



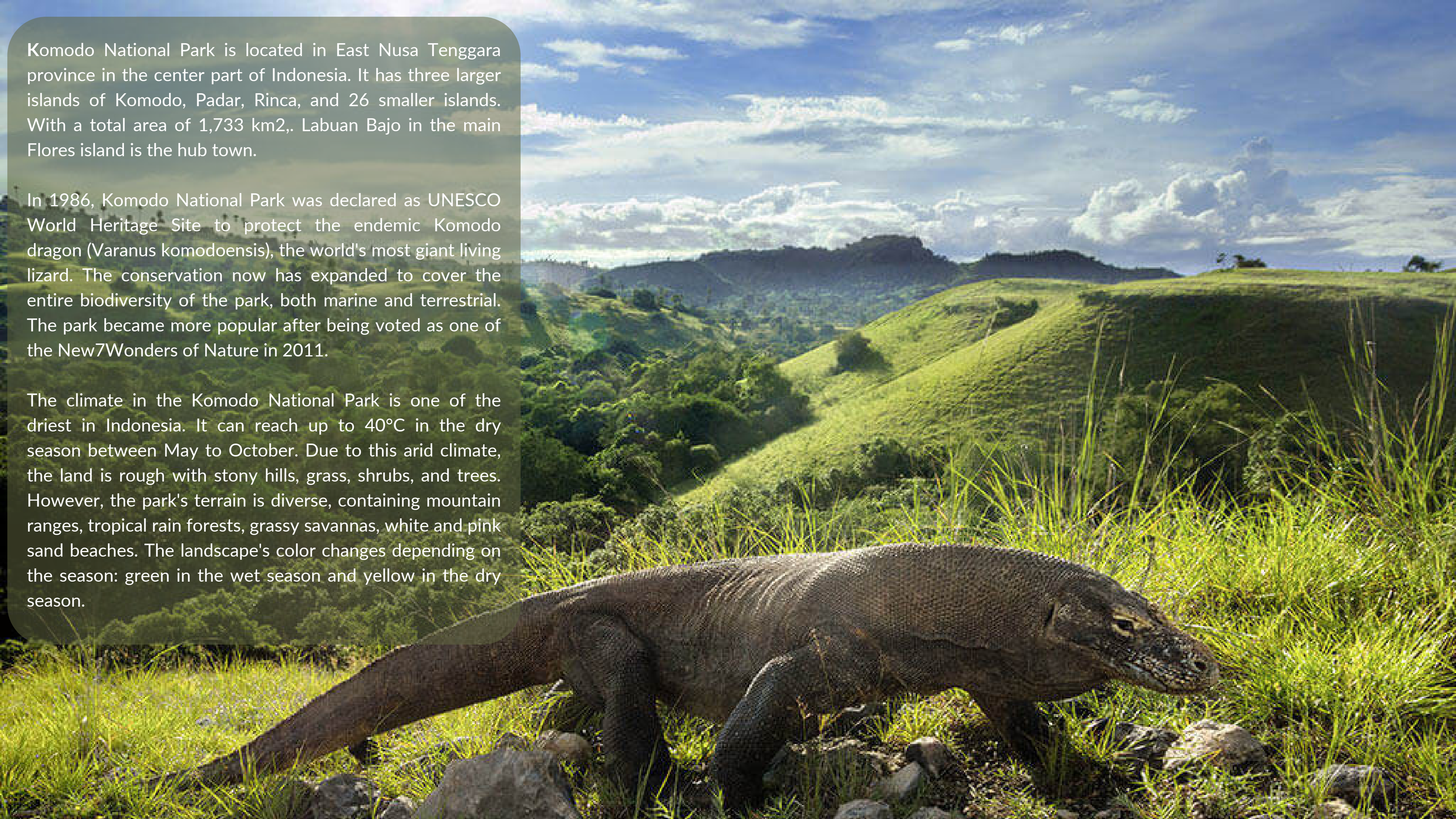
KOMODO

LABUAN BAJO INDONESIA

Komodo National Park is located in East Nusa Tenggara province in the center part of Indonesia. It has three larger islands of Komodo, Padar, Rinca, and 26 smaller islands. With a total area of 1,733 km², Labuan Bajo in the main Flores island is the hub town.

In 1986, Komodo National Park was declared as UNESCO World Heritage Site to protect the endemic Komodo dragon (*Varanus komodoensis*), the world's most giant living lizard. The conservation now has expanded to cover the entire biodiversity of the park, both marine and terrestrial. The park became more popular after being voted as one of the New7Wonders of Nature in 2011.

