

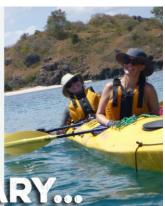
# PIONEER EXPEDITIONS











**ITINERARY** 

## Komodo • Kayaking Adventure

10 DAYS • 9 NIGHTS **Actual Kayaking- 5 days** 

Bali – Labuan Bajo – Bedadhari – Seture Island – Pungu Kecil - Pungu Island - Kukusan - Gado - Warloka -Kaaba – Manta Point – Sebayor Kecil – Kanawa – Labuan Bajo - Tado Village - Labuan Bajo - Bali

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Visit the world renowned Komodo Park and Rinca Island
- See the largest lizard on the planet
- Paddle among some of the most remote islands in Indonesia
- Snorkel amongst pristine coral and schools of fish

## **TOUR ESSENTIALS**

Tour Style **Kayaking Adventure** 

**Tour Start** Bali

Tour End Bali

Accommodation Hotel, Eco Lodge, Safari

Tent, Boat

**Included Meals** 8 Breakfasts, 5

Lunches, 4 Dinners

Difficulty Level Moderate

## **INDONESIA • KOMODO KAYAKING**



We will paddle our sea kayaks to some of the most remote beaches on earth, drift over coral reefs and visit islands inhabited by mythical Dragons. We will be visiting the remote province of Nusa Tengarra and the islands of Flores, Rinca, as well as uninhabited islands in the Komodo National Park. This is a truly unique expedition to a fascinating destination.

# KOMODO an overview

For those who crave adventure and remote places, who crave cultural immersion and like being in the outdoors, who love a physical challenge but also cherish quiet times of relaxation, then our Kayaking Komodo expedition is for you. We will be visiting the remote province of Nusa Tengarra and the islands of Flores, Rinca and dozens of uninhabited islands. You will be escorted around the Komodo National Park by one of our well trained kayaking guides who not only will give you pointers on how to kayak but also inform you on what you are experiencing on the trip.

Our objective is to visit the home of the mighty Komodo Dragon. The Komodo Dragon's sheer size and power is unbelievable growing more than 3 metres in length and weighing over 150kg. Although they plod along at a leisurely pace, do not be fooled, when called for, the Dragon can run up to 30 kilometers an hour and strike at lightning speed. We will be visiting uninhabited islands, snorkeling in crystal clear water above pristine coral. We will visit caves and islands packed with flying fox as well as remote communities that live off the sea. Our nights will be spent beneath the stars on some uninhabited island.

The Kayaks used are double Komodo Sea Kayaks considered one of the best double kayaks in the world. The Komodo Kayaking Expedition is a fascinating journey to one of Indonesia's remoter parts. It is a journey into the past, when dinosaurs roamed the earth.

## 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. Alternatively, our small group tours have a maximum of 12 people, making it a much more personal experience.

## ITINERARY





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#### **DAY 1: ARRIVAL BALI**

Arrive in Bali and transfer to your hotel.

Overnight Hotel



Overnight: **Hotel** 



Meals: **N/A** 



Distance: **1Hour** 



Activities: **Travel** 

### DAY 2: FLY BALI TO LABUAN BAJO. ARRIVE AT KOMODO LABUAN BAJO AIRPORT

Today you will fly from Bali to Labuan Bajo and upon arrival at Komodo Airport you will be met by our No Roads Local Manager and transferred to your Hotel. You will have a welcome meeting with your Guide before enjoying the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight in Hotel.



Overnight:



Meals:



Distance: **2-3 Hours** 



Activities: **Kavakina** 

#### DAY 3: LABUAN BAJO - BEDADHARI - SETURE ISLAND

This morning is the start of your adventure out into the Komodo National Park. After a safety briefing at Puri Sari beach with your Guide, you will begin your first kayaking leg to Bedadhari Island where you will then enjoy a snorkel and a swim followed by lunch on the support boat. After lunch the support boat will sail to the spectacular site of Goa Rangko caves. Goa Rangko is a grotto with an amazing clear lake seamed by stalactites and stalagmites. After some time exploring and swimming in the caves you will sail back to Seture Island, for your first overnight camp and if time permits an evening sunset kayak, which is the perfect way to finish the day.

Overnight in Safari style tents on Seture Island Kayak 5.3km & 30km by boat (approximately).



Overnight: Safari Tents



Meals: **B, L, D** 



Distance: **3Hours** 



Activities: **Kayaking** 

## DAY 4: SETURE - PUNGU KECIL - PUNGU ISLAND

After waking, and an optional early morning swim, you will board the support boat for breakfast before starting your first paddle leg to Pungu Pearl Farm. After arrival at the white sandy beach of Pungu and enjoying refreshing ice cold water, the staff will show you how these beautiful products of the sea are grown and sourced at their farm. If you are lucky and it is harvesting time, you will also be able to see the workers harvesting the pearls. A relaxing paddle through the mangroves will follow your Pearl Farm visit, until you reach Menjerite where you will stop for lunch and some snorkelling. After lunch you will kayak the beautiful surrounding islands before reaching your overnight camp at Pungu Island. In the late afternoon, you can choose to snorkel the crystal clear reef just off the beach or spend some more time kayaking around this amazing area. Then it is time to sit back and enjoy the sunset over the surrounding islands before dining on the beach.

