

Indonesia Cruise – Bali to Flores



Trip Summary

Immerse yourself in Bali, Komodo Island, and Indonesia's Lesser Sunda Islands from an intimate perspective, sailing through a panorama of islands and encountering new wonders on a daily basis. Explore crystalline bays, tribal villages, jungle-clad mountains, and mysterious lakes on this eight-day long Indonesian small-ship adventure. **This exciting adventure runs from Flores to Bali or Bali to Flores depending on the week!** *(Please call your Adventure Consultant for more details).*

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive in Bali

In the morning we will all meet at the Puri Santrian Hotel in South Bali before boarding our minibus for our destination of Amed in the eastern regency of Karangasem – an exotic royal Balinese kingdom of forests and mighty mountains, emerald rice terraces, mystical water palaces and pretty beaches. With our tour leader providing information along the way, we will stop at Tenganan Village, a community that still holds to the ancient 'Bali Aga' culture with its original traditions, ceremonies and rules of ancient Bali, and its unique village layout and architecture. We'll also visit the royal water palace of Tirta Gangga, a fabled maze of spine-tingling, cold water pools and basins, spouts, tiered pagoda fountains, stone carvings and lush gardens. The final part of our scenic the journey takes us through a magnificent terrain of sculptured rice terraces followed by spectacular views of a fertile plain extending all the way to the coast.

Guarded by the mighty volcano, Gunung Agung, your charming beachside hotel welcomes you with warm Balinese hospitality and traditional architecture, rich with hand-carved ornamentation. After checking in, you can relax and unwind with a swim in the pool or in the calm, clear waters lapping the shore just footsteps from your room. Or you may prefer a gentle walk, in the surrounding village and hillsides. This will also be an opportunity for those unfamiliar with snorkeling to have a lesson with our tour leader. In the evening, take time to get better acquainted with your fellow guests in preparation for our voyage ahead with sunset drinks in the seaside bar and a Balinese-style welcome dinner.

Overnight Coral View Villas or Hidden Paradise Cottage (L, D)

Day 2: Bali / Lombok Strait

We will wake in the morning at the resort, have a leisurely breakfast and maybe an early morning swim before being transported the short distance to the boat, which will be waiting at anchor in the bay. Getting up early to see the sun come up with the boat in the background is something rather special. After we board the vessel you will have a chance to settle in before we head off for a snorkel on the lovely reefs that the local area is famous for. Back on the boat, the captain will give the order to raise the anchor and we will head east in the direction of Sumbawa across the Lombok Strait. This deep trench of water between Bali and Lombok marks part of a very important ecological boundary called the Wallace Line, which was first described by Sir Alfred Russel Wallace, the renowned Victorian naturalist. Wallace noticed that the flora and fauna of the islands to the west are home to Asiatic animal and plant species, whereas the islands to the east of the invisible line have a greater



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similarity to species found in Australia. As we head east we will enjoy lunch along the way and have plenty of time to relax and settle in to our new ocean going home for the next seven days. Sunset drinks on the back deck will be a highlight.

Overnight The Katharina or The Ombak Putih (B, L, D)

Day 3: Kenawa Island / Bungin Island

We will wake off the beautiful white sands of Kenawa Island in West Sumbawa, where after breakfast we will snorkel, paddle board, swim and explore the island's beaches, grasslands and corals throughout the morning. After lunch on the boat we will set a course 10 miles further east to Bungin Island, home to a group of Bajau 'Sea Gypsies', famous for living in stilt houses above the water and living entirely off the sea. It is the second largest Bajau settlement in Indonesia and will provide you with an amazing and rare opportunity to experience a part of Indonesian culture that is a huge part of the country's seafaring tradition. Later in the afternoon we will set sail for Moyo Island.

Overnight The Katharina or The Ombak Putih (B, L, D)

Day 4: Moyo / Satonda

This morning we will moor off Labuan Aji village on the island of Moyo, visit the village and then walk to Diwu Mba'i waterfall, where can swing on a rope and jump into the deep clear river pool below, or simply bathe in the refreshing cool water. Our next stop will be Satonda, a strange and mystical volcanic island with a sunken crater lake in its center that was filled with saltwater when the nearby Mt Tabora erupted in 1815, causing a tsunami that flowed into the crater. The eruption was the biggest volcanic explosion in the collective memory of mankind; it had roughly four times the energy of the 1883 eruption of Krakatoa, and gave rise to the 'year without a summer' because of the effect on North American and European weather. Local people believe Satonda to be magical, and with this in mind, we will walk to the lip of the caldera to view the mysterious lake, alongside which are trees believed to be 'wishing trees.' Visitors to the island tie a small stone to a tree and make a wish. If your wish comes true, you are bound to return to the island to offer thanks. The seas surrounding the island are rich with soft and hard corals and colorful tropical fish, so we will spend the afternoon swimming and snorkeling. Another highlight of our visit to Satonda will be the sight of thousands of flying foxes that commute at dusk from the island to feed on the mainland, returning before first light the next day. Immediately after sunset, we leave for an overnight passage on a course due east.

