



## Flores and Komodo Island Discovery

Nature, Culture and Wild Adventure



# PIONEER EXPEDITIONS



**DO SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY...**

## Itinerary

**An Adventure in Indonesia – Komodo Dragon Islands and Flores – Indonesia tour with wildlife, culture, and live aboard boat**

**12 Days • 11 Nights**

**Denpasar-Maumere-Moni-Ende-Bajawa-Ruteng-Labuan Bajo-Komodo dragon Islands-Labuan Bajo-Denpasar  
Optional: Beach Extension in Bali**

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Flores Island and the big crater at Lake Kelimutu
- See the traditional Indonesian villages of Flores
- Sleep aboard and travel through the Komodo Archipelago
- Visit Komodo Dragons and see how they live in semi-wild conditions

## FLORES KOMODO DISCOVERY



## TOUR ESSENTIALS

Tour Style	Culture & Wildlife
Tour Start	Denpasar
Tour End	Denpasar
Accommodation	Hotel, Cruise, Homestay
Included Meals	12 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches, 11 Dinners
Difficulty Level	Medium

Flores is one of the Lesser Sunda Islands, and found to the east of Bali and south of Sulawesi.. The population was 1,831,000 (2010) and the largest town is Maumere, the second largest being Labuan Bajo. *Flores* is Portuguese (as well as Spanish) for "flowers." If you are planning to take a holiday in Indonesia or a holiday in Bali, then Flores and the Komodo Dragon islands make a great place to visit because they are just over an hour's flight from Bali and combine exotic views, traditional cultures and the stunning wildlife of the Komodo dragons. Also the komodo dragon islands provide excellent opportunities for diving and snorkelling holidays in Indonesia.



Pioneer Expeditions

Stable Cottage • Chydyok Road • Chaldon Herring • Dorchester • DT2 8DN  
t 01202 798922 • e info@pioneerexpeditions.com

Ind06

# INDONESIA, *an overview*

The most famous Indonesian Island of Bali has it all, beaches, volcanoes, terraced rice fields, forests, wildlife, rich culture, resorts and surfing. However, there is so much more to be explored in Indonesia!

Known as the Islands of the Dragons, The Komodo Islands are a mini archipelago consisting of mesmerising ragged volcanic islands. Home of the mighty Komodo Dragons, the islands encompass the Komodo National Park, where these captivating reptiles roam. Clusters of rolling savannah-like russet grass hills and rusty red volcanic peaks, stunningly unspoilt white beaches, reefs appearing through crystal waters; all framed by some unforgettable sunsets.

Lying untouched by tourism, Kalimantan makes up the remote and rustic Indonesian portion of Borneo. The region features legendary dense tropical forests packed with wildlife including many different primate species and the iconic free-roaming endangered orangutan. Routes within Kalimantan are largely made up of steaming rainforest lined winding rivers, best explored by Klotok (Traditional Houseboat) through the likes of the enchanting Tanjung Puting National Park.

Known for its deep Jungles and incredible Coffee; rough and rugged Sumatra is an explorers paradise and is nature galore. This jungle filled Island is one of the last remaining places of earth to witness wild orangutans and is encompassed with sheer natural beauty.

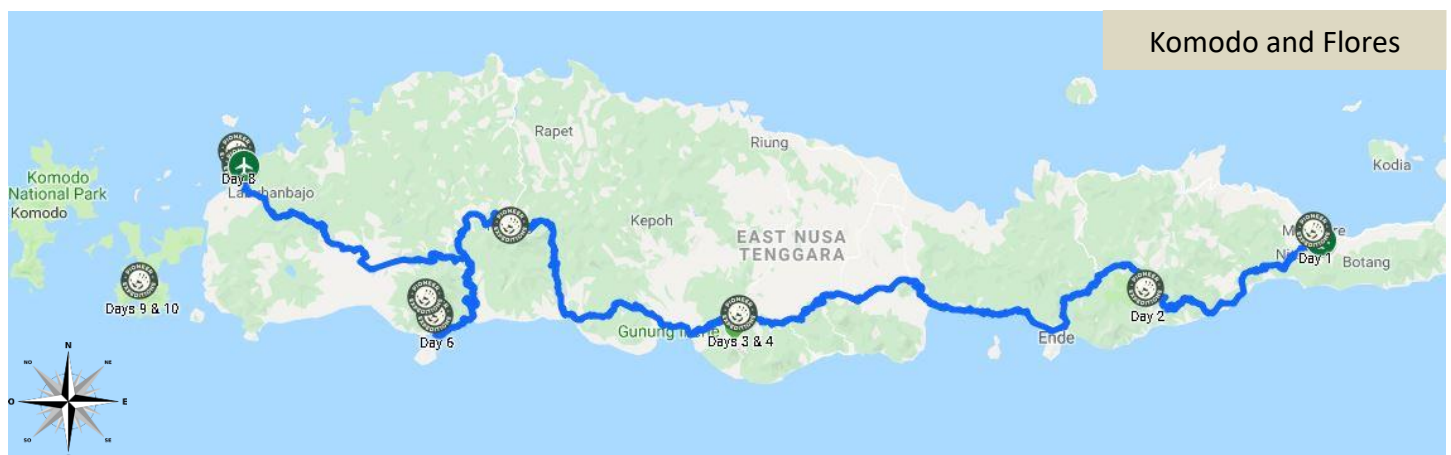
## WHY PIONEER EXPEDITIONS?

