

### JUNE 8 - 22 2024



# Bali & Komodo

### THE PERFECT COMBINATION





Once again James & Karina from DiversReady! are pairing up with Sebastian & Matthias from The Underwater Filmmaking School to offer you THE SCUBA TRIP OF THE YEAR!

Since Indonesia is - for most of us - a pretty long way away, we've decided to make this a slightly longer combination trip consisting of two parts.

- Part 1 is taking us to the beautiful ALAM BATU BEACH BUNGALOW RESORT on the north-eastern coast of Bali, our land-based part for this trip.
- Part 2 will be spent onboard the MV Mermaid II Liveaboard, taking us all the way from Bali to Komodo and back.

This is - not just in our opinion - an ideal combination for the following reasons:

- 1. Combine world-class land-based and liveaboard diving within one trip.
- 2. Dive two of the most amazing & unique dive destinations in the Indo Pacific.
- 3. See tiny critters like nudibranches, rhinopias, ghost pipe fish, etc. as well as large schools of fish, turtles, manta rays, sharks, etc.
- 4. Not needing any domestic flights (You just need to get to Denpasar in Bali) makes this an easy-peasy trip.
- 5. Use the land-based week to work on your diving (with James) or underwater filmmaking skills (with Sebastian & Matthias) and prepare yourself and your underwater camera gear for the liveaboard diving.

Of course you can also book just one of the two parts, but we recommend - for the reasons mentioned above - to join us on both parts of this epic trip.





### **OVERVIEW BALI - Part 1**



#### **LOCATION:**

North-east Bali, Indonesia.

Located in the southwestern part of the coral triangle, the richness of the coral reefs is unique. More than 3.500 species have been discovered here.

#### DATES:

June 8th - 15th (7 nights with 6 diving days)

#### **DIVING:**

There will be 3 guided boat dives daily. On top of that you will have the option for guided night dives and unguided house reef dives.

#### WORKSHOPS:

Mini workshops about underwater filmmaking and improving your general scuba skills will be held by Matthias/Sebastian & James throughout the week.

#### WHO IS THIS TRIP FOR:

Divers of all levels and abilities are welcome. The resort and island are also suitable for non-diving partners.

**ACCOMONDATION:** Alam Batu Beach Bungalow Resort, Bali

**PACKAGE PRICE:** \$2,990 per person (double occupancy) +\$540 per person (single occupancy)



### OVERVIEW KOMODO - Part 2





#### **LOCATION:**

Komodo National Park, Indonesia

Consisting of 3 big and 26 smaller islands a liveaboard is the perfect way to experience the fascinating and unique dive area of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Komodo National Park also listed as one of the New 7 Wonders of Nature.

#### **DATES:**

June 15th - 22nd (7 nights with 6 diving days)

#### **DIVING:**

6 days of diving, a total of 20 dives and everything from tiny critters, beautiful coral walls to schooling fish and large pelagics are waiting for us.

#### **WORKSHOPS:**

No formal workshop elements are planned during this liveaboard trip, but all the trip leaders are happy to help with whatever questions you might have regarding diving in general and underwater filmmaking.

#### WHO IS THIS TRIP FOR:

Divers of all levels and abilities are welcome. Snorkeling is also available for non-divers on most dive sites.

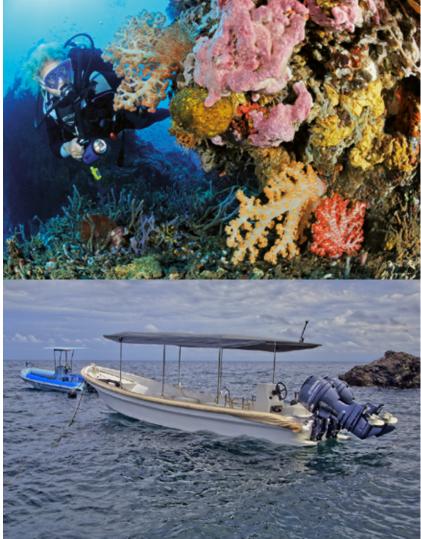
#### **ACCOMONDATION:**

MV Mermaid II

### **PACKAGE PRICE:** \$4,290 per person (double/twin occupancy)



### THE DIVING - Part 1



The underwater world in Bali offers a great variety of species. Located in the southwestern part of the coral triangle, the richness of the coral reefs is unique. More than 3.500 species have been discovered here. The Indonesian current is in charge of transporting plankton to the reefs around Bali. This very important current transports the water from the Pacific Ocean, via Java and Banda Sea, to the Indian Ocean. This optimal geographic situation guarantees the great diversity of fish, coral, and critters.

