



# THE KOMODO PHOTOQUEST

## Marine Diversity In The Land of the Dragons

Dates: Friday 15th March - Tuesday 26th March 2013 (12 days)

**Leaders: Sylvia Edge , Martin Edge**

Group Size Limit: 14 plus leaders

The reefs of Indonesia's Komodo region are some of the richest on earth. This region has almost everything from fabulous macro critter filled sites, to plunging soft coral walls, to thrilling shark infested drift dives and finally some stunning shallow reef-top sites where you will run very low on air! Manta Rays, numerous reef sharks, Bamboo Sharks, an array of nudibranchs and clouds of reef fish create a seriously photogenic environment. Within the Komodo National Park is the habitat for about 1000 fish species, over 250 species of reef-building corals, at least 105 species of crustaceans and over 70 species of sponges.

We have chosen the liveboard [Komodo Dancer](#) to help us explore this truly fabulous destination. Komodo Dancer cruises take in the fabulous array of dive sites that Komodo has to offer. Since this is a dedicated photographic trip, it may be that the group decide to reduce the time spent on the sites where strong currents can prevail, in favour of calmer sites more conducive for photography. However diving Castle Rock, Crystal Rock and Shotgun! is definitely worth it for the thrill factor and the sheer number of fish!

Some of the Komodo regions most popular dive sites are in the south of the region off Rinca island in Horseshoe Bay. Whilst the diving is stunning and seriously photogenic, the water temperatures can drop as low as 21C so you may wish to consider taking the necessary precautions to stay warm.

And let's not forget the Komodo Dragons on the island of Rinca! On one morning of our cruise we will visit Rinca to seek out the Komodo Dragons and walk a short trail around part of the island. Do not forget your camera and stick close to the group!

Combine the quality of the teaching and photo support, the dive management, the comfort of the vessel, the sheer remote nature of this location and its virtually unsurpassed marine life and you will know why you should be part of this fabulous trip!

For full details of the diving, please see our general [Komodo & The Nusa Tenggara](#) holiday description.

## **OUTLINE ITINERARY**

Friday 15th March: Afternoon or evening arrival in Denpasar. Transfer to the Puri Santrian Hotel for one night.

Saturday 16th March: Take a taxi to Denpasar Airport for the short flight to Labuan Bajo. Transfer to Komodo Dancer for 10 nights.

Sunday 17th – Monday 25th March: 9 days of diving the sites of Komodo National Park

Tuesday 26th March: Transfer to Labuan Bajo for the short flight back to Denpasar. Take a taxi to the Puri Santrian Hotel for one night.

£2730 Labuan Bajo/Labuan Bajo (provisional price, to be confirmed)

Includes:

- Transfers between Labuhan Bajo airport and Komodo Dancer.
- 10 nights full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner) on a twin/share basis in a Twin Cabin on Komodo Dancer.
- 9 days of diving (up to 4 dives a day including night dives) plus one or two dives on the last day
- Komodo National Marine Park entry fee.
- 2 nights room and breakfast on a twin/share basis in a Club Room at the Puri Santrian Hotel.
- Services of Martin Edge and Sylvia Edge as leaders

**Why travel with Martin and Sylvia** when you could go it alone? Firstly, Martin has no secrets. Everything he knows he will share with you. Secondly, if you chose, Martin will dive and take pictures with you, side by side: dive together, shoot together. Martin will point out both macro and wide-angle opportunities: teach you how to use your eyes, your mind, your memory and your imagination to enable to see 'in pictures', to see in your mind's eye what the lens may capture.

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