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THE REMOTE RING OF FIRE: EAST OF KOMODO - FROM ALOR TO KOMODO

Sail with us through the Komodo National Park, a World Heritage Site renowned for its rich marine biodiversity in Indonesia's Lesser Sunda Islands, to the Alor Archipelago, an undisturbed realm of white-sand beaches and mountainous landscapes, and rich, authentic culture. We've created an exclusive itinerary that explores the natural wonders and rich cultural traditions of these stunning islands in Indonesia's spectacular Pacific Ring of Fire where you will awaken to volcanic peaks jutting dramatically from the land and sea, seek out the famed Komodo dragon in the wild, snorkel in kaleidoscopic underwater seascapes specially chosen for their marine life, and explore ancient villages and their traditional crafts. Relaxing evenings will perfectly complement our active days as we enjoy the ship's exceptional level of service, fabulous onboard presentations, and tropical sunsets dipping below the horizon. **BE PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE** Our mission is to provide the best experience possible for our guests given the current conditions and when unexpected opportunities for adventure may present themselves along our cruise routes. Sometimes weather conditions, tides or other local factors dictate that we need to vary from the published route, and at times there are special opportunities to explore and discover new locations, events and activities. These explorations will always be a definite enhancement to the published itinerary and will be undertaken after discussion and agreement among guests. Ultimately, the boat captains and your tour leader will make decisions to maximize trip safety and your overall enjoyment, so please come prepared to be flexible! **IMPORTANT NOTE** Because of the flight schedules to Alor from Bali, guests must fly to Alor the day before the journey and stay

in a local resort for one night. This overnight stay is included in the ticket price and will be booked on



your behalf.

ITINERARY

D A Y 1 Takpala village

\- You will be collected from your hotel in the morning and taken to the boat.

\- After lunch, we will visit Takpala village for a fascinating cultural performance.

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\- Later this evening we will head west to Pura Island, where we will spend a quiet night at anchor.

DAY 2 Clown Valley

-After breakfast we will snorkel at Clown Valley, home to many sea anemones and their resident guardian clown fish.

-In the early afternoon we will have a second snorkel at Buaya Island, a location with a beautiful drop off and lots of fish.

We will then head to a local quiet bay to spend the night at anchor.

DAY 3 Uma Pura

\- After breakfast we will visit the ancient Muslim village of Uma Pura, where we will stroll around, meet the people and see their way of life. The village is well known for using sea sponges for the dyeing of their textile, and we will get a chance to see the process in action.

\- After this, we will head to a local reef and go snorkeling.

\- After dinner, we will depart to the uninhabited active volcanic island of Komba.

DAY 4 Komba volcano

\- After breakfast, we will explore the (hopefully) belching Komba volcano with our dinghies, and go for a snorkel on the surrounding reefs. Late morning we will head south and cruise towards the mainland and the beautiful Lewaling Bay.

\- Later this afternoon we will go ashore and drive to a local village to see some prehistoric rock art. Later that afternoon we will snorkel and see the sunset over Ile Ape, another active volcano.

\- After dinner, the boat will head east in the direction of Adonara.

DAY 5 Solor Island

\- In the morning we will explore the beautiful underwater reefs on the northeast of Adonara island.

\- We will head to Solor Island as we have lunch, enjoying the beautiful views of the volcanos and islands of this stunning inland passage.

\- We will visit the ruins of a 16th-century Portuguese fort on Solor, and later that afternoon we will head off on an overnight cruise to Maumere.

DAY 6 Maumere Bay

\- We wake up at anchor in Maumere Bay against the backdrop

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of an extinct volcano and enjoy a leisurely breakfast before the day's activities begin.

- We will take a short drive to the scenic Iwang Gete highlands to visit a small village of Watublapi, where we will be met with singing and dancing by the local people. Famed for their unique textiles, we will be shown firsthand their ancient techniques of spinning, dyeing, and weaving their famous fabrics.

\- Here we will have the chance to view (and purchase) some of the local textiles, try their betel nut, and brave their locally produced liquor.

\- In the late afternoon we will head off to Riung conservation area.

DAY 7 Riung Conservation Area

\- Today we explore the beaches and the underwater world of the 17-island, Riung Conservation Area, home to myriad species of land animals and rich coral reefs, as the boat moves from island to island throughout the day.

\- Enjoy swimming, paddle boarding, kayaking, snorkelling and relaxation throughout the day.

\- At around sunset, we will head east in the direction of the Komodo National Park.

