

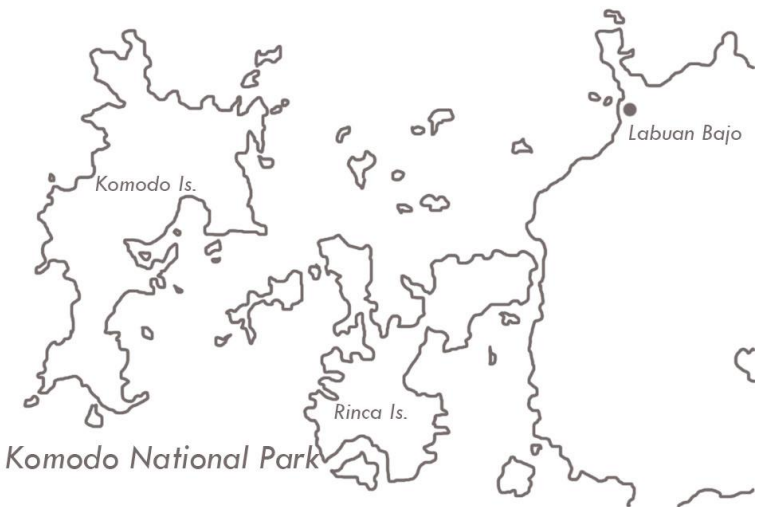
# Know Before You Go...

## Komodo, East Nusa Tenggara

### QUICK KNOWLEDGE...

A must-read for anyone heading to Komodo for the first time

- ⚡ Labuan Bajo Domestic **Airport**: Komodo Airport (IATA: LBJ)
- ⚡ Foreigners with [Visa Exemption](#) from 169 countries will be granted a Visit Stay Permit for 30 (thirty) days. You must possess a valid **passport** with minimum validity of 6 (six) months and with at least 2 blank pages for visa stamp.
- ⚡ The official **language** of Indonesia is Indonesian, but English is also the working language of the country.
- ⚡ **Time Zone**: GMT +8
- ⚡ **Climate**: Tropical Climate with an annual mean temperature of 28°C (82°F). Rain is frequent between the months of December to February.
- ⚡ **Water Temperature**, like most tropical countries, varies between 27°C - 30°C (81°F - 86°F) with thermoclines.
- ⚡ **Currency is in Indonesian Rupiah (IDR)**. Solitude Adventurer accepts Indonesian Rupiah. For your convenience USD, Euros and SGD may be accepted (see below in currency exchange for more information), **Credit card** (Visa/Master Only)\*\* may be accepted with our online payment merchant account (smoovpay.com) with a caveat that a convenience fee of 3.5% will be added to the total payable. We do not accept any travellers' cheques.
- ⚡ **Marine park, port clearance and passenger handling service fee of 3,500,000IDR (or USD 250)** per person, must be paid before boat departure **in CASH**
- ⚡ **Electricity and plug sockets** onboard are the same as in the British Standard (UK, SG, HKG - Single phase, 220volts AC). All power sockets in the room (and throughout the vessel) are 220V 50Hz rated and do not have regulated Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS).
- ⚡ **Duty-Free Allowance** – Maximum 1 litre of any alcohol and no more than 200 sticks of cigarettes, 25 cigars or 100g (3.52 ounces) of tobacco. Liquids still contained with the original sealed bag for air travel can be brought onto Domestic flights as hand-carry.
- ⚡ **Diving** – We have Enriched Air Nitrox, 100cuft/15L cylinders. DIN valves with yoke adapter on our cylinders. Extra charges are applicable.
- ⚡ **Laundry service** available during the cruise at extra cost.
- ⚡ **In-room amenities** include: air-conditioning, writing desk and wardrobe, electronic in-room personal safe, ensuite toilet and shower, hair dryer, and shower amenities.



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\*\*If you intend to use your credit card, please ensure that your card issuing bank is aware of your possible use for transactions with our payment service smoovpay.com and your cell/mobile phone number registered for OTP codes will be active in Indonesia to receive the SMS. If you are unsure, it is best to have the estimated cash in hand as well.

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### Travelling to Komodo

Labuan Bajo Domestic **Airport**: Komodo Airport (IATA: LBJ) is easily reached from several locations within Indonesia, but for most, catching a flight from Ngurah Rai Airport(DPS) in Bali will be the most straightforward option.

LBJ Airport Terminal Passenger Fee/Tax is no longer payable at the airport and is now included in the price you pay for your air ticket.

