilities. Although cosy, they are finished to a high standard with teak wood furnishings, air-conditioning and in-room safes. Please note as there a limited number of cabins on the boat, we are unable to offer a single room option whilst aboard.

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.

Price Guarantee

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 and Passport 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, Makassar, 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.

You should confirm all visa related questions with the relevant Embassy prior to departure.

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.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity for your chosen destination.

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, Polar, 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. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. 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.

Included activities

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Indonesia

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. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. 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 [Explore Travel Health](#) and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.