Coral Triangle is home to 30% of the world's reefs. In fact, when it comes to biodiversity, it is like nowhere else on Earth. More than 75% of the known coral species live there, as well as 37% of the world's coral reef fish.

On every diving day there will be 3 guided boat dives offered to you. Two in the morning and one in the afternoon. Additionally you can do unguided house reef dives at your own leasure.

Night dives and fluo-diving are also offered. Equipped with a blue light and a special filter for your mask, the fluorescent animals glow in different colors; providing a glowing underwater experience that you will love.



### THE MARINE LIFE - Part 1



The alamBatu house reef, situated directly off the resort, is a wonderful and mostly untouched reef of over 800 meters/2600 feet. The coral diversity varies from soft corals, black corals, table corals and gorgonians up to 2 meters/6 feet in diameter. The corals shelter a fantastic underwater world with many schools of fish (including juvenile barracudas, snappers), reef sharks, sea horses, harlequin shrimps and other critters. With a bit of luck you can also see dolphins, pilot whales and ocean sunfish passing by.

Aside from the beautiful house reef, there are numerous nearby dive sites that offer a variety of diving options including coral diving, muck diving and wreck diving. By Boat it only takes 15 minutes to get to the "Liberty" wreck or to the famous dive spots "Drop off", "Ulami" and "Coral Garden" in Tulamben.

alamBatu is also an outstanding place for macro photographers and videographers. Our dive guides are great at spotting micro critters such as pygmy sea horses and other small species.









## THE ACCOMMODATION - Part 1



alamBatu Beach Bungalow Resort, located in north-eastern Bali, has everything to get divers' hearts beating a little faster – a dream destination for novice divers and professional photographers/videographers alike.

"Small is beautiful": that's the motto at this resort, which accommodates no more than 30 guests. A modern dive base with a camera room caters to all requirements and offers a very personal holiday experience.

The bungalows are generously dimensioned (40 m2/430 sq.ft) and built in the typical Balinese style with roofs thatched in alang-alang. The bungalows blend harmoniously into the landscape and are surrounded by plants and trees – so plenty of privacy is ensured. A comfortable lounger tempts you to linger and enjoy resting on the terrace. If you prefer, you can also sleep outdoors.

The bathroom is at the back of the bungalow; WC and washbasin are roofed and the shower is in the open – showering in the open air is a wonderful sensation.

The cuisine includes traditional Indonesian and Thai dishes as well as western fare. BBQs (meat or fish) and Indonesian buffets are also regular events. And of course, our menu caters to vegetarian and vegan preferences.





### THE ROUTES - Part 1

Getting there by air:



The airport you want to fly into is called Denpasar (DPS) on Bali. There are plenty of flight options to reach Denpasar.

After having gone through immigration (most nationalities can get a visa on arrival) a driver from the resort will wait for you and welcome you to Bali. The drive from the airport to the resort will take approx. 3 hours.







### **THE ITINERARY - Part 1**



**Arrival, Saturday, June 8th 2024:** After arriving at alamBatu Beach Bungalow Resort check into your room, settle in and if you have some spare time have a look around the resort. Depending on your choosen flight you will arrive at the resort in the late afternoon/early eveńing.

We'll all meet at 7pm for a welcome drink at the restaurants lounge area and enjoy a tasty dinner afterwards.

**Diving Days, Sunday to Thursday/Friday** (depending on your return flight): There will be 2 guided boat dives offered for you in the morning (approx. 7:30am and 10:30am) and on guided boat dive in the afternoon (approx. 2pm). In addition you can unlimited (unguided) house reef dives as well as daily, guided night dives ávailable.

**Optional:** 

- 1:1 Underwater Sessions: Check out the ADD On page to book your session with James, Matthias or Sebastian.
- Afternoon/evening Dive & Camera Workshops (2 group workshops each with James and Matthias)
- Take part in Matthias & Sebastians mini challenges. They will help you put in practice what you've learned and help you level up your underwater video skills.