Latest update on flight time Denpasar-Bali as below. Kindly note that Denpasar is in the same time zone with Labuan Bajo (GMT +8):



Nam Air departure time: ETD 1005Hrs – ETA 1100Hrs

ETD 1410Hrs – ETA at 1505Hrs

Garuda Indonesia departure time: ETD 0730Hrs – ETA at 0905Hrs

ETD 1100Hrs – ETA at 1225Hrs

ETD 1410Hrs – ETA at 1505Hrs

Wings Air departure time: ETD 0800Hrs – ETA at 0915Hrs

ETD 1250Hrs – ETA at 1410Hrs

ETD 1355Hrs – ETA at 1515Hrs

The harbour is located near the town of Labuan Bajo, approximately a 10 minute drive from the Airport.

All flight information on this document is for reference only and true at time of our writing. You must check the latest current flight status for travelling/booking.

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### Check-In or Out (Embarkation/Disembarkation)

Check-in time is from 0600Hrs and check out time is before 1500hrs

Hotel/resort transfers to the embarkation point can be organised by Solitude with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party transportation company but may subject to additional charges if the location is beyond the same proximity of the airport to the port of embarkation. These charges will vary depending on your location. You are best advised to organise with your resort/hotel to be transferred directly to the embarkation point or to Labuan Bajo Domestic Airport Terminal where we can pick you up from 0800hrs onwards.

### Do we serve alcohol?

We have a choice selection of wine and local beer on board. We allow any consumable alcoholic beverage within reasonable quantity not bought from our bar to be consumed in our vessel.

### Money Changer/Currency Exchange Services

**Mode of Payment is in Indonesia Rupiah (IDR).** You will find currency exchange service at any international airports or use the local Indonesian ATM withdrawals with your debit/credit card to obtain Indonesian Rupiah.

However, for your convenience, USD, Euros and SGD USD, Euros or SGD cash currency payment may be accepted (**subject to the condition of the notes presented as local currency exchange services scrutinise the condition of the notes**).

### Do we have WIFI? Do we have internet? *Yes, We Do!*

Solitude Adventurer provides internet access on board via Satellite using VSAT Services. To access the internet, our guests may pre-purchase data packages and log in via our WIFI Network Hotspot on board.



Your cruise director will provide you with the latest packages available for purchase and their costs.

You are strongly recommended to manage your device settings (our crew will be able to assist) whilst using satellite internet to ensure that you do not waste precious data traffic, as you can already expect that the charges for satellite internet are significantly costlier than what you would be accustomed to paying for

the internet.

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*As connectivity can be affected by weather and is also reliant on a 3<sup>rd</sup> party service provider, Solitude Adventurer, her staff and management are NOT responsible for any inconveniences and/or loss of income, data or information which may arise due to the lack of the service, partially or completely.*

### Local SIM Card? Can I get Mobile Data? *Yes, You Can!*

Pre-Paid SIM cards are easily accessible! In fact, they are available as soon as you exit from the baggage collection at the airport! There are many mobile telecoms providers – but the main and recommended one to choose is Telkomsel. Upon purchasing, you can have the salesperson help you set up your chosen prepaid package.



## The Diving

### Is there a “best” time for diving in Komodo?

It is possible to go on a Komodo diving cruise all year round; in part thanks to the glorious tropical climate, but also thanks to the highly capable team of management workers who maintain the quality of the dive sites.

The Dry season lasts from April until November, whilst the busiest period is from April until August. The best weather is during the dry season. Seas are relatively flat and there is virtually no rain. Rainy season is from November until March when winds pick up slightly, and the area receives most of its annual rainfall. Average water temperatures depend on whether you are diving towards the north or south of Komodo National Park. Water temperatures towards the north are warmer, reaching a high of 82 Fahrenheit (28°C); while to the south, water temperature can be as low as 68 Fahrenheit (20°C).

**Manta rays** can be seen all year round, although they are seen in higher frequency during December and February, while the best time to see ocean sunfish (also known as Mola mola) in August.

Visibility is at its best between November and March, reaching more than an impressive 100 feet (30 m), while during July and August visibility reduces as deep currents rise, carrying large amounts of nutrients. The benefit of this is that the reefs are at their most active during this time.

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### Experience level for diving Komodo

Scuba diving in Komodo, it is recommended that one holds an intermediate or advanced certification. The very strong currents and shifting tides can be overwhelming for beginner divers.

### Is there any equipment rental onboard?

We have Mares dive equipment and dive computers available for rent. Please let us know what you need in advance. We also do have a purpose-built camera room, for charging your batteries and storing your cameras during your stay.

### Can I take diving certification courses?

Yes, we offer the PADI Advanced Open Water and Enriched Air Nitrox certification courses.

\*Required to complete theory via PADI's e-learning option.

### Do we have Nitrox? *Yes, We Have!*

Although the standard mix for EAN is 32%, on most dives we have made an educated decision to provide in the proximity of EAN30 to EAN31 instead, to allow a safer M.O.D. EAN 30% would provide some degree of depth buffer if you are caught especially in a down current, but will still allow ample extended length of bottom time (compared to normal air). Daily EAN Nitrox uses are as follows: USD8 per dive OR USD20 per day (4 dives). Proof of EAN certification must be presented with no exceptions.



