

EMPEROR LIVEBOARDS  
SAFARI ROUTES

DIVE SITES

Bali, Sumbawa & Komodo	Moyo, Saleh Bay, Sangeang Volcano, Gili Banta, Gili Lawalaut, Batu Bulong, Dragon Walk, Cannibal Rock, Horseshoe Bay, Manta Alley, Pink Beach
Komodo National Park	Gili Lawa, Tatawa, Makassar Reef, Wainilu, Batu Bolong, Padar, Nusa Kode, Manta Alley
Best of Raja Ampat	Gam, Wayag, Kawe, Aljui Bay, Uranie. Longer trips include Penemu, Pelee, Cape Kri/Dampier Strait, Batanta, Daram, Wayilbatan, Fiabacet
Raja Ampat & Banda Islands	Banda Islands, Gam, Penemu, Arborek, Cape Kri, Daram, Wayilbatan, Fiabacet, Pelee
Banda Islands	Ambon, Banda Islands, Nil Desperandum, Manuk Island
Alor & Banda Sea	Alor, Wetar, Gunung Api, Damar, Nil Desperandum, Manuk, Banda Islands
Komodo & North Flores	Gili Lawa, Tatawa, Sebayor, Makassar Reef, Wainilu, Batu Bolong, Padar, Nusa Kode, Manta Alley, Pomana Kecil Island, Raja Island, Pulau Besar

## **BALI, SUMBAWA & KOMODO**

Sangeang Volcano, Gili Banta, Gili Lawa, Batu Bulong, Nusa Kode, Cannibal Rock, Horseshoe Bay, Manta Alley, USAT Liberty

June to September | Emperor Harmoni only

7 nights Bali to Labuan Bajo/Labuan Bajo to Bali | 12 nights Bali to Bali

### **Itinerary Highlights**

#### **7 night itinerary**

- Northern Sumbawa, lush green tropical islands and majestic volcanoes as we cruise between Mayo and Satonda Island.
- Komodo National Park, world renowned for the excellent quality and variety of diving.
- In the north, the black sands of the Sangeang Volcano with its critters and hydrothermal vents and the beautiful reefs surrounding Gili Banta.
- Central sections of reefs, small islands and submerged pinnacles that teem with life fed by the currents running between the islands of Komodo and Rinca.

#### **12 night itinerary**

- Northern Sumbawa, lush green tropical islands and majestic volcanoes as we cruise between Mayo and Satonda Island. Sunrise snorkel with Whale sharks in Saleh Bay and macro diving in Bima Bay.
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- In the north, the black sands of the Sangeang Volcano with its critters and hydrothermal vents and the beautiful reefs surrounding Gili Banta.
- Central section of reefs and small islands teeming with life fed by the currents running between the islands of Komodo and Rinca.
- In the south, Nusa Kode (South Rinca), famous for some amazing macro dives and bustling reefs. Manta Alley (South Komodo), a reliable cleaning station for mantas in the nutrient-rich Indian Ocean.
- Finish the trip off with a dive on the famous USAT Liberty wreck in Tulamben (Bali) on the final diving day.

With Emperor Harmoni's powerful twin engine and solid Ironwood construction, you enjoy more comfort while cruising between Bali and the Komodo National Park taking in Northern Sumbawa's beautiful scenery, especially the engulfing image of the famous Mount Tambora in the distance. Northern Sumbawa is a spectacle to enjoy as we cruise between Moyo Island and Satonda Island, and then onto Sangeang Volcano. The constant but evolving scenery of lush green tropical islands and majestic volcanos reminds us why the Indonesian Archipelago is truly the 'Ring of Fire'.

The UNESCO World Heritage site of the Komodo National Park is renowned for Komodo dragons, excellent reefs and a huge variety of marine life that can be witnessed while diving. This is due to the Indonesian Throughflow which causes water temperature changes between the north and south of the park and provides varied encounters depending on the tidal flow. In the north we have beautiful reefs around Gili Lawa Laut, Lawa Darat and Tatawa Besar. The south provides cooler temperatures with manta action and vibrant reefs as currents bringing nutrients from the Indian Ocean. The central section provides reefs, small islands and submerged pinnacles teeming with life fed by currents running north and south between the islands of Komodo and Rinca. Add to this the chance to see

the famous Komodo dragon in its natural habitat, some beautiful beaches and look-outs to climb and you have a paradise both above and below the water.