**Departure, Saturday, June 15th 2024:** Check out after breakfast and transfer to the harbour in south Bali to continue our adventure on the MV Mermaid II. If you're not joining us on the liveaboard por-tion, you will transfer either to your next hotel or the airport in Denpasar.



### THE INCLUSIONS - Part 1



#### **INCLUDED IN THE TRIP COST:**

You can choose between two booking options. Go either for the **Non-Limit diving package** (recommended if you want to spend as much time underwater as possible) or the **All-In package**, which doesnt include house reef and night diving but spa treatments and/or land tours (recommended if you only want to do the 3 boat dives per day).

#### Non-Limit diving package:

- 7 nights accommodation in bungalow with A/C in double occupancy (add \$540 for single occupancy)
- Round-trip transfers from Denpasar (DPS) Bali
- Full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner), unlimited coffee/tea and filtered drinking water
  Daily 3 guided boat dives with nitrox, unlimited house reef dives (unguided) & gui-
- Daily 3 guided boat dives with nitrox, unlimited house reef dives (unguided) & guided night dives
- 2 group sessions each from James and Matthias/Sebastian
- Air fills, tanks & weights
- A selection of cool swag from DiversReady! and Matthias Lebo

#### All-In package:

- 7 nights accommodation in bungalow with A/C in double occupancy (add \$540 for single occupancy)
- Round-trip transfers from Denpasar (DPS) Bali
- Full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner), unlimited coffee/tea and filtered drinking water
- Daily choice of 3 guided boat dives with nitrox
- Spa treatments and/or land tours
- 2 group sessions each from James and Matthias/Sebastian
- Air fills, tanks & weights
- A selection of cool swag from DiversReady! and Matthias Lebo



### THE EXCLUSIONS - Part 1



#### NOT Included in the trip costs:

- All flights
- Any requested visas for travel to Indonesia/Bali
- All beverages outside of coffee/tea and filtered drinking water
- Any scuba equipment you might need to rent
- Travel and Dive Insurance (strongly recommended.)
- Gratuities (suggested 10%)
- Additional sightseeing and activities
- 1:1 Dive/Video Coaching with James/Matthias/Sebastian (see "Trip Add Ons")
- Personal expenses



### TRIP ADD ONS - Part 1

1:1 Diving Session with James: Get personal, performance driven coaching<br/>on your diving skills, complete with a video debrief.ONLY 6 Spots Available\$350/half day

1:1 Underwater Camera Session with Matthias or Sebastian: Get a masterclass in underwater image making one-to-one including reviewing your recorded footage. ONLY 6 Spots Available \$350/half day





### THE DIVING - Part 2



Komodo has it all! Its rich underwater world will enchant divers and snorkelers alike: beautiful & pristine coral reefs, schooling fish, exciting drift dives, big marine life such as Shark & Manta Rays and amazing critters. Excellent dive sites are plentiful in this great dive destination. No wonder Komodo is on the bucket list of so many divers.

As if that's not enough, above water the islands have so much to offer too. These volcanic islands are home to the world's most famous giant lizard – the Komodo Dragon. These large lizards do not exist anywhere else in the world. Liveaboards offer land excursions to one of the ranger stations in the National Park to see these living dinosaurs.

There will be a total of 20 dives offered during the trip along with some land excursions.



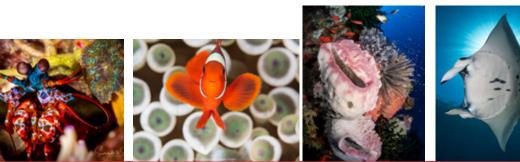


### THE MARINE LIFE - Part 2



Underwater Komodo has so much to offer whether you are a pelagic, shark or macro lover. On top of its pristine coral gardens, you can see Manta rays, schools of barracuda, turtles, black tip, white tip & grey reef sharks, frogfish, nudibranches and pigmy seahorse.

Despite some sites can have some current, every diver will enjoy the diving around this area, no matter how experienced they are.