DAY 8 Komodo National Park

\- Today we are already in the Komodo National Park, and after breakfast we will have a fabulous snorkeling at the area of Hatamin Island, home to many baby sharks and beautifully restored coral gardens.

\- After snorkeling we depart to Rinca island, where we will have an afternoon walk through the local village with a visit to a local bat cave.

\- At dusk we will gather on the back deck at cocktail hour to see the sunset and witness the evening departure of tens of thousands of fruit bats as they leave their forest homes to forage on the mainland.

DAY 9 Komodo island

\- We will go ashore onto Komodo island for an early morning, ranger-led walk through the dry, rugged landscape of the island encountering wildlife along the way.

\- After lunch we will go in search of manta rays to snorkel with these mighty creatures.

\- We will have our day's second snorkel in the north of the park, with the chance to watch the sunset from a hilltop vantage point, before spending a quiet night at anchor.

DAY 10 Komodo

\- After a leisurely breakfast, we will visit a nearby island for

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some beach time.

\- Later in the morning, we will head back to port, where we will say goodbye to the crew and your fellow shipmates and head to the airport for the flights back to Bali.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.

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YOUR SHIP: KATHARINA

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

Katharina is a mix of traditional and modern design. Her hull and rigging are traditional, while the deck house and interior were custom designed to adapt to Western tastes of space, privacy and comfort. While Indonesian traditional sailing vessels are customarily referred to as Bugi Schooners, strictly speaking Katharina is rigged as a Ketch, the foremast being higher than the aft mast. The deck area of Katharina is dominated by the 25m tall main and top masts and a large central table around which we enjoy our meals alfresco. Just aft is the main lounge and bar, accessible on the port side. On top of this main cabin there is a sun deck, where you find several additional deck chairs and comfortable day beds. Below decks there are 4 double cabins (with one extra single upper berth) and 2 twin cabins (upper/lower berth). All cabins are air-conditioned (individually controlled) and have private bathrooms with warm and cold water. Obviously, we provide all hotel amenities you may require. Each cabin has a wardrobe, a built-in mini safe, individually controlled cooling systems and soft lightning. All cabins have their own private bathroom with shower and toilet. Unlike typical ship accommodation, your cabin provides ample space to store your stuff and still move about with ease. We

know from experience that during a cruise in the tropics some of our guests discover the pleasure of sleeping under the stars and there is plenty of room to sleep on the upper deck. Mattresses as well as light blankets are available for that purpose. Spacious twin shared cabins with twin bunk beds or double bed Each cabin has a private bathroom with toilet and hot shower Washbasin and soap toiletries in your cabin Cabins have individually controlled air conditioning Towels and beach towels that are regularly changed each cabin has an individual minisafe for valuables and travel documents Free tea, coffee and mineral water Excellent food and snacks (vegetarian food on request) Excellent wine selection, cold beer and other alcoholic drinks for sale Chilled towels and a welcome drink upon arrival Outdoor sleeping facilities Unlimited use of our snorkeling equipment and 2 sea canoes Television, DVD and music



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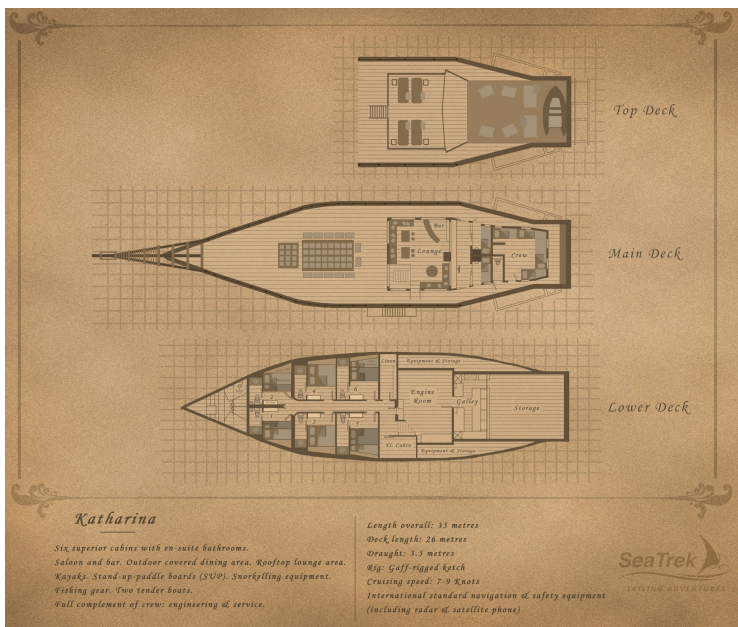
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