- **Northern Section & Sumbawa:** Sangeang Volcano, Gili Banta, Batu Moncho
- **Central Section:** Gili Lawa, Tatawa, Siaba Besar, Makassar Reef, Wainilu, Batu Bolong
- **Southern Section:** Padar, Nusa Kode, Manta Alley

**Please note:** In South Komodo the water temperatures can drop from 28°C to around 20°C. A 5mm wetsuit and hood is highly recommended for this region. Water temperature in the central and northern section of the park average 27-28°C but can get cooler during a rising tide.

**Land visits:** See the famous Komodo Dragon in its natural habitat, beautiful beaches, look-outs to climb.

## **KOMODO NATIONAL PARK**

7 & 9 nights | Gili Lawa, Tatawa, Makassar Reef, Wainilu, Batu Bolong,  
Padar, Nusa Kode, Manta Alley

July to September | Labuan Bajo to Labuan Bajo

### Itinerary Highlights

- Komodo National Park is world renowned for the excellent quality and variety of diving.
- Generally, this cruise visits the Central and Southern Sections, depending on sea and wind conditions we may visit the Central and Northern Sections.
- In the north, the black sands of the Sangeang Volcano with its critters and bubble flows and the beautiful reefs surrounding Gili Banta.
- In the south, manta action and nutrient rich reefs with ocean flow from the Indian Ocean.
- Central section reefs and small islands teem with life fed by the currents running between the islands of Komodo and Rinca.

The Komodo National Park is world renowned for the excellent quality and variety of diving. Water temperatures change between the north and south of the Park and provide varied encounters. In the north we have the black sands of the Sangeang Volcano with its critters and bubble flows and the reefs around Gili Banta. The south provides cooler temperatures with manta action and nutrient rich reefs with ocean flow from the Indian Ocean. The central section provides reefs and small islands teeming with life fed by the currents running between the islands of Komodo and Rinca. Add to this the chance to see the famous Komodo Dragon in its natural habitat, beautiful beaches, look-outs to climb and you have a paradise both below and above the water.

A 7-night cruise generally takes in sites in the Central and Southern Sections of the Komodo National Park. On occasions the cruise will take in the Central and Northern Sections depending on sea and wind conditions, especially related to southerly swells.

- **Northern Section & Sumbawa:** Sangeang Volcano, Gili Banta, Batu Moncho
- **Central Section:** Gili Lawa, Tatawa, Siaba Besar, Makassar Reef, Wainilu, Batu Bolong
- **Southern Section:** Padar, Nusa Kode, Manta Alley

Please note: In South Komodo the water temperatures can drop from 28°C to around 20°C. A 5mm wetsuit and hood is highly recommended for this region. Water temperatures in the central and northern section of the park average 27-28°C.

**Land visits:** See the famous Komodo Dragon in its natural habitat, beautiful beaches, look-outs to climb and a paradise both below and above the water. Visit to the traditional village of Bonto on Sangeang Island.

## BEST OF RAJA AMPAT

7 & 9 nights | Gam, Wayag, Kawe, Aljui Bay, Uranie. Longer trips include Penemu, Pelee, Cape Kri/Dampier Strait, Batanta, Daram, Wayilbatan, Fiabacet

All Year | Waisai to Sorong

## Itinerary Highlights

- Centre of the Coral Triangle, Raja Ampat is the most biodiverse place on earth.
- Chance to see hammerheads, manta and other pelagic action combined with colourful pristine reefs.
- Be mesmerised by patrolling pelagics hunting their next meal.
- Discover something for the first time, a walking shark!
- Copious fish life, immense colours and mysterious critters, truly something for everyone.
- Misool's sugarloaf islands, fifty shades of blue lagoons, deserted islands and dense, green mangroves (9 night cruises)

Raja Ampat, which in Indonesian means the Four Kings, is a Marine Park world renowned for being the epicentre of marine biodiversity. The park covers a large area with approximately 170 nautical miles separating the northern and southern extremities. It would be possible to dive for weeks and weeks without seeing the same sites twice.

Raja Ampat can be divided into three sections covering the North, Central and Southern Sections. Spectacular scenery both above and below the water make this heritage area unique and a bucket list item for both divers and lovers of nature.

Our 9 night cruises take in sites in the Northern, Central and Southern Sections of the national park. Whereas the 7 night cruises visit the Northern and Central Sections.