Overnight The Katharina or The Ombak Putih (B, L, D)

Day 5: Pulau Sangean / Banta

We will wake up off the coast of Pulau Sangean, an active volcano that towers 1,800 meters above sea level. After breakfast, we will go ashore to a small hamlet, which, because of the active nature of the volcano, is only inhabited for short periods during the year when the local people come to tend their crops and small herds of buffaloes, which we can see swimming in the sea. Luckily for us, the local community of boat builders on the mainland has started construction of a brand new and very large pinisi boat on the beach at Sangean village. We will have the opportunity to see the process that built both the Ombak Putin and Katharina in action; truly an impressive sight and a marvel of engineering. We will then snorkel on both a nearby reef and a location on the north of

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the island where volcanic gasses escape in the form of bubbles from the sea floor among the corals, a most interesting sight. We will then proceed to the island of Banta and its pure white sand beach, for an afternoon of swimming, snorkeling and hill climbing for the fit. Later that evening we proceed on to Komodo dragon country. •

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Day 6: Komodo / Gili Lawa Darat

We will wake in the northernmost part of Komodo National Park this morning • Our day will be filled with the allure of the sea • Enjoy snorkeling, kayaking, and many more activities throughout today at Gili Lawa Darat island • Swim with schools of manta rays as they feed • We will spend the late afternoon on a local sandbar and let the day melt away • *Overnight The Katharina or The Ombak Putih (B, L, D)*

Day 7: Rinca / Siaba / Kelor / Kukusan

Today we will visit the ranger station of Loh Buaya on Rinca Island where we will have another ranger-led nature trek in search of more Komodo dragons, which are indigenous to this small group of islands. Rinca is also well known for its diverse wildlife, so we may spot monkeys, wild buffaloes and deer as well. From the top of the hills, the scenery is breathtaking. In the afternoon, we can go snorkeling on the beautiful Siaba Island, before perhaps visiting the lovely Kelor Island. We will also have the option of visiting the adjacent island of Kukusan where we will meet a settlement of 'sea-gypsies,' the Bajao people who build their homes on stilts over the sea. That evening we will go ashore to an uninhabited island and get our toes in the sand for a final night's beach barbeque. With a raging bonfire, great food, dancing and the crew singing and playing guitars, this end-of-cruise celebration under the stars is a quintessential SeaTrek experience.

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Day 8: Flores / Bali Departure

For those early risers, we will have time for one last swim and snorkel, before cruising into Labuan Bajo harbour. At about 9am we will leave the boat for a trip to the village of Melo. Here, local 'strongmen' will perform the 'Caci,' a ritual whip-fight between two rivals in which the players, each armed with a rattan shield and a whip, will try to hit each other while dancing to the rhythm of traditional acoustic instruments. The men of Western Flores are famous for this test of daring and skill, requiring lightning quick moves to dodge the infliction of a wound. The winner is loudly applauded and cheered by the village. Besides this, the cultural group will also showcase other

traditional dances. After the performance, we will have lunch on the boat before transferring you to the airport for your flight back to Bali.

No overnight (B, L)

**Trip itineraries are subject to change without notice due to road, weather and other factors outside of our control, for the safety and enjoyment of our guests, as deemed necessary and appropriate by*



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SeaTrek Sailing Adventures and Austin Adventures. Note that the daily itinerary is kept purposely flexible to maximize wildlife sightings and natural encounters.

Our Partner – SeaTrek Sailing Adventures

Austin Adventures is proudly offering this trip in conjunction with SeaTrek Sailing Adventures. Led by professional guides and a full crew of sailors and stewards, SeaTrek's considerable and unparalleled knowledge of anchorages and local customs has created a vast network of contacts from across the archipelago and opened a whole new world to thousands of people from across the globe. Relax on board the traditional pinisi schooners and experience private en-suite cabins, great food, top-class service and fine company mixed with plenty of camaraderie, adventure, culture, water sports, history, and tropical exploration par excellence.

Activities

Hiking: Easy to moderate hikes through traditional villages, forests, and national parks. Distance varies according to guests' desires.

