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THE WONDERS OF THE INDONESIAN ARCHIPELAGO - FROM BALI TO DARWIN

Set off on an expedition from Bali, venturing through East Indonesia's enchanting landscapes, and concluding in Darwin. This journey is an exploration of Indonesia's rich cultural tapestry, offering insights into its unique highlights. Experience the blend of cultural treasures and natural wonders as you travel, promising an adventure that goes beyond the ordinary. We invite you to immerse yourself in the diverse beauty and heritage of Indonesia.



ITINERARY

DAY 1 Embarkation | Benoa, Bali, Indonesia

Bali is known for its forested volcanic mountains, iconic rice paddies and beaches. The island is home to many striking Hindu temples, such as the cliff side Uluwatu Temple, Tanah Lot, Goa Gajah in Ubud and the spectacular Ulun Danu Beratan Temple in Bedugul. The beachside strip from Kuta to Legian offer lively bars and a multitude of dining choices, while Seminyak, Sanur and Nusa Dua are popular resort areas.

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PASPALEY PEARL will be alongside at Benoa Harbour, Bali.

DAY 2 Badas, Sumbawa Besar. West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia

The port of Badas is part of the greater township of Sumbawa Besar, on the island of Sumbawa. Like most of Sumbawa, the people hold their culture strong as a major part of their identity. The island has a strong influence from the Makassarese of Sulawesi, who over the centuries have introduced a lot of their culture into Sumbawa.

DAY 3 Saleh Bay, Sumbawa Besar. West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia

Enclosed by Moyo Island and the imposing Tembora Peninsula, the serene Saleh Bay is far from the regular tourist trail. In 2017, Conservation International assisted in the development of eco-tourism ventures focused on swimming with the world's largest fish. Still in its infancy, visitors can swim with the whale sharks in the clear calm waters of Saleh Bay all year round. In addition to the presence of these majestic marine creatures, numerous uninhabited islands, fringed by coral reefs are scattered across the azure waters of the bay.

DAYS 4-5 Komodo National Park. East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia

Komodo National Park was granted UNESCO World Heritage status in 1989. With one of the lowest rainfalls in Indonesia, its climate provides the perfect habitat for the exotic wildlife of Wallacea. Dense monsoon forests in the protected gullies give way to open grassland savannas, studded with prickly Ziziphus trees providing the perfect habitat for the infamous Komodo dragon. Originally designed to provide refuge for the Komodo dragon, the park now protects one of the richest marine ecosystems. This has resulted in an abundance of world class snorkelling and diving locations available to the traveller.

DAY 6 Sumba. East Nusa Tenggara. Indonesia

The island of Sumba is home to an ancient animistic culture that has resisted the outside influence of Christianity, Hinduism or Islam. The traditional society's still practice their animist beliefs, known as Merapu that influence their daily lives. Stone tombs of ancestors can be found amongst the unique Sumba style houses, featuring a high roof reaching for the heavens which allow the local villagers to communicate with their spirit-gods. Sumba is well known for its high quality handmade ikat fabrics. The process of dying and weaving ikat is labour-intensive, and one piece can take many months to prepare.

DAY 7 Savu. East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia

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DAYS 9-10 Sea Days

The remote island of Savu (Sawu) is the largest of three islands, situated midway between Sumba and Rote, west of Timor. During colonial times, the islands had little to no interest from European traders, or neighbouring kingdoms, resulting in minimal outside influence until the late-20th century. An ancient megalithic ceremonial site is still evident at the village of Namata. Savu is known for its traditional hand-woven textiles, which are highly valued for their intricate patterns and craftsmanship. These textiles play a significant role in the cultural life of the Savunese people, and are often used in ceremonies and rituals.

DAY 8 Kupang, West Timor, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia

Perched on the southwestern corner of the island of Timor, lies the provincial capital of Kupang. Formerly known as Koepang, it is the largest city and port on the island of Timor with a population of just under 500,000 people. It was an important port and trading post during the Portuguese and Dutch colonial eras, and many ruins and remnants of the colonial presence remain today. During the 20th century, the city was used for landing and refuelling by long-distance flights between Europe and Australia. It was under Japanese occupation between 1942 and 1945, and much of the old town was destroyed by Allied bombing during that time.

A couple of days spent at sea provides an ideal opportunity for contemplation, allowing you to reminisce about the extraordinary moments shared with fellow adventurers. Take a moment for yourself to savour the rare tranquillity of the open sea and connect with your expedition team to discover exciting upcoming adventures on the horizon.

DAY 11 Disembarkation | Darwin, Northern Territory

Darwin is the largest city in the sparsely populated Northern Territory, with a population of 136,245. It is the smallest and most northerly of the Australian capital cities, and acts as the Top End's regional centre. Darwin was originally a pioneer outpost.

PASPALEY PEARL will be alongside the wharf at the Darwin Cruise ship terminal located at Fort Hill Wharf.

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