- **Northern Section:** Wayag, Kawe, Aljui Bay
- **Central Section:** Gam, Penemu, Arborek, Cape Kri Area
- **Southern Section:** Daram, Wayilbatan, Fiabacet, Pelee

For your convenience, a one-way ferry ticket from Sorong to Waisai is included in the price of your liveaboard.

**Land visits:** A walk to the panorama of Penemu, with stunning views of the lagoon and limestone rocks.

## RAJA AMPAT & BANDA ISLANDS

12 nights | Banda Islands, Gam, Penemu, Arborek, Cape Kri, Daram, Wayilbatan, Fiabacet, Pelee

March/April and October/November | Waisai to Ambon or Ambon to Sorong

## Itinerary Highlights

- Centre of the Coral Triangle, Raja Ampat is the most biodiverse place on earth.

- Sunset Dive for the Mandarin fish in Banda Neira.
- Chance to see hammerheads, manta and other pelagic action combined with colourful pristine reefs.
- Copious fish life, immense colours and mysterious critters, truly something for everyone.
- Visit the original Spice Islands.

The Ambon to Sorong cruise is special because it takes in two magnificent regions in the one cruise. Beginning in Ambon we head first to the Banda Islands (original Spice Islands) before rounding the east coast of Seram and rejoining the south and central sections of Raja Ampat. The Banda Islands will offer the opportunity for some pelagic action, hopefully hammerheads too, before diving arguably one of the best dive locations worldwide, South Raja Ampat.

This cruise will take in the Banda Islands plus the Southern and Central sections of Raja Ampat.

- **Banda Islands:** Pohon Miring, Batu Kapal, Batu Kapal Pinnacle, Banda Neira Jetty and Lava Flow
- **Banda Land Visits:** On this cruise we visit Banda Neira to see the nutmeg plantation, historic forts and small Maritime Museum. A half day excursion
- **Raja Ampat Central Section:** Gam, Penemu, Arborek, Cape Kri Area
- **Raja Ampat Southern Section:** Daram, Wayilbatan, Fiabacet, Pelee

For your convenience, a one-way ferry ticket from Sorong to Waisai is included in the price of your liveaboard if your cruise starts in Waisai.

## **BANDA ISLANDS / BANDA SEA**

7 & 12 nights | Ambon, Banda Islands, Nil Desperandum, Manuk Island

October & March | Ambon to Ambon

### **Itinerary Highlights** **7 night itinerary**

- Muck dives in the famous Ambon Bay
- Sunset Dive for the Mandarin fish in Banda Neira

- Chance to see pelagic sharks
- Incredibly healthy coral reefs
- Land visit on Banda Neira and Run
- Dives around the Islands of Run, Ai, Gunung Api Banda and Banda Neira

### **12 night itinerary**

Our 12-night Banda Sea cruise is for those with the spirit of adventure as we set sail to rarely dived sites, islands and atolls. Seldom-dived sites, active volcanoes, hammerheads and pelagic action, plus a visit to the mythic Banda Islands (original Spice Islands), make this a once in a lifetime cruise.

- Muck dives in the famous Ambon Bay
- Hammerhead dives at Nil Desperandum
- Underwater hydrothermal vents and sea snakes of Manuk Island
- Incredibly healthy coral reefs
- Land visit and sunset Dive for the Mandarin fish in Banda Neira
- Dives around the Islands of Run, Ai, Gunung Api Banda, Batu Kapal, Banda Neira Jetty and Lava Flow
- Secret Spots: We know some excellent spots for shark action that we prefer not to publish but are happy to share with you!

**Land visits:** On both the 7- and 12-night cruises we visit Run & Banda Neira to see the nutmeg plantation, historic forts and small Maritime Museum. A half-day excursion.

Please note: There are two overnight crossings of more than 100 nautical miles during both the 7- and 12-night itineraries.

## **ALOR & BANDA SEA**

12 nights | Alor, Wetar, Gunung Api, Damar, Nil Desperandum, Manuk, Banda Islands

September/October & March/April | Kalabahi (Alor) to Ambon

### **Itinerary Highlights**

- Famous muck diving in Kalabahi Bay
- Chance to see rare critters like frogfish, mimic octopus, fire sea urchin and the elusive rhinopias.

- Sunset dive for Mandarin fish in Banda Neira
- Chance to see hammerheads and pelagic action.
- Visit the original Spice Islands.

