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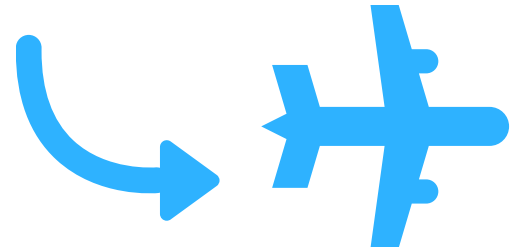
2023/2024

13 days Bali Diving Safari

21 dives

Day 1: Arrive in Bali

You will be greeted by the Bali Aqua team at the Bali international airport and taken to your hotel in South Bali. A group dinner with the guide will follow to meet the team and discuss details of your upcoming trip.



Same itinerary for non-divers.



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Day 2: Pemuteran

Depart for Pemuteran in a private air-conditioned vehicle. Enjoy a drive through diverse landscapes, including the beautiful rice terraces of Bali. The first stop will be Bedugul, to visit the local market with flowers, fruits, vegetables and, above all, spices. Next, visit the "Pura Ulun Danau Bratan" Temple, an exceptional temple on the shore of Lake Bratan. Lunch will be served in a small restaurant in the mountains on the road to Munduk. Finally we will arrive at your hotel in Pemuteran and have dinner in a local restaurant.



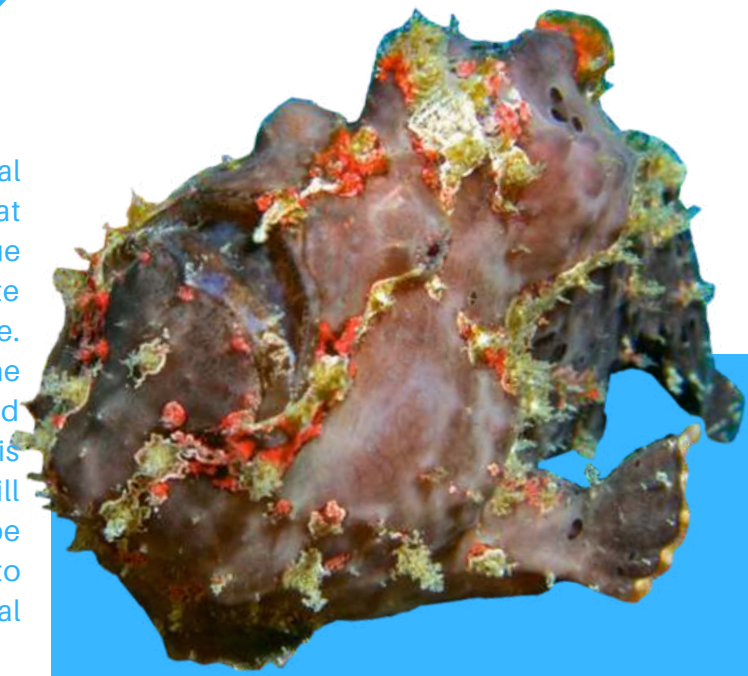
Pura Ulun Danau Bratan, one of the most important temples in Bali. Dedicated to the Goddess Dewi Sri. Located between Bedugul Spice Market and the road to Munduk, with its exotic spice plantations.

Day 3: Gilimanuk

2 "Muck" dives in Secret Bay

Following a 30 minute drive through Bali Barat National Park, you will head to Gilimanuk for 2 "muck" dives at Secret Bay. This site is world famous for its unique topography and abundant macro life. This is an ideal site for photographers and fans of small, unusual marine life. Lunch will be in a small local restaurant with a view of the bay. You will return to Pemuteran in the early afternoon and the entire group will visit the Pabean Temple. This temple is by the sea and local fishermen make offerings here. You will also meet the Balinese crab-eating macaque which will be looking for offerings! In the late afternoon you will return to the hotel to relax in the pool and dinner will be in a local restaurant.

For non-divers: The day will start with a traditional Balinese cooking class. Accompanied by your chef, you will go shopping at the local market to purchase the necessary ingredients. Then you will prepare and eat lunch in the family restaurant of your chef. After lunch, you will meet the rest of the group and visit Pura Pabean Temple. In the late afternoon you will return to the hotel to relax in the pool and dinner will be in a local restaurant.



Gilimanuk or Secret Bay is the "muck diving" site of Bali. You may see frogfish, ghost pipefish, rhynophias, and nudibranchs, just to name a few. A great site to spot macro marine life – it is beloved by photographers.