### DIN or International? We have both.

### 15L/100cuft Scuba Cylinders?

Yes, we have. It is the additional USD8 per cylinder per diving day. Subject to availability due to limited inventory.

### Rebreather Diving? Twins?

No, we do not support Rebreather Diving and do not have Twin-Tanks for technical diving.

### Drone/UAVs

Currently, there is no restriction or regulation to the flying of Drones/UAVs in the region. This may change however without any prior announcement from the authorities.

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## For More Information

- ⚡ [Solitude-Adventurer Fact Sheet](#) - More details about the Liveboard, facilities and amenities.
- ⚡ [Solitude Adventurer Rate Sheet \(including All-Inclusive Packages\)](#) – Rates for Rooms, Services, Packages, Equipment Hire, etc



## Forms

- ⚡ [Registration Form \(English\) - Also known as Form A](#) - Compulsory for all guests
- ⚡ [General Liability Release Form \(English\) - Also known as Form C](#) - compulsory for all guests

... With these tips, we hope we have helped you better prepare yourself to travel more comfortably. If you have any other questions, please feel free to

[emailus@solitude-liveboards.com](mailto:emailus@solitude-liveboards.com)

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## Cruise Schedule, Rates and Availability

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# The Rates

### Rates are inclusive of:

- Accommodation on-board in the category of cabin of guests' chosen package on twin/double (or quad sharing in quad cabin). **Guests can check in from 0800hrs the day (Dinner Included); Check Out latest at 1100hrs on the day of the Cruise End-Date;**
- Full-Board Meal Plan with in-between meal snacks and all non-alcoholic beverages;
- 3 or 4 daily guided Boat Day-Dives (Including 1 Night Dive) **\*\* all dives are subject to our No-Fly/Altitude Minimum 18 Hours Policy & cruise itinerary (which may change due to weather and/or level of diving experience of the guests) – No Dives on disembarkation day;**
- Return transfer to and from the local airport of the location and dates of the cruise embarkation/disembarkation.

### The Rates exclude (Prices stated below are correct as of 15 April 2022):

- Marine Park Fees, Photography Permits, Diving Permits. I.e, Raja Ampat Marine Park , Bunaken Marine Park, Flores, Alor, Komodo, etc)
- Alcoholic Beverages, Gratuities, Scuba & Skin Diving Equipment, Enriched Air Nitrox (See FAQ below), and other Guest Services as mentioned as additional costs.
- Fuel Surcharge of 30USD per Person per night (Payable on Board if International Crude Barrel Price is equal to 75USD or higher – Reference from <https://www.nasdaq.com/markets/crude-oil.aspx>)

## Most Popular Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the Cruise Itinerary? How do I get to the port of embarkation?**

Please refer to [dropbox.solitude-adventurer.com](https://dropbox.solitude-adventurer.com) for itineraries

### **Do we have WIFI? Is there internet? Can I get Mobile Data?**

Internet Access is available only via our Satellite Broadband (VSAT K-Band ). You may purchase various data packages in multiples of 50mb (please refer to Know-Before-You-Go document). Only Skype and VideoStreaming will be inaccessible but internet browsing, messaging and other popular social media are accessible. You can use your own device (WIFI) or provided desk top computers to access the internet.

Prepaid sim cards can easily be purchased in airports in Indonesia especially when you first arrive through one of the major international airport gateway. Usage is of course dependent on mobile telecommunication signal and you may find yourself more often without signal than with. We are not responsible for the lack of use or the lack of efficient connectivity.

### **What do I need to pay (per person) on board that is not Included in the package?**

Your cruise package essentially excludes Equipment Rentals, Satellite Communications, EANitrox, Alcohol Beverages, Laundry Service, Marine Park Fees, Harbour Fees and Local Permits.

Marine Park, Local Permit and Port/Harbour Fees imposed by provincial authorities and/or local offices along with the handling charges are provided by an agent. They are not payments to us but to the respective handling agent. As such, only CASH payment is collected and can only be collected on board and no prepayment can be entertained.

You will pay the other incidental expenses at check-out. Mode of Payment is Cash and in Local Currency.

### **What Currency do we accept? Can I pay with Credit Card?**

Besides Indonesia Rupiah, for your convenience USD, Euros and SGD may be accepted (see currency exchange in our Know-Before-You-Go PDF for more information). **Credit card** (Visa/Master Only)\*\* may be accepted with our online payment merchant account (smoovpay.com) with a caveat that a convenience fee of 3.5%. We do not accept any travellers' cheques.

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### **Do you have Nitrox? How much?**

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