Overnight in Safari style tents on Pungu Island. Kayak 12.5km (approximately)







Meals: **B, L, D** 





Activities: **Kayaking** 

## DAY 5: Pungu Island- KUKUSAN - GADO - WARLOKA - KAABA

This morning starts again with the option for an early morning snorkel just off the beach of Pungu Island before

breakfast back on the support boat - always a great way to start the day! Your first paddle of the day will either take you to Kukusan Island or Rinca Village and if school is in, at these villages, you will pay a visit to the students before exploring life on the island. The next leg of kayaking is to Gado - with its' wonderful mangroves and some amazing snorkelling in a spot with giant table corals, plenty of fish and turtles, who hopefully swim by to say hello. After lunch and some more snorkelling you will either paddle or travel on the support boat to a small mangrove island (Kaaba), which is inhabited by bats. This is a wonderful sight enjoyed from our top deck -



watching thousands of bats flying into the night sky for their evening meal.

Overnight in cabin on support boat in the park. Kayak 7.2km & 9km by boat (approximately).



Overnight: Support Boat



Meals: **B, L, D** 



Distance: **1Hour** 



Activities: **Kayaking** 

## DAY 6: RINCA - MANTA POINT - REMOTE SIDE OF SEBAYOR KECIL



snorkelling with the manta rays at Manta Point and hopefully, these gracious animals will delight you with their presence. After lunch, you will then start paddling towards Sebayor Kecil for your last beach camp of the expedition. Sebayor Kecil has a beautiful beach with some great coral reefs and fish population so a spot of snorkelling in the late afternoon or early the next morning is certainly encouraged.

Early morning you will rise and boat to the Rinca Ranger's Office to look for Komodo Dragons. Rinca (pronounced Rin - cha) is the best place in the park to see the Dragons as their numbers and density are larger here than Komodo Island. You will be shown around the Park by a trained Ranger who will explain the ecosystem, the Dragon's habits and the life of other inhabitants on the island such as the Macaque, Buffalo, Deer, Tree snakes etc. After your trek and a drink at the Ranger's Cafe' you will start heading west to Manta Point. One of the highlights of this trip is



Overnight in Safari style tents. Kayak 10 km and 9km by boat (approximately).



Overnight: Safari Tent



Meals: **B, L, D** 



Distance: **2Hours** 



Activities: **Kayaking** 



## DAY 7: SEBAYOR KECIL - KANAWA - LABUAN BAJO

After enjoying your last breakfast out in the beautiful Komodo National Park and maybe a swim or snorkel just off the beach you will then make your way paddling through the Mangroves towards Kanawa for one last snorkel and swim before you hit the last open stretch of kayaking. It will then be time to say goodbye to the crew before you arrive back at the Puri Sari Beach Hotel by mid-afternoon (option to return on the support boat if you prefer).

For those taking up the SCUBA Diving option (please contact us for info), this is the day that you can SCUBA Dive at some of the best sites in the Komodo National Park. Sites change due to weather and water conditions, as well fish conditions such as Batu Bolong. The SCUBA Boat will pick you up for 2 dives and then drop you back to the hotel in the late afternoon (lunch provided).

Overnight at Hotel. Kayak 19km (approximately).



Overnight: Hotel



Meals: **B, L** 



Distance: **1hour** 



Activities: Snorkelling

## DAY 8: LABUAN BAJO - CUNCA WULANG WATERFALLS/ CECER VILLAGE VISIT - LABUAN BAJO

Today you head out for a day at the Cunca Wulang Waterfalls. The falls are just beyond a beautiful traditional village and the hike there and back is extremely picturesque. The falls, themselves are spectacular, with an enormous fall at one end of a large canyon, which has been carved by the falls themselves. You will be able to swim in the beautiful cool waters all the way to the fall's base, which is always very welcome, after the trek in. During the dry season, when the water is low at the waterfall you will visit a local village on this day in place of the waterfall visit. Cecer Village is about a 45 minute drive out of Labuan Bajo and you will be able to spend time wandering through the village learning how the locals live and immerse yourself in the culture and traditions of village life.

Overnight at Hotel.



Overnight: **Hotel** 



Meals:



Distance: **1hour** 



Activities: **Exploring** 

#### DAY 9: LABUAN BAJO - BALI

In the morning you will be transferred to the Komodo Airport for your domestic flight back to Bali. Upon arrival in Bali, you will be met at the airport by your driver and transferred back to your Hotel for your final night's stay of your expedition. If your travel plans require you to return home or to continue directly on to your next destination, you can make arrangements to end your expedition upon your arrival back in Bali.