Kayaking: Equipment provided, no experience necessary

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Swimming: Equipment provided, no experience necessary

Paddleboarding: Equipment provided, no experience necessary

Snorkeling: Equipment provided, no experience necessary

Discovery: Indonesia is home to around 18,000 islands that stretch over 5,000 km from east to west, covering an area bigger than the Continental U.S.A., thus making it the largest archipelago on earth. With so much water surrounding this country, the best way to experience it is by ship. Exploring Indonesia by boat allows you to get off the beaten track to visit remote towns and villages, jungles filled with birds and beasts, underwater reefs teeming with fish and corals, and masses of untouched white sandy beaches that lie in the shade of coconut palms swaying gently in the tropical breeze. With over 300 different ethnic groups and nearly 700 languages among them, Indonesia is as diverse a nation as you will find anywhere on Earth. As you cruise, SeaTrek aims to provide you with many opportunities to visit and meet with the local people. You will stop in towns and villages en route to visit schools and royal households, browse and shop in traditional markets, feast on local fare, watch weavers and blacksmiths plying their trade, explore colonial-era forts and historical buildings, see pinisi boats being built on the shore, and simply walk through the pretty lanes of the villages while sharing a smile and a laugh with friendly people going about their daily lives. Indonesia has a wide range of habitats that are home to numerous species of plants and animals, including fabulous tropical birds: hornbills, cockatoos and the rare birds of paradise; an abundance of coral gardens and reef life, turtles and sea snakes, and larger marine creatures such as whale sharks, manta rays, whales and dolphins; as well as orangutans, monkeys, tree kangaroos and the legendary Komodo dragons. With so much natural wonder above and below the water, SeaTrek takes great pride in being able to give guests the opportunity to experience these and more, up-close-and-personal in their wild and wonderful natural habitats.

Meals

SeaTrek's galleys are staffed with talented individuals who pride themselves on being able to conjure up all manner of dishes and delicacies from across the world, using only the best quality meat, seafood and fresh produce available – with the latter often sourced from local markets and the fishermen we meet along the way. Vegetarian dishes and kids' meals are a specialty, and most special dietary requirements can be accommodated with minimal fuss. The pursers are on hand all day to serve meals and make sure you have all you need; from cold towels and fresh juices to a full plate of food and an iced drink whenever you need it. Each boat has a full bar stocked with local and imported wines, imported spirits and domestic beer, which are charged at almost cost price, while all non-alcoholic drinks are inclusive.

Distinctive Accommodations

Night 1: Coral View Villas or Hidden Paradise Cottage – Amed, Bali

Coral View Villas: Picturesque bungalows are set within a sprawling tropical garden amongst hidden patches of fruit trees and vegetables, with the aim of supplying as much home grown produce to the kitchens and guests as possible.

Hidden Paradise Cottage: This boutique resort was established in 1991 when the first bricks laid



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were nestled amongst corn fields. Hidden Paradise opens up to the black sand beach of Lipah Bay. Swim at the beach, sun tan by the hotel's pool, sip cocktails at sunset or dine at Tumpek.

Nights 2 – 7: Katharina or Ombak Putih

Offering all the creature comforts of the modern world, SeaTrek's two wooden pinisi ships, *Ombak Putih* and *Katharina*, are part of a beautiful, centuries-old maritime tradition of hand-crafted boatbuilding in Indonesia. Built by the highly-skilled seafaring peoples of Borneo and Sulawesi, using hand tools and traditional methods of construction, the design of these gaff-rigged ketches has been adapted and passed down from father to son for centuries. Interestingly, the pinisi fleet still forms the massive bulk of Indonesia's cargo and transport network today.

SeaTrek's boats are outfitted with the most up-to-date safety equipment and communications technology, and equipped with high-quality tenders, kayaks, stand-up-paddle boards and snorkeling gear. The comfortable cabins are located below decks and offer all the necessary amenities, including double beds or twin bunks, private en-suite bathrooms, lots of natural light, individually controlled air-conditioning, ample storage space, and plenty of electrical and USB outlets.

In 2014 and 2015 respectively, working with the unique legacy these vessels represent, *Katharina* and *Ombak Putih* both had major refits. Their transformation was an exercise to conserve their authenticity, using only the best traditional materials, and shaped by highly skilled Indonesian craftsmen of the same heritage that built them.

KATHARINA

Led by Captain Iwan and operated by a crew of 12, the 40-meter *Katharina* sits low in the water, making her a most beautiful looking boat. Built in 1995 in Kalimantan, her slim hull was originally planned for use as a commercial freighter before she caught the eye of SeaTrek with her simple lines and sleek structure. After her 2014 interior refit, her transformation is a conservation exercise back to authenticity of a mighty seafaring tradition. Not only is the *Katharina* very elegant on the water, she is also fast becoming a classic yacht, as very few of these original designs remain. Accommodating just 12 guests in six cabins, with a salon & bar, two sun decks, and an outdoor dining area, she offers a more intimate experience.

OMBAK PUTIH

Led by Captain Feri, with a crew of 14, *Ombak Putih* means 'White Wave' in the Indonesian language. Her keel was first laid down in Kalimantan in 1995, and she became operational in 1997. At 42 meters long, she is the larger of SeaTrek's two ships, providing accommodation for up to 24 guests in 12 comfortable cabins. Approximately 400 square meters of public space is divided over her two main decks, including a large salon, as well as covered and open areas, allowing plenty of room for our guests to spread out, relax, and enjoy as much company or solitude as they wish.