## THE ACCOMMODATION - Part 2



M/V Mermaid II is a 33 meter/108 feet, twin engine steel motor yacht. One of the most comfortable dive boats in Asia, she easily accommodates 16 guests in 8 deluxe cabins and 4 guests in 2 lower deck budget cabin. All deluxe cabins are located on the main deck and offer a choice of either double bed only or twin bed configuration. Each deluxe cabin offers large panoramic sea view windows, individually controlled air conditioning and ensuite bathrooms.

There is a wide stern dive platform with two exit ladders and fresh warm water showers. The dive deck is huge with plenty of room to gear up, individual boxes for your dive gear, camera tables and loads of rinse tanks. Enjoy fresh fluffy towels after each dive and hot chocolate after your night dives !

The dining room is at the front of the main deck where delicious buffet style Asian and western meals are served. The saloon is large and spacious with comfortable lounges, big windows, bar fridge, and complimentary fresh roast coffee, tea, soft drinks and juices. Multimedia entertainment centre including large flat screen TV for briefing and movies, large library and a full selection of marine life books.

There are two outside decks – the shade covered party deck with its comfy cushioned lounge suite around nearly the whole deck and the sun platform in front of the wheelhouse give you the choice to sun bake or not ! NITROX is available on every cruise at extra cost.



### THE ROUTES - Part 2

Getting there by air:



The airport you want to fly into is called Denpasar (DPS) on Bali. There are plenty of flight options to reach Denpasar.

After having gone through immigration (most nationalities can get a visa on arrival) a driver from the liveaboard will wait for you and welcome you to Bali. The drive from the airport to the harbour will take about 30 minutes.

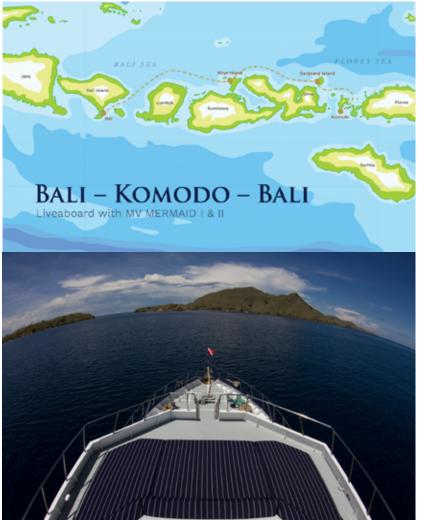
If you're spending the week before with us at alamBatu Beach Bungalow Resort, we will have a group transfer from the resort to the harbour in south Bali.







### THE ITINERARY - Part 2



#### Arrival, Saturday, June 15th 2024:

After arriving at the harbour in Benoa (south Bali) you will be able to board the MV Mermaid II between 3 - 6pm. Settle into your cabin and get yourself comfortable on the boat that will be our home for the coming 7 nights.

Dinner will be served at 7pm and then we'll steam overnight to our first dive location, which we'll reach early the next morning.

**Diving Days, Sunday to Thursday/Friday** (depending on your return flight): There will be between 2 - 4 guided dives daily, depending on travel times between the dive sites and planned land excursions.

Optional:

- 1:1 Underwater Sessions: Check out the ADD On page to book your session with James, Matthias or Sebastian.
- Take part in Matthias & Sebastians mini challenges. They will help you put in practice what you've learned and help you level up your underwater video skills.

**Departure, Saturday, June 22th 2024:** We will arrive back at the harbour in south Bali early in the morning. After break-fast you will be transferred either to the airport for your return flight home or to your next hotel if your extending your stay.



## THE INCLUSIONS - Part 2



### INCLUDED IN THE TRIP COST:

- 7 nights accommodation onboard the MV Mermaid II in double/twin deluxe cabins
- Round-trip transfers from Denpasar (DPS) Bali
  - Full board (breakfast, lunch, dinner & snacks), unlimited coffee/tea, hot chocolate, soft drinks and filtered drinking water
- Air fills, tanks & weights
- 20 planned dives (weather permitting)
- Experienced dive guide
- A selection of cool swag from DiversReady! and Matthias Lebo



## THE EXCLUSIONS - Part 2

### NOT Included in the trip costs:

- All flights
- Any requested visas for travel to Indonesia/Bali
- National Park/port fees (approx. EUR 200 / USD 215 per person)
- Fuel surcharge (approx. EUR 160 / USD 175 per person)
- Any alcoholic beverages
- Nitrox fills (approx. EUR 96 / USD 105 for all dives)
- Any scuba equipment you might need to rent
- Travel and Dive Insurance (strongyl recommended dive insurance is mandatory)
- Gratuities (suggested 10%)
- 1:1 Dive/Video Coaching with James/Matthias/Sebastian (see "Trip Add Ons")
- Personal expenses (souveniers, massages, ...)