Pioneer Expeditions are one of the few specialists that really *do* off the beaten track and unique adventures. The team have a real passion for wildlife and adventure travel which we love to share with our clients. We delight in searching the world for new destinations, new experiences and creating the most incredible adventures.

We like to introduce our clients to unique, the different, and the incredible. Whether it is through wildlife tracking, sea kayaking, snorkelling, trekking, rafting, cycling or observing wildlife in its natural environment, we want to give you the real Pioneer experience.

From the moment you choose to travel with Pioneer Expeditions until you return back home, you are supported by our dedicated team. We listen to what you want and can create an itinerary around your specific needs, working with your budget and with a commitment to responsible travel.

## ITINERARY



Pioneer Expeditions  
Stable Cottage • Chydyok Road • Chaldon Herring • Dorchester • DT2 8DN  
t 01202 798922 • e [info@pioneerexpeditions.com](mailto:info@pioneerexpeditions.com)

Ind06

### Day 1: Denpasar-Maumere (B,L,D)

Arrival at Frans Seda Airport Maumere in Eastern Flores from Denpasar, Bali, meeting with our guide and transferring to your hotel. Afternoon can be spent relaxing on the hotel beach with a free program.

### DAY 2: MAUMERE-MONI (B,L,D)

Starting our discovery of Flores island, we drive first to Dokar, which is a traditional weaving village, located about 40 minutes from our hotel, on the hill from where you can see the beautiful landscape from Maumere bay. Traditional dance and weaving demonstrations will be held in this village. Then we will continue to Paga beach where lunch will be provided. And on the way to Moni we visit Koka beach near Paga.

*Dinner and overnight at Hotel.*

### Day 3: Moni-Kelimutu-Ende-Bajawa (B,L,D)

We start our day in the early morning and at 4 am we drive to visit Kelimutu lake, the three colored crater lakes, which are one of the most specular and mysterious sights for those travelling in Indonesia. On the way back to Moni, we will make a short trek to see the rice terraces. Breakfast at hotel then we continue the trip to Ende and on the way we visit Saga village, a traditional village of Ende Lio tribes. We have lunch at a restaurant in Ende before driving to Bajawa. Dinner at a restaurant,

Overnight at a homestay in Bajawa.



### Day 4: Bajawa and surrounding (B,L,D)

In the morning we trek for about 1.5 hours to Wawomuda volcano (1753m) which is the latest volcano to emerge in Flores, exploding in 2001. From here we can see spectacular views of the Inerei and Ebulobo volcanoes. In the afternoon we visit Bena and Luba traditional houses and megalithic tombs and have the opportunity to take a hot bath at Soa natural hot spring. Dinner at a restaurant and overnight at a homestay.

*Overnight homestay*

### Day 5: Bajawa-Ruteng (B,L,D)

Leaving our hotel in the morning, we drive down to the south coast of Flores to Aimere, which is famous with its "Arak" distillation and fresh palm juice tapping. We visit, Rana Mese lake, located on the slope of Ranaka mount. On the route we will do some more stops. Dinner at local restaurant.



*Overnight at hotel*

#### **DAY 6: RUTENG-TODO-NARANG-DINTOR-DENGE (B,L,D)**

After early breakfast, depart for Ruteng to discover the southern part of Manggarai. First we visit Golo Cara village – the best place to see ‘spider web’ rice fields. From there, we drive to Todo traditional village, soft trekking through rice terraces and enjoying the beautiful landscape near Narang Village. Lunch will be provided at a local family’s house in Narang. In the afternoon, drive along the south coast to Dintor and Denge (some stops will be taken en route). We will have dinner and stay overnight at a family’s house in Denge.

*Overnight family house*

#### **DAY 7: DENGE-WAEREBO VILLAGE (B,L,D)**

After a light breakfast, we will trek to Wae Rebo Village, which takes around four hours. The authentic Manggarai houses are located about 1100m above sea level in the middle of the mountains. There are seven traditional houses. Built in the same form, six are for the local people and one extra house for the visitors. These houses have really high roofs and are five stories: the top four are mainly used for The giant of lizard Komodo Dragon storage and all the living areas are on the bottom.. You will have dinner and stay overnight in a provided house.



#### **DAY 8: WAEREBO VILLAGE-DENGE-DINTOR-LABUAN BAJO (B,L,D)**

After breakfast, we will trek down to Denge Village where lunch will be provided. After lunch, we drive to Labuan Bajo via Dintor and Nangalili (depending on the road condition; alternatively take the route through Todo Village to Labuanbajo). We will have dinner and stay overnight at Sylvia waicicu beach hotel at Labuan Bajo.