The climate in the Komodo National Park is one of the driest in Indonesia. It can reach up to 40°C in the dry season between May to October. Due to this arid climate, the land is rough with stony hills, grass, shrubs, and trees. However, the park's terrain is diverse, containing mountain ranges, tropical rain forests, grassy savannas, white and pink sand beaches. The landscape's color changes depending on the season: green in the wet season and yellow in the dry season.

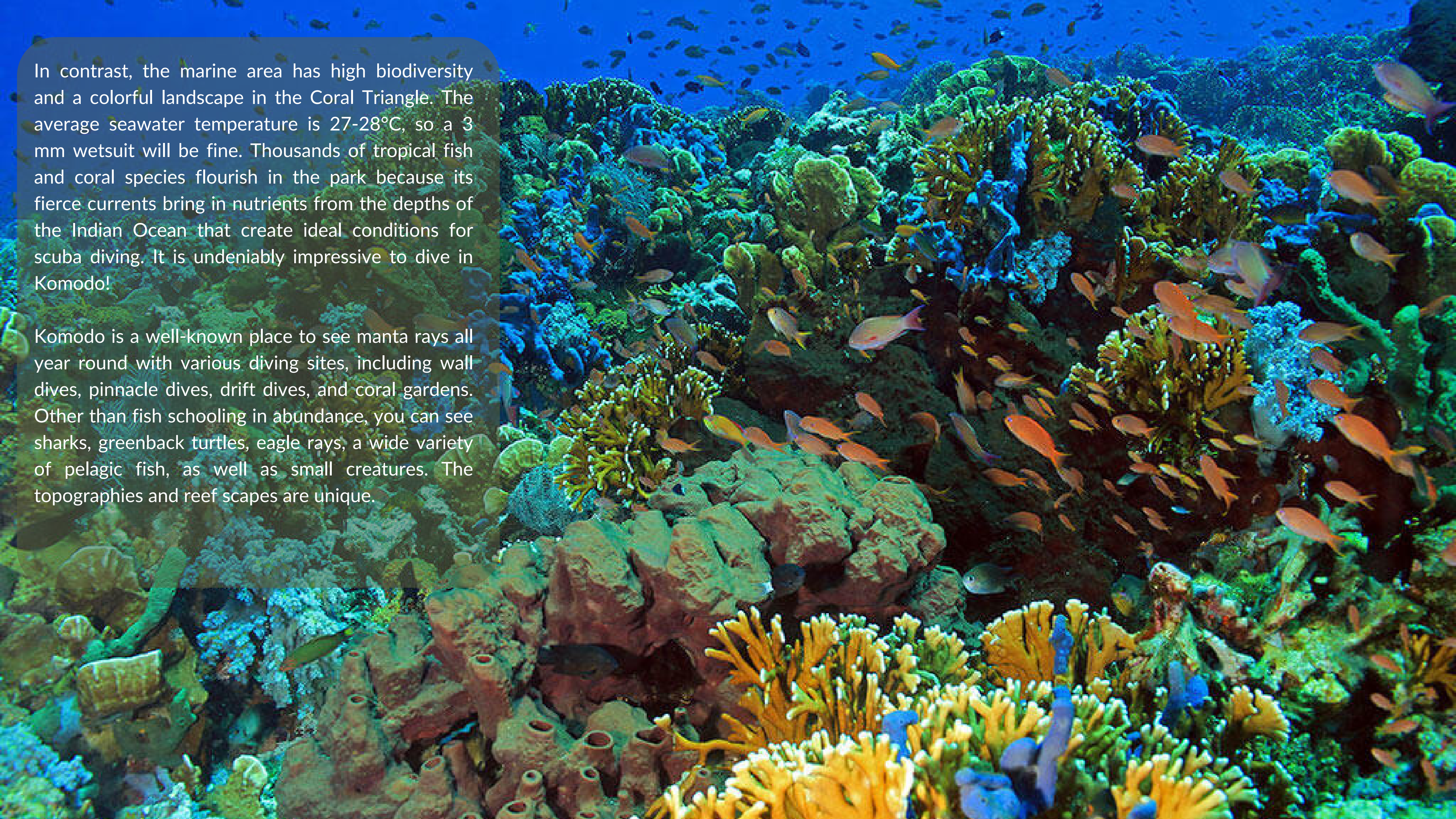


A manta ray is shown swimming in clear, bright blue water. The ray is white with dark spots on its head and gills. It is positioned on the right side of the frame, swimming towards the left. The water is very clear, and the lighting is bright, suggesting a shallow depth. A semi-transparent dark grey horizontal band is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text.