Overnight at Hotel.



Overnight:



Meals



Distance:



Activities: **Free Time** 

#### **DAY 10: END OF THE ADVENTURE**

End of your amazing adventure. You can now fly home or extend your stay in Indonesia.







Meals:





## **EXTENSIONS**

## **OPTIONAL: BEACH EXTENSION**

## **DAY 9: LABUAN BAJO - BALI**

We will have a bit of free time before we fly back to Bali today. We can have a swim at the Puri Sari Beach Hotel, go into town and walk around the harbour, or just relax on the sprawling veranda overlooking the sea. You will be met at Bali airport by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Amed.

Overnight at Hotel.



Overnight:



Meals:



Distance: **3 Hours** 



Activities: Free time and Transfer

## **DAY 10 & 11: LEISURE DAYS**

Day at Leisure- Amed.

Overnight at Hotel.



Overnight: **Hotel** 



Meals:



Distance: **N/A** 



Activities: Free Time

## **DAY 12: LEISURE AND TRANSFER**

Morning at leisure – afternoon transfer to Denpasar.

Overnight at Hotel.



Overnight:



Meals:



Distance: **2-3 hour drive** 



Activities: **Travel** 

### **DAY 13: END OF THE ADVENTURE**

End of your amazing adventure. You can now fly home or extend your stay in Indonesia.



Overnight:



Meals:



Distance:



Activities:



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **INCLUDED**

- Kayaks and all safety gear including vest, paddle etc
- 2 nights accommodation in Bali twin share
- 3 nights accommodation in Labuan Bajo
- 3 nights camping
- I night accommodation in our support boat.

  Note: Cabins are shared by group members of the same gender and we might not be able to accommodate couples in the same room that night
- All internal flights
- National park fees
- Professional guide throughout expedition
- Ranger and local guide fees
- All meals on expedition (9 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches and 4 Dinners)
- Airport transfers to and from accommodation in Bali (Holiday Inn) and Flores (Puri Sari Beach Hotel).

#### **NOT INCLUDED**

- Airport Tax
- Travel insurance for your trip
- Still and movie camera fees in the Komodo National Park
- Alcoholic Beverages
- International flights
- Tips

## WHAT OUR CLIENTS HAVE SAID

"It was a magic holiday, an experience we will never forget. Everybody really enjoyed it and we would definitely recommend it to non-kayakers as well as kayakers. The snorkeling is simply the best I've ever seen."

-Dunning Family

"The trip was fantastic, everybody had a brilliant time. The crew were all brilliant. The second boat was a bit "rustic" but that didn't bother us.

We will definitely be looking for a similar trip in Indo next year!"

-S. L. Davies

"Thank you for organising a great holiday for us.

We had an excellent time and all went well - Thanks
once again and hopefully we will get a chance to
travel with you again in the future."

- I. Watt

"I've recently returned from a wonderful holiday on your Komodo dragon expedition. It was a fantastic experience and myself and my boyfriend Arthur thoroughly enjoyed it".

-N. Collins



 "Some wonderful memories, I would not hesitate to recommend it to a friend"

-S. Bosworth

"Beautiful snorkeling, great beaches, wildlife. The trip leader was absolutely brilliant, he was a mine of information about local fauna and flora and customs."

-L. Kalton

# <u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>

ACTIVITY DURATION

This expedition is open between March and December.

BEST TIME TO GO

The best time of year for these expeditions is March to October as these are the driest and usually the most settled months.

**GROUP SIZE** 

2-10

SINGLE TRAVEL POLICY

Many of our guests travel on their own. This style of trip is ideal for single travellers, combining the benefits of group camaraderie and group security with lots of individual flexibility for what you want to do each day. Single supplement options vary by trip style. Standard trip pricing is based on double occupancy. Solo guests can request either to share twin accommodations with another traveller, or request single accommodations for an additional fee. If you are willing to share and we are able to match you up - no problem and no extra cost.

If we cannot match you up then we have a £75 supplement fee. This fee will be applied at the time of booking, but will be reimbursed just before your departure if we are able to match you up.

Should you prefer private accommodations, we can provide you with your own room and extra charges apply.

**Note**: The number of single rooms available on most departures is limited and may not be available at each location. If we are not able to provide you with your own room throughout the trip, we will pro-rate the supplement fee.

**EXPEDITION SCHEDULE** 

Regular weekly scheduled departures. Dates as per website

**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 (2-7 hours per day). his means that you will need an average level of fitness but some specific training may be required.

## THE PIONEER BOOKING PROCESS



Where do you go from here? Well, you can feel free to email us at <a href="mailto:info@pioneerexpeditions.com">info@pioneerexpeditions.com</a> if you're interested in this trip, or any of our other expeditions from around the world. Visit our website <a href="mailto:www.pioneerexpeditions.com">www.pioneerexpeditions.com</a> 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 you requirements and wishes. From here, we can simply tailor-make your dream holiday.