Arrival & Departures

Please arrive to Denpasar on the island of Bali no later than the evening prior to your trip. We recommend arriving a minimum of two nights early to allow for potential flight delays and misconnection. The meeting point on Day 1 of your itinerary is the Simply Brew Café located in Sanur, Bali. Guests will meet at the Café at 10:00 AM and will be transferred to Amed by bus.

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On your departure day, you'll cruise into Labuan Bajo Harbor and will embark on a morning trip to the village of Melo on Flores Island. Enjoy lunch back on the boat before your transfer to your post-trip hotel in Lubuan Bajo or the Komodo Airport. If you are booking a domestic flight back to Denpasar out of Komodo Airport, please book your flight for 3:00 PM or later.

Trip Price

Call for pricing.

Trip Length

8 days / 7 nights

2020 Dates

Departing weekly, call for availability.

** Inquire with an Adventure Consultant as to which ship departs which date and which direction.

Host City

Denpasar, Bali
Airport Code: DPS

Reservations & Availability

1-800-575-1540

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Trip Reservations

Reservations, Deposits and Balances Due

To make a reservation, contact Austin Adventures with your choice of trip and dates. A nonrefundable 25% per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. **Some Custom and International programs may require additional deposits.** Full payment is required at the time of booking if your trip departs within 90 days. Choose one of the following contact methods:

The toughest part is going home.SM



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* You may also book your Austin Adventure with your preferred travel professional.

** We accept most major credit cards and personal checks (U.S. funds made payable to Austin Adventures). Please do not send cash.

Included in the Trip Price

- Double occupancy cabin with private bath on board the *Katharina* or the *Ombak Putih*.
- First night's lodging in Amed (Bali).
- All meals as listed in detailed itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner).
- Fully trained, professional guides and knowledgeable local partners.
- Any necessary equipment – all safe and well maintained.
- All excursions during the trip.
- Transfers from local airports to the boats.
- Non-alcoholic beverages.
- Austin Adventures T-shirt and luggage tags.
- Pre-departure and packing information.

Not Included in the Trip Price

- Gratuities to SeaTrek guides and crew.
- Arrival and departure transfers to/from Denpasar Airport.
- Alcoholic beverages.
- Domestic flights.
- Pre-and post-trip accommodations and associated expenses.
- Air and land transportation to/from host cities.
- All types of personal insurance.
- Personal expenses.

Pre-departure Information

After receiving your reservation and deposit, we'll send you a pre-trip planner with general information about the area you'll be visiting, a packing list, exercise guidelines, a guest information questionnaire and a liability release agreement for you to sign and return within 10 days.

Private Custom Trips

Maybe your vacation schedule doesn't fit our list of trips and dates. Or perhaps you'd prefer a slightly different itinerary or level of luxury and activity. A Custom Adventure is the perfect answer. You pick the date and destination and brief us on the size of your group, what activities you want, your "must haves" and just how you like to relax and unwind. No detail is too small, no idea too outrageous. Our staff of experts will help create a tailor-made vacation that's just right for you and your group. In short, if you can dream it, we can make it happen.

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Room Occupancy, Single Supplements, and Shared Room Assignments

All trip prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available for an additional charge, referred to as a “single supplement.” If you’re traveling alone and wish to share a room, make the request at the time of booking. Austin Adventures will attempt to find a suitable roommate for you. If you book 90 days before the trip and we cannot find you a suitable roommate, we will take care of the single supplement. **some restrictions may apply*

Child Age and Pricing on Family Adventures

Family Adventures are suitable for children seven years old and up (five years and older for our Costa Rica and Yellowstone Family Adventures). Children who share a room with one or more adults receive reduced rates. The minimum age on our non-family designated adult and teen adventures is sixteen years old.

Cancellations and Refunds

The following cancellation policies and cancellation fees are in effect:

***As with deposits on some international and custom programs, refund schedule may vary, speak with your Adventure Consultant for details.

Cancellation 91 days or more before trip departure – Full trip payment refunded less 25% nonrefundable trip deposit

Cancellation 60-90 days before trip departure – Full trip payment less 50% per person is refunded

Cancellation 0-59 days before trip departure – No refund is given

Our Guarantee

Exceeding your expectations is our number one priority. In the unlikely event that you are dissatisfied with something during your trip, immediately notify your guide(s). If he or she is unable to resolve the issue, call our main office and give us the details of the problem, and a chance to correct it. We will do our best to find a resolution. If we are unable to do so during your trip, we will work with you upon your return home to arrive at a fair and equitable solution, including up to a full refund.