Pemuteran :

A small village on the northwest coast of Bali near the island of Menjangan. For the next 3 nights we have selected a charming hotel on the beach that is both comfortable and authentically Balinese.



Balinese dance show, performed by the school of Reef dances in Pemuteran during your dinner.

Day 4: Menjangan

You will have 3 dives off of the island of Menjangan, a part of the West Bali National Park. You will travel by traditional boat in the National Park and begin with two morning dives on the fabulous walls of the northeast corner of Menjangan. Lunch will be on the island with a view of a beautiful sandy white beach and the volcanoes of Java in the distance. In the afternoon we will have our third dive to explore the water on the other side of the island. Late afternoon we will return to the hotel to relax at the pool and dine in a local restaurant.

Non-divers can join divers and enjoy the boat ride in the National Park. Menjangan Island is beautiful to explore, and different from much of Bali. You will have time to look for the deer which are endemic to the island ("menjangan" means deer in Indonesian). Snorkeling around Menjangan is easy and beautiful with a wealth of corals and reef fish within easy sight!

Tulamben :

Tulamben, a small fishing village became famous thanks to its wreck the USAT Liberty. We will stay 4 nights for you to explore all of the riches of this region. All of our hotels have direct access to the sea, a swimming pool, and comfortable rooms with air conditioning and a small private terrace.



Day 5: Transfer to Tulamben

Early departure toward the temple of Pura Melanting, a temple leaning against the surrounding hill, dedicated to merchants who come to make their offerings. Further along your way, we will make a second stop at the local market of Serit. Then visit the hot springs of Banjar where you can swim and purify yourself as the Balinese do. Lunch in a local restaurant on Lovina Beach. Finally on the coastal road to Tulamben you will visit the 16th century temple of Ponjok Batu. After settling into your hotel, we will have a night dive on the coral garden of Tulamben followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

Same day program for non-divers.

Day 6: Tulamben

Three wreck dives, including a night dive on the USAT Liberty. We start the morning with a dive on the USAT Liberty wreck. We will then have a small meal before our mid-morning dive on the Kubu wreck and the surrounding coral garden. Lunch will be at a local warung. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon or even a massage before our night dive on the wreck of the USAT Liberty - completely different from the atmosphere in the daytime. Our evening will end with dinner in a restaurant in Tulamben.

Non-divers will spend the day visiting the most abundant region of Bali, Kintamani. Located on the slopes of the Batur volcano, the area is rich in local culture as well as dense forest and waterfalls along a small mountain road. Lunch at Lake Batur and return to the hotel mid-afternoon.



Day 7 : Tulamben

Three dives in Tulamben. After breakfast, two dives in the morning, the coral garden and the beautiful Tulamben drop-off. Lunch at the hotel. In the afternoon a dive at a macro-rich muck dive site, Seraya secret. The afternoon will be relaxing around the swimming pool followed by dinner in a local restaurant.

For non-divers, a superb day touring the Sideman Valley including the rumah pohon (house in the trees) which has a beautiful view of the bay. Join the divers for lunch and the afternoon and evening.



Day 8: Amed
3 dives in Amed.

After breakfast, we depart for Amed where you dive off of a junkung - a traditional outrigger fishing boat. First at Bunutan (rich in colors and full of fish), then on Amed's first eco-reef. Lunch at a warung with a view of the Amed beach. After lunch, a third dive on the wall of Amed. Dinner on the beach to admire the sunset over the Agung volcano. Return to your Tulamben hotel.



Bali
Paradise for macro lovers
and photographers



For non-divers, we begin with a visit to the Temple Pura Lempuyang, the temple in the sky, one of Bali's most sacred temples. We will have a 10 minute walk to see the view - a highlight of the area. Next we will head to the water palace in Ujung by the sea. Our return to Amed is via a beautiful coastal road where we will join the group for lunch in a local restaurant.



Warung :

Warung is the name of a small restaurant in Indonesia. There are many styles of warung. For your Bali dive safari, we have chosen a variety of warungs- on beaches or with panoramic views of the countryside, and rice fields. You will discover the variety and subtlety of Indonesian cuisine throughout your visit. You can also enjoy a more western-style cuisine with the influence of local flavors.

Spices are present everywhere in Asian cuisine, including Indonesian. But don't worry, we have developed menus adapted to Western palates. Of course, if you want something with a little more heat, you can always add some of the local hot sauce, Sambal!



