



BALI TO KOMODO: ISLAND DISCOVERY

Discover some of Indonesia's best kept secrets,
Komodo & Moyo Islands, on this inspiring
journey from Bali to Eastern Indonesia.

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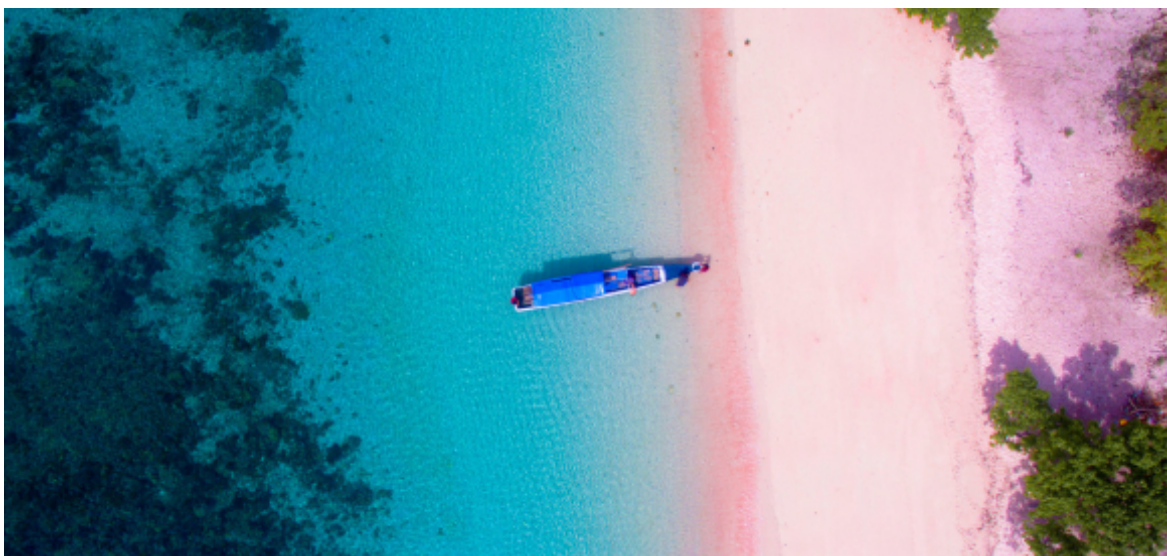
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Journey Overview

Set sail for Komodo National Park, where remote islands dot kaleidoscopic reefs, volcanoes tower in the distance, and beaches come in hues of pink, black and gold. On this luxury cruise, glide through one of the most dramatic UNESCO World Heritage sites on earth aboard the Aqua Blu explorer yacht. Spend your days snorkelling or diving over vibrant reefs, kayaking around jungle-clad coasts, hiking through emerald forests, swimming in fresh-water streams and come face-to-face with the world's largest prehistoric lizard. At night, retire for scenic sundowners and world-class dining under the stars.

Journey Highlights

- Spend seven nights aboard the luxury Aqua Blue explorer yacht, discovering Komodo National Park; daily alfresco dining, with all meals included
- Explore some of the most spectacular reefs in the world with multiple snorkelling or diving opportunities
- Discover a jungle of natural wonders with a hike to the cascading limestone pools on Moyo Island
- Observe whale sharks at the UNESCO biosphere-reserved waters of Saleh Bay
- Kayak and paddle board through the remote islet of shallow reefs at Gili Lawa
- Take once-in-a-lifetime photography on one of only seven pink beaches in the world
- Encounter the rare and prehistoric Komodo Dragon, observing these huge agile beasts in their natural habitat



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Benoa, Bali

Arrive in Bali to a warm welcome. Board Aqua Blu — your long-range explorer yacht — and settle into its many luxury spaces, before sailing to the remote paradise of Moyo Island. Take a seat in the Aqua Blu Bar for sundowners as the sun sets over the Indonesian archipelago. Tonight you'll enjoy your first alfresco dining experience under the stars.

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Day 2: Moyo Island

Explore Moyo Island, a mountainous tropical island dotted with coastal fishing villages. Discover a jungle of natural wonders and wildlife as you trek to the cascading limestone pools of Barry's Falls, a spring-fed waterfall at the heart of the island. Take a refreshing dip and cool off, before continuing to shallow Angel Reefs for an unforgettable snorkelling experience. Keep your eyes peeled for seahorse, pufferfish, stingray, snake eel, moray eel, cuttlefish, nudibranch, pipefish and more.

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Day 3: Saleh Bay, Sumbawa

Discover the crystal-clear waters of Saleh Bay, recognised on the UNESCO biosphere reserves list as having one of the largest populations of whale sharks in the world. Depending on the time of the month, you'll have the chance to encounter these friendly creatures up close as they cruise and feed on the reef. In the evening, hold your breath as you witness thousands of fruit bats take flight while the sun sets.