#### **DAY 9: LABUAN BAJO- KELOR ISLAND-KALONG ISLAND. (B,L,D)**

Morning after breakfast at hotel, transfer to the pier of Labuan Bajo for snorkeling in Kelor Island. Enjoy sunset in Kalong Island. You can see thousands of bats that come out to find food at night. Continue sailing to Rinca Island for overnight.

#### **DAY 10: KOMODO TREKKING IN RINCA ISLAND-PINK BEACH-GILI LABA (B,L,D)**

Morning after breakfast on the cruise, start trekking and walk through the typical dry forest to explore the Island of the Komodo dragons, we will find not just the Dragons but also many wild animals like, Timor deers, wild buffalo, long-tailed macaque and wild boars and also numerous of birds. Sometimes we are lucky to see the young Komodo dragons on the trees. Return to boat and proceed to Pink Beach Island for swimming, snorkeling and relaxing. Continue to Gili Laba for easy trekking to the top for enjoying the sunset and panoramic views.





#### **DAY 11: MANTA POINT-BIDADARI ISLAND-LABUAN BAJO(B/L/D)**

Visit Manta Point for swimming and snorkeling with Manta ray. Continue to Bidadari Island for swimming and relaxing. Back to Labuan Bajo and dinner at the Tree Top restaurant, overnight at Golo Hilltop Hotel Labuan Bajo.

Overnight Hotel

#### **DAY 12: LABUAN BAJO-DENPASAR(B)**

Free time until transfer to airport for departure flight to Denpasar.

---

#### **OPTIONAL BEACH EXTENSION**

#### **DAY 12: BALI FREE & EASY PROGRAM(B)**

Breakfast at hotel, before continuing on for your beach extension at Tanah Lot or Kecak Dance in Uluwatu with sunset view. Overnight at Kuta sea view Hotel.

#### **DAY 13: RELAXING ON THE BEACH(B,L,D)**

Free at leisure on the beach or free program at Kuta Beach Bali. Overnight in similar Hotel.

#### **DAY 14: INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURE (B)**

Breakfast at hotel before transferring to the airport for your flight home.



# ACCOMODATION

Seaworld Resort Maumere:



Hotel Happy-happy Bajawa:



Kelimutu eco lodge:



Sylvia Waicicu Beach Resort:



KM Zulaika live on board Komodo Island



**Details:** Km Zulaika is type of wooden boat with Air Conditionaire Cabin to discover island around flores and beyond.

Hotel Susteran Ruteng:



Family's house Denge:



Waerebo Village homestay:



Golo Hilltop Hotel & Restaurant Labuan Bajo:



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## INCLUDED

- 🌍 All meals as described (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- 🌍 Accommodation as described
- 🌍 English speaking guide
- 🌍 Boat as per itinerary
- 🌍 All transfers
- 🌍 All National Park entrance fees & donations

## NOT INCLUDED

- Meals other than mentioned
- International flights
- Internal flight ticket & airport departure tax
- Tips
- Personal expenses
- Alcoholic drinks and drinks in restaurants
- Personal expenses

## WHAT TO BRING

- 🌍 Sweater/jacket
- 🌍 Sun screen, insect repellent
- 🌍 Trekking shoes or trainers
- 🌍 Hat
- 🌍 Mask and fins for snorkeling (or can be hired locally)
- 🌍 Towel and swimming suite

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## ACTIVITY DURATION

3-6 hours per day

## SEASON

April - October

## BEST TIME TO GO

April - October

## GROUP SIZE

The price is per person & based on a private trip based on 2 people travelling

## EXPEDITION SCHEDULE

This is run as a private trip, so we are able to suit your dates and requirements. We can also tailor the trip to suit.

## DIFFICULTY LEVEL

Our grades have been designated based on our perception of the degree of physical activity you are likely to require to enjoy the adventure. These are only a guideline. This itinerary has a 'Medium' level (2 – 5 hours of activities per day). This means that you will need an average level of fitness.





---

# THE PIONEER BOOKING PROCESS

---

Where do you go from here? Well, you can feel free to email us at [info@pioneerexpeditions.com](mailto:info@pioneerexpeditions.com) if you're interested in this trip, or any of our other expeditions from around the world. Visit our website [www.pioneerexpeditions.com](http://www.pioneerexpeditions.com) to unearth all of our other equally amazing trips and destinations.

**1. Contact us -**

We will be happy to answer any questions or enquiries you may have. From here we will begin to plan and put together your dream adventure holiday! Alternatively, on our website you will find our booking and enquiry forms; once filled in, we will be notified of your enquiry and will get back to you ASAP.

**2. Leave everything to us -**

Everything will be arranged and booked by us, but we will make sure to keep you updated every step of the way. In addition, we can arrange your international flights if needed, as we have access to competitive airfares. We can also arrange any additional tours or additional night's accommodation.

**3. Wait for your adventure to begin -**

Sit back and count down the days until your trip of a lifetime with Pioneer Expeditions. We'll handle all of the last minute preparations and provide you with everything you need. All practical information will be sent out to you, prior to your trip.

If you feel like altering this itinerary to suit your personal preferences, we can arrange all of that and more – just get in contact with us and let us know your requirements and wishes. From here, we can simply tailor-make your dream holiday.