The Banda Sea cruise is for those with the spirit of adventure as we set sail to rarely dived sites, islands and atolls. There are several ways to cross the Banda Sea and this depends mostly on the weather and depths of the thermoclines for the hammerhead sharks. Crossing is generally done in March/April and September/October when the prevailing winds are changing between the seasons. Seldom-dived sites, active volcanoes, hammerheads and pelagic action, plus a visit to the mythic Banda Islands (original Spice Islands), make this a once in a lifetime cruise.

In Alor, there is plenty of opportunity to find those rare critters like frogfish, mimic octopus, fire sea urchin and even rare rhinopias in the hundreds of bays and coves in the island chain. Dolphins and whales are often encountered as this area is also part of the migration routes between the Pacific and Indian Oceans. If you don't mind the water being a bit 'frisky' from time to time, this itinerary is beautiful and often quite extraordinary.

Please note: In parts of Alor Strait water temperatures can drop dramatically to around 20 degrees Celsius. It is highly recommended to bring a 5mm wetsuit and/or hooded vest. There are 600-700 nautical miles to cover during this 12-night cruise. We are mostly diving three dives a day and then travelling at night. This cruise is not advised for people who get very sea sick or who are unable to sleep whilst the boat is underway. For those with a bit of adventurous seadog in you, you are definitely looking at the right itinerary. See you on board.

This cruise may, depending on the route chosen, include the following highlights (these are not limited to each route):

- **Alor Region:** Boardroom, Babylon, Cave Point, Clown valley and Wall of Pura plus, famous muck diving in Kalabahi Bay
- **Wetar Area:** Tanjung Nanukae, Nunukae Wall, Reong North and Reong Wall
- **Gunung Api:** Snake Ridge, Snake Pit and Sulfur Ridge
- **Damar/Terbang Area:** Nus Leur, Terbang North and Terbang South
- **Nil Desperandum:** Hammerhead dives depending on conditions for sites
- **Manuk Island:** Dives depending on conditions for sites
- **Banda Islands:** Pohon Miring, Batu Kapal, Batu Kapal Pinnacle, Banda Neira Jetty and Lava Flow
- **Secret Spots:** We know some excellent spots for shark action that we prefer not to publish but are happy to share with you!
- **Banda Land Visits:** On this cruise we visit Banda Neira to see the nutmeg plantation, historic forts and small Maritime Museum. An excursion of half a day, plus two good nights' sleep on anchor before and after. Trust us, we all need it by then.



## **KOMODO & NORTH FLORES**

9 nights | Gili Lawa, Tatawa, Sebayor, Makassar Reef, Wainilu, Batu Bolong, Padar, Nusa Kode, Manta Alley, Pomana Kecil Island, Raja Island, Pulau Besar

April & October | Labuan Bajo to Maumere or Maumere to Labuan Bajo

### **Itinerary Highlights**

- Komodo National Park is world renowned for the excellent quality and variety of diving.
- Flores, the mountainous result of volcanic activity, which makes for stunning scenery above and below the water.
- Chance to see rare critters like frogfish, mimic octopus, fire sea urchin and the elusive rhinopias.

- Maumere Bay, an extensive and beautiful bay home to over 1200 species of corals, sponges, crustaceans and molluscs. Excellent muck diving.

This itinerary offers the unique opportunity to dive and combine the best dives sites of Flores including Komodo and Maumere. The trip will start in either Labuan Bajo, the port of departure for the Komodo National Park and will end in Maumere, or vice versa. This itinerary offers guests the opportunity to enjoy some the most exciting dives sites Indonesia has to offer, across Komodo, and North Flores.

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Further east of the famous Komodo National Park lays the island of **Flores**, the mountainous result of volcanic activity, which makes for stunning scenery above and below the water. Well off the beaten track and away from the crowds, there are plenty of opportunities to find those rare critters like frogfish, mimic octopus, fire sea urchin and even rare rhinopias. Diving will mainly be in the area of Maumere Bay which is an extensive, beautiful bay surrounded by volcanoes, gentle hills and rimmed by islands. In 1992 the area was hit by an earthquake with a tsunami following. Damage on land was extensive, but underwater only a few dive sites suffered and the corals have since grown back. There are more than 1200 species of fish living in the bay and the variety of corals, sponges, crustaceans and molluscs is immense. The area has around 30 dive sites to choose from, including some excellent muck sites.

**Land visits:** See the famous Komodo Dragon in its natural habitat, beautiful beaches, look-outs to climb and a paradise both below and above the water. Visit to the traditional village of Bonto on Sangeang Island.