Aqua Blu / Meals: BLD

Day 4: Gili Banta & Gili Lawa

Enjoy a spectacular sunrise breakfast with the towering Sangeang volcano on the horizon. Set sail for Gili Banta, with its jagged coastline, high mountains, finger-shaped bays and deserted white beaches. Hike the Eastern Ridge for spectacular views of the Sape Strait and grandiose Komodo Island. This afternoon it's on to Gili Lawan, an uninhabited and remote islet of shallow reefs. Get out onto the water and enjoy some leisurely kayaking or stand-up paddle boarding as you soak up the sun and the views.

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Day 5: Padar Island

Enjoy a serene morning kayak from your ship over the shallow coral reef to Gili Lawa beach, where you can view the islands only inhabitants — wild native Rusa Deer that wander down from the grasslands. In the afternoon, arrive at postcard-perfect Padar Island — with its ethereal pink, black and white sands. The panorama from the top of Padar Island is breathtaking. Expect to be swept into a Jurassic Park film set with jungle-clad islands as far as the eye can see. Hike up the savannah hill for iconic views over the entire Komodo National Park before a sunset cocktail on the beach.

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Day 6: Komodo Island

After a morning sailing around the Komodo National Park, arrive in Horseshoe Bay at Komodo Island, a dramatic curvature of land that is the remains of an ancient volcano caldera. Board a tender to cruise around the bay where Komodo dragons roam wild. In the late afternoon, the iconic Pink Beach awaits. Paired with turquoise waters the soft pink sand makes for spectacular photography. Trek the island wilderness, visit the local village or enjoy some of the most vibrant snorkelling in the park. Alternatively, relax on the beach or in the jacuzzi aboard your yacht.

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Day 7: Loh Buaya & Linta Strait

Discover Komodo National Park's largest Komodo Dragon population on land at Loh Buaya (Rinca Island); allow your expert guide to introduce you to these ancient reptiles on a rare hike. Keep your camera at the helm as you watch the agile beasts wander around in their natural habitat. Savour a fresh lunch back on board before heading on to the coral paradise of Linta Strait. Visually breathtaking, the Linta Strait is speckled with deserted emerald islands and is home to the Karang Makassar reef complex, one of the most sought-after diving and snorkelling spots in the world. Don your snorkel and watch the rainbowed reef come alive with large pelagic fish, manta ray, giant trevally and big schools of barracuda.

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Day 8: Depart Labuan Bajo

Depart Linta Strait anchorage for Labuan Bajo and disembark for your outbound flight.