DIVING IN KOMODO

In contrast, the marine area has high biodiversity and a colorful landscape in the Coral Triangle. The average seawater temperature is 27-28°C, so a 3 mm wetsuit will be fine. Thousands of tropical fish and coral species flourish in the park because its fierce currents bring in nutrients from the depths of the Indian Ocean that create ideal conditions for scuba diving. It is undeniably impressive to dive in Komodo!

Komodo is a well-known place to see manta rays all year round with various diving sites, including wall dives, pinnacle dives, drift dives, and coral gardens. Other than fish schooling in abundance, you can see sharks, greenback turtles, eagle rays, a wide variety of pelagic fish, as well as small creatures. The topographies and reef scapes are unique.



OUR BOAT



M/V Mermaid II is a 33 meter, twin engine steel motor yacht. One of the most comfortable dive boats in Asia, she easily accommodates 18 guests in 8 deluxe cabins and 2 guests in a lower deck budget cabin. All deluxe cabins are located on the main deck and offer a choice of either double bed only or twin bed configuration. Each deluxe cabin offers large panoramic sea view windows, individually controlled air conditioning and ensuite bathrooms.

There is a wide stern dive platform with two exit ladders and fresh warm water showers. The dive deck is huge with plenty of room to gear up, individual boxes for your dive gear, camera tables and loads of rinse tanks. Enjoy fresh fluffy towels after each dive and hot chocolate after your night dives !

The dining room is at the front of the main deck where delicious buffet style Asian and western meals are served. The saloon is large and spacious with comfortable lounges, big windows, bar fridge, and complimentary fresh roast coffee, tea, soft drinks and juices. Multimedia entertainment centre including large flat screen TV for briefing and movies.









THE ITINERARY

DAY 1 Check-in on board Mermaid II between 13:00-15:00 hours at Benoa Harbour in Bali. You'll set up equipment and you can settle into your cabin, and after we will do a boat and safety briefing, Dinner will be served at 19:00 hours as Mermaid II cruises into the sunset on her overnight journey to Moyo Island, north west Sumbawa.

DAY 2 (Dives 3) 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. Afterwards, Mermaid II will cruise for two and a half hours to Satonda Island for a fringing coral reef and a world class night dive. After a great dive and dinner, she will cruise overnight to Komodo NP.

DAY 3 (Dives 4) Mermaid II will enter Komodo National Park. We will spend the day in the northern islands of Komodo NP, Gili Lawa Laut and Gili Lawa Darat. We will cruise to central Komodo for a night dive at Soro Lia or Wainilu in order to do a muck night dive - a great place to spend the night.

DAY 4 (Dives 4) We will cruise south of Komodo Island to Manta Alley and Horseshoe Bay in Rinca Island. Spectacular diving await at the world famous site Cannibal Rock - rare nudibranchs, frogfish, spectacular corals, sponges, ascidians, huge black coral bushes, turtles, cuttlefish, loads of reef fish too Watch dragons on the beach, monkey, deer, wild pigs along the shore.... Maybe even a chance to see dolphins feeding in the calm bay

DAY 5 (Dives 3) Start your day with an exciting visit to Komodo National Park to walk with the dragons! Then we will do 3 dives in the Lintah Strait looking for some big fish dives at Tatawa Besar, Siaba Kecil or the infamous "Current City" Batu Bolong. Come face to face with reef sharks, turtles, Napoleon wrasse and more. After Night dive at Gili Lawa Darat, it is time to say goodbye to Komodo National Park.

DAY 6 (Dives 4)

Mermaid II will make her way to Gili Banta for a morning dive and then we will start cruising to Sangeang Volcano to spend the rest of the day, black sand, bubbles, colourful reefs and tones of critters will be waiting for you. Overnight we cruise to Sumbawa Island

DAY 7 (Dives 2)

You will enjoy two fantastic dives at Sumbawa and Moyo Islands for more chances for ghost pipe fish, ribbon eels, turtle, cuttlefish and more before cruising overnight to Benoa in the south of Bali.

DAY 8

Disembark at Benoa Harbour after breakfast at 8 am. This is a sample itinerary and is subject to changes beyond the operator's control. The exact itinerary, route and amount of dives for your cruise may be adapted to best suit the weather conditions, tides and currents, season and other prevailing events



July 13th to 20th
July 20th to 27th

ARRIVING IN BALI

1 Night in **** luxury resort in Bali
Breakfast

8 days and 7 nights on board of MERMAID II

Luxury cabin with double or twin beds

Private WC, AC, and panoramic windows in cabin

Full board of mix of european and indonesian food

20 dives between Bali and Komodo national park

Tanks, weights and guides

Visit Komodo National Park to walk with the dragons

All fees and taxes

All transfers

BACK IN BALI

1 Night in **** luxury resort in Bali

Breakfast

Transfer to the Airport

End of the services

4.490€ pp