Rice fields

Bali's rice fields are famous throughout the world! The ancestral abundance of Balinese rice fields is largely due to their water management. The Subaks, or canals, cover more than 10,000km and are registered as a Unesco World Heritage Site. You will have the opportunity to explore some of these canals during a mini trek with a guide who will explain the unique Balinese system of irrigation.

Day 9: Transfer to Nusa Penida

Early departure for Tirta Gangga Water Palace (Water of Ganges). Walk through the rice fields and discover the Balinese flora. Lunch in a local warung. Visit of the Aga village of Tenganan. The Aga are descendants of the first inhabitants of Bali, and have lived self-sufficiently and kept the animist customs of their ancestors. After the village visit we will take a speed boat to Nusa Penida and check into your hotel. Dinner at the hotel.

Same program for non-divers.



Day 10: Padang Bai and Nusa Penida

2 dives in Padang Bai and 1 in Nusa Penida

Departure by speed boat from Bali Aqua (our dive center in Nusa Penida) toward the gili islands of Bali: Gili Tepekong and Gili Mimpang. These dive sites are more rocky than others but with a great change of pelagic marine life - even Mola Mola in season! And Return to Nusa Penida for lunch. Our third dive will be a drift dive on the north shore of Nusa Penida. Return to the hotel for dinner.

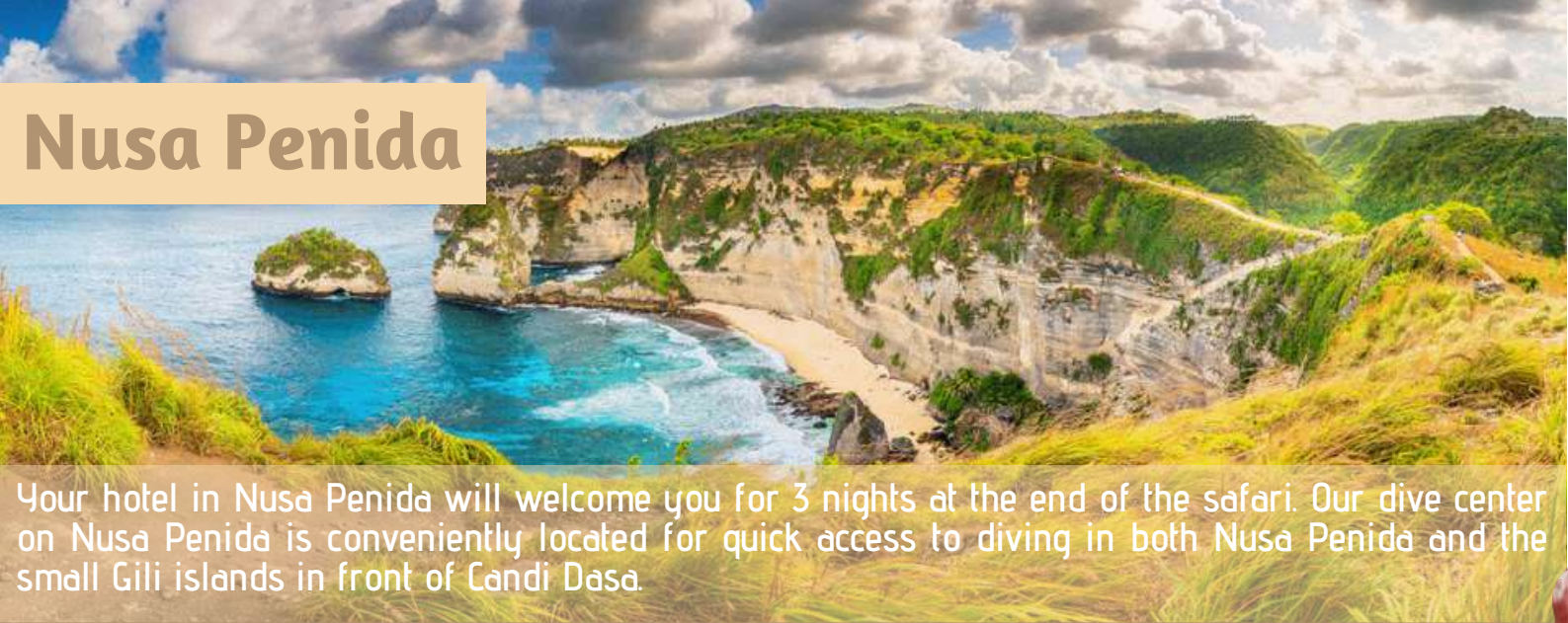
For non-divers, full day tour around Nusa Penida. Start with the atypical Goa Giri Putri temple - with a cave! Then you will explore the east coast of Nusa Penida to see its iconic beaches - Atuh Beach and Diamond Beach. Along the way you will have amazing views of the island landscape. Lunch will be on the east coast and after will include a stop at the jungle tree viewpoint to enjoy the view of the Raja Lima (5 kings). On the back you will see the "teletubbies" hills. Don't forget to charge the cameras!

