

Know Before You Go...

Komodo, East Nusa Tenggara

QUICK KNOWLEGDE...

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

Labuan Bajo Domestic Airport: Komodo Airport (IATA: LBJ)

- ✦ Foreigners with [Visa Exemption](#) from 169 countries will be granted 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 +9
 - ✦ 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 only in local Indonesian Rupiah and United States Dollar cash and credit card (Visa/Master Only). We do not accept any travellers' cheques.
 - ✦ Marine park fee and port clearance fee of USD 250 per person, must be paid before boat departure
 - ✦ 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.
 - ✦ Diving – We have Enriched Air Nitrox, 100cuft/15L cylinders. DIN valves with yoke adapter on our cylinders.
 - ✦ Laundry, Massage Chair, Trekking and Tour are available during the cruise (please refer to your cruise itinerary)
- In-room amenities include air-conditioning, wall fan, mini fridge (stateroom), writing desk and wardrobe, electronic in-room personal safe, ensuite toilet and shower, bathrobe, hair dryer, shower amenities



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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 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 at 10.05 – arrival 11.00 and

14.10 – arrival at 15.05

Garuda Indonesia departure time at 07.30 – arrival at 09.05

11.00 – arrival at 12.25

14.10 – arrival at 15.05

Wings Air departure time at 08.00 – arrival at 09.15

12.50 – arrival at 14.10

13.55 – arrival at 15.15

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

Check-In or Out

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Check-in time is from 0800Hrs and check out time is before 1500hrs. Return Transfer to and from Labuan Bajo Domestic Airport for the dates of embarkation/disembarkation are included in the cruise package.

Hotel/resort transfers to the embarkation point can be organised by Solitude with a 3rd party transportation company but will subject to additional charges. 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, cocktails, spirits and local beer at our bar. We allow any consumable alcoholic beverage not bought from our bar to be consumed in our vessel.

Money Changer/Currency Exchange Services

As foreign currency notes are scrutinised for the authenticity and condition (no marks, no flaws, etc.). Mode of Payment is in Indonesia Rupiah (IDR) and United States Dollar (USD) or Credit Card Visa/Master Card. Credit Payment is done online with our online payment account with smooovpay.com (+3.5% Facilitation Fee).

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.

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

Solitude Adventurer provides internet access onboard with additional charge (USD 40 for 500 Mbps). To access the internet, our guests will need to connect via our WIFI Network Hotspot and use their sign-in credentials that will be provided upon check-in.

As connectivity can be affected by weather and is also reliant on a 3rd 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.



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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, and when winds pick up slightly and the area receives most of its annual rainfall. Average water temperatures depending 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.

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 experience, entry to advance (up to Divemaster) scuba certification and Enriched Air Nitrox certification courses.

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

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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). We provide a complete all-inclusive diving package with EAN use and also daily EANitrox 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 US \$8 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.