Meals: B

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Accommodation

Aqua Blu

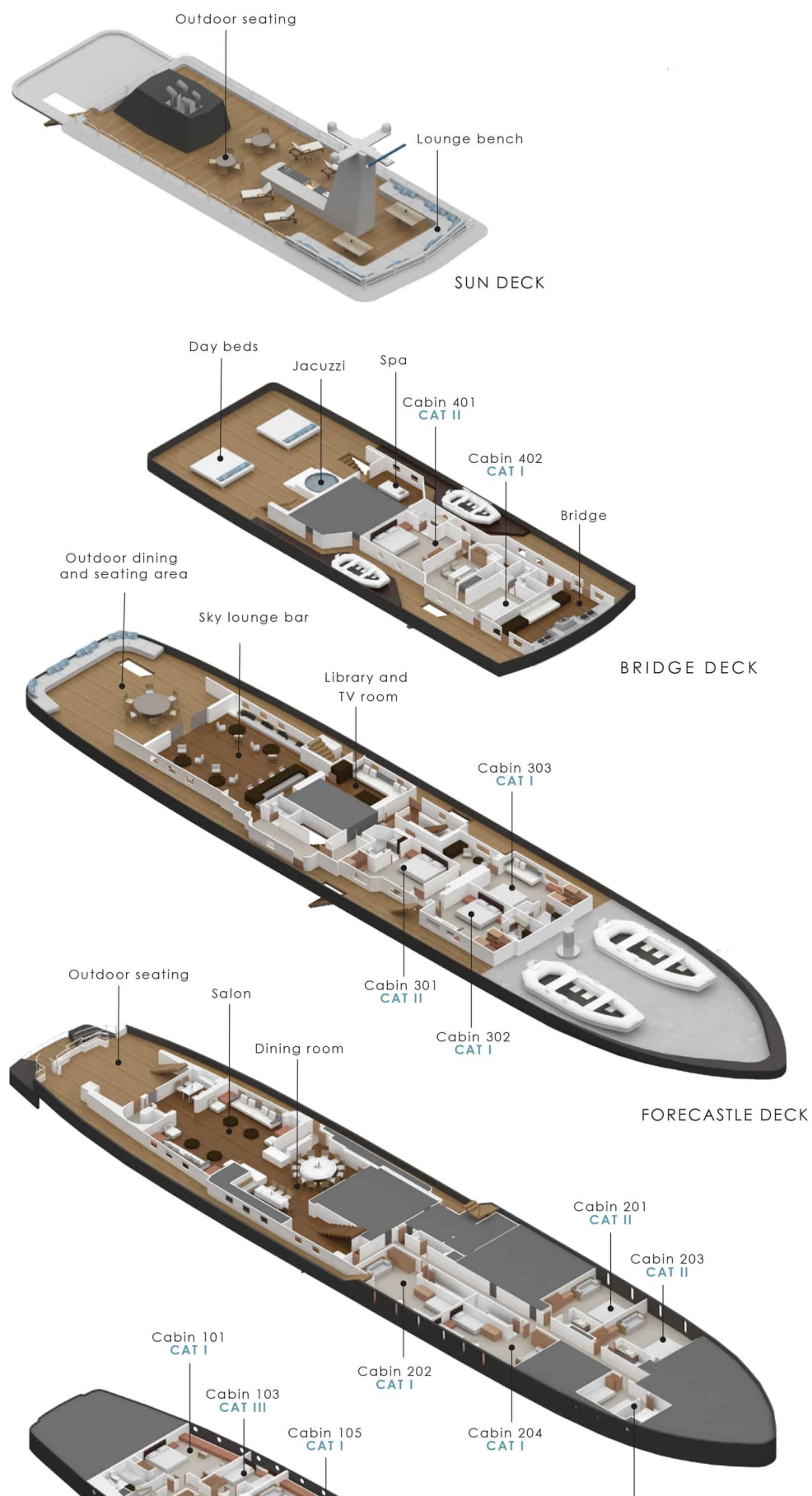


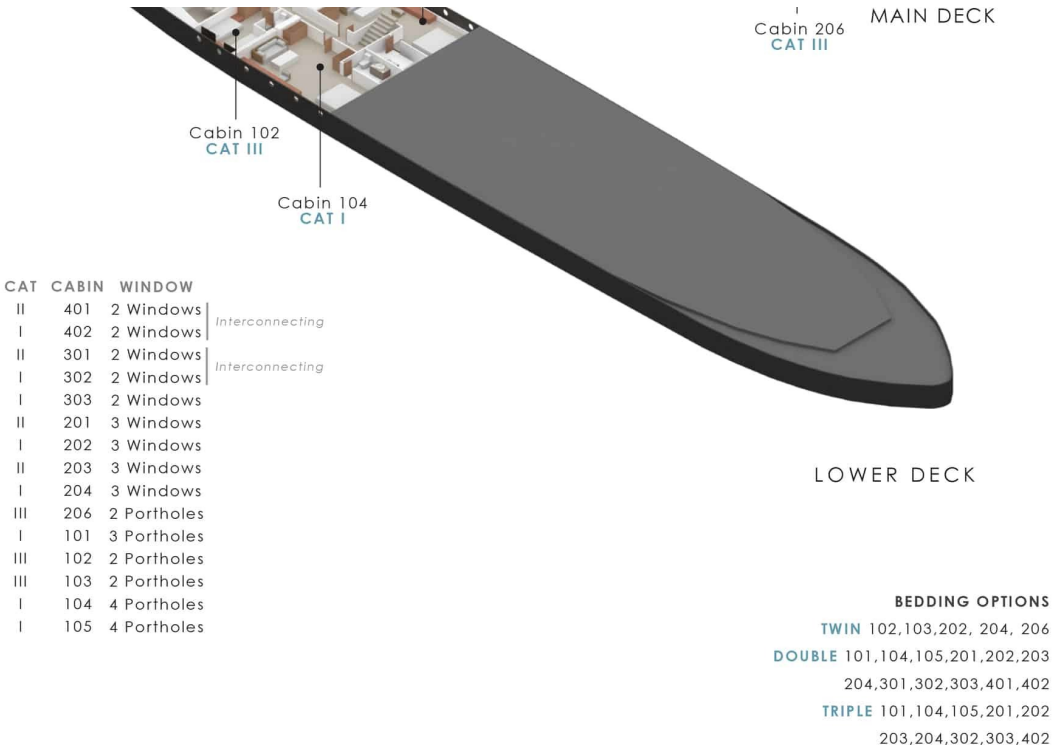
Aqua Blu is Aqua Expeditions' first coastal ship, and the first-ever long-range explorer yacht with year-round departures to be permanently based in East Indonesia — the heart of the Coral Triangle and the fabled Old World spice trade route.

The Aqua Blu coastal ship features 15 Design Suites across four decks in different suite categories. The vessels tastefully paired brass-and-ivory interior theme combines well with the generous and inviting indoor and outdoor social spaces, including a sun deck with outdoor seating, lounge and barbecue. The bridge deck offers a Jacuzzi, outdoor lounge, spa and gym. Dine outside on the Forecastle deck that also includes an indoor bar, library and TV room. The main dining room, salon and more outdoor seating exist on the Main Deck. This ship comes prepared with kayaks, paddleboards, snorkeling and diving gear. Enjoy complimentary internet and laundry service while aboard. Guests will be looked after by 25 crew members, which include a cruise director, dive instructor and English-speaking guide. Expeditioners can expect to embrace an distinguished sense of history and seafaring evolution when they set foot on this one-of-a-kind cruise ship.

The 15-suite Aqua Blu will cruise for 7 nights from Bali - Komodo National Park from April to September with 23 departures per year.

Aqua Blu is also available for charter on an exclusive use basis.





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