Nudibranchs:

Bali is a destination where you can see many "Nudies". Nudibranchs are everywhere in Balinese waters, in all different sizes and shimmering colors. From 4mm to 10cm, you will love the variety of nudies you will encounter. Our dive guides are excellent spotters, which is appreciated by all, especially photographers.



Nusa Penida



Your hotel in Nusa Penida will welcome you for 3 nights at the end of the safari. Our dive center on Nusa Penida is conveniently located for quick access to diving in both Nusa Penida and the small Gili islands in front of Candi Dasa.

Nusa Penida is Bali's little sister - while it was long underestimated by travelers, it has become an unmissable island both for the beauty of the landscapes and the richness of its waters. You will have the opportunity to spend 3 nights on the island and do 6 magnificent dives.

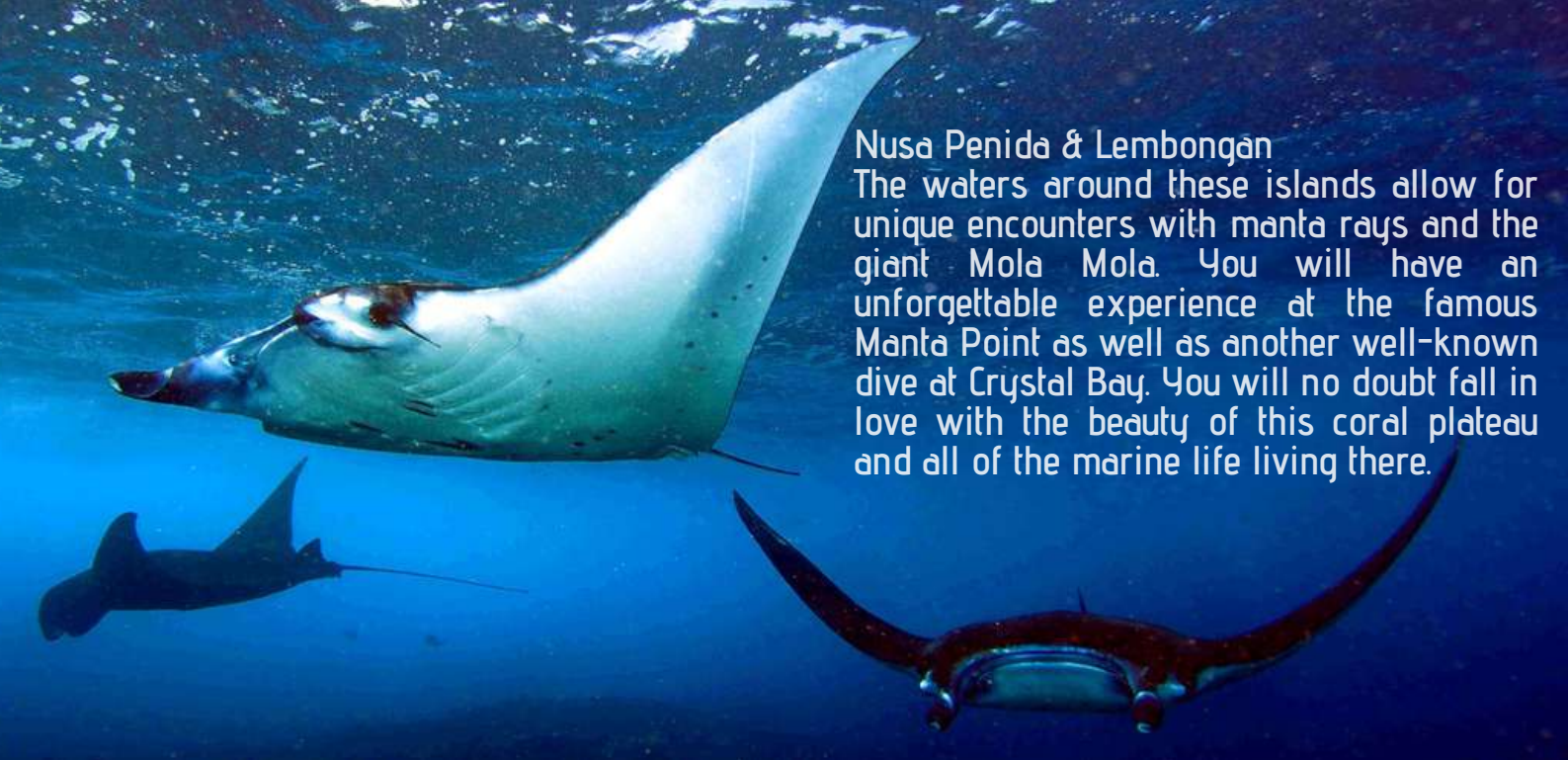


Seahorses:



Another specialty of Indonesia, the seahorses. We are lucky in Bali to be able to regularly find several species of pygmy seahorses: the Bargibanti and the Denise. The Hystrix or spiky is also in our waters. Our guides want to see them as much as you do and will do all they can to spot these tiny fish!





Nusa Penida & Lembongan
The waters around these islands allow for unique encounters with manta rays and the giant Mola Mola. You will have an unforgettable experience at the famous Manta Point as well as another well-known dive at Crystal Bay. You will no doubt fall in love with the beauty of this coral plateau and all of the marine life living there.

Day 11: Nusa Penida

3 dives in Nusa Penida, including Manta Point & Crystal Bay in the morning. Meet with manta rays at our first site and, in Crystal Bay (named for the crystal clear water) we may see mola mola in season. Lunch will be back at the dive center followed by a third dive to look for pelagics! We will have our final safari dinner at a local restaurant in Nusa Penida.

Non-divers will follow the divers to snorkel with the manta rays of Nusa Penida. In the afternoon, visit the highlights of the west side of Nusa Penida with Broken Beach, Angel's Billabong and Kelingking Beach.

Day 12: Bali Transfer **Day of visits and walks**