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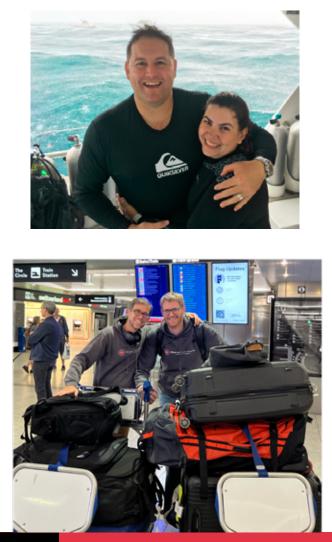
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### **YOUR HOSTS**



**James** is a professional technical diving Instructor and experienced expedition leader. He runs Miami Technical Diving in Miami, FL.

**Karina** is an avid recreational diver and digital marketing executive. Together, James & Karina are the dynamic duo behind the fastest growing You Tube channel in the Scuba Diving niche.

**Matthias** is an award-winning underwater cinematographer based in Zurich, Switzerland. The Croatian born filmmaker spent most of his twenties traveling the world – primarily Australia, South East Asia and Europe – working as a Scuba Diving Instructor, intensifying his love and appreciation for the ocean. He is passionate about sharing his extensive knowledge with fellow divers to help them capture their amazing underwater adventures in the best possible way and share them proudly with the world.

**Sebastian** is a professional underwater cameraman and producer based in Zurich, Switzerland. He is the absolute Tec Geek. Sebastian is passionate about every step of underwater filmmaking and he's keen to share his broad knowledge with fellow divers to improve their underwater filming skills below and above the surface.



### **PAYMENT INFO**



#### **Payment:**

To guarantee your space on the trip, a 50% deposit is due with the registration form. When we receive your deposit, we will send you detailed trip information to prepare for the experience and destination, as well as a sales receipt.

The remainder of your payment (50%) is due by December 31st 2023. We reserve the right to re-sell any space that is not paid in full by this date.

Payment can be made by wire transfe, credit card or Apple Pay. You are responsible to cover all transfer fees associated with your payments.

Flight, visas, travel fees, and taxes are not included in trip cost.

Flight time and schedule, weather, water temperature, and animal behavior are all subject to change. We strongly recommend all guests to purchase travel insurance in case of unforeseen circumstances.



### **BOOKING POLICIES**



#### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

Our cancellation policy is a reflection of the cancellation policy of our operators. Once payment has been made in full (31/12/2023) there are no refunds.

Deposits can be refunded up to 60 days before final payment is due.

No refund is made for any unused parts of the itinerary.

A single individual can not postpone or rebook for the following year.

Trip details such as dates, prices, accommodations, are subject to change without prior notice.

Travel and dive insurance is not included in the trip price, but strongly recommended.



### **REGISTRATION FORM**

#### **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

First Name:	Last Name:	Double occupancy @ \$2,990 per person	
	Lust Nume.	Single occupancy @ \$3,530 per person	
Address:		I would like to join the Komodo portion of the trip only:	
City: Pc	ostcode/ZIP: Country:	Double/twin occupancy @ \$4,290 per person	
		I would like to join both trip portions (Bali & Komodo):	
Phone:	Birth date:	——— Double occupancy @ \$7,080 per person	
Email:		Single/twin occupancy @ \$7,620 per person	
Nationality:	Passport No.:	Add-Ons (please check)	
		□ 1:1 Session with Matthias or Sebastian @ \$350	
Dive Accident Insurer:	Policy No.:	— 1:1 Session with James @ \$350	
Dive Cert. Agency:	Dive Cert. Level:	I would like to book above ticked trip options, have red	
Diver Cert. Number:	No. of Dives:	the general terms & conditions and agree with them:	
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I would like to join the Bali portion of the trip only:

### **PREFERENCE FORM**

In order to make