Spend the day discovering one of the most traditional regions of Bali, Tempaksiring. The area offers exceptional view points including the Valley of the Kings and the Temple of Gunung Kawi, which is beautifully nestled at the bottom of the gorge where the Pakrisan River flows. We continue to the sacred springs of Tirta Empul discovered 1000 years ago and which are believed to have magical powers. We will have lunch in a local warung close to the city of Ubud. After lunch we will visit the traditional market in Ubud. This is your last change to purchase souvenirs! At the end of the day we will return you to your hotel in Sanur and have dinner in a local restaurant.

Same program for non-divers.

Day 13: Transfer to the airport/extension.

Today we say our good-byes and drop you at the Bali International airport according to your flight schedule.



Mola Mola

Moonfish or Mola Mola is one of the pelagic fish most sought after by our divers. While they are present year round, they are most often seen during "Mola Mola season" (end of June to the end of November). The best dive sites to find the mola mola are the islands of Gili Mimpang and Gili Tepekong as well as Crystal Bay and the north shore of Penida.

The largest bony fish, these giants grow to over 4 meters in wingspan and can weigh more than a ton. The mola mola has a habit of coming to shallow waters to be cleaned by reef fish (often Moorish Idols). As with the mantas, we have a code of conduct for our divers to ensure a better interaction and not disrupt their cleaning.

Additional Information:

Full board included (vegetarian or vegan option possible).

Tusa, Aqualung or Mares equipment available. Nitrox tanks available (for certified EANx divers) with an extra charge. 12L aluminum tanks in both Din and yoke are available (no adaptors needed).

Rates based on double occupancy double or twin room.

English-speaking guide. 1 dive guide per 4 divers.

Guides are Bali and Nusa Penida specialists, experienced with macro and large underwater fauna.

We recommend having your own torch for night dives. Torches are available for rent if needed.

We recommend adjustable fins with booties for Tulamben sites, footwear for the rest of the sites.

Costs of tourist visits, taxes, fees and porters included in these prices.

Bring Indonesian cash for your personal purchases: drinks other than water, tea, coffee, end of Safari meal on day 11, souvenirs, and tips for the team.

The agenda for non-divers is based on the number of participants and can be flexible depending on their wishes. The Tour Leader will be able to offer them options each evening for the following day.

Choice of hotels according to availability when booking.

Team:

Bali Aqua Team (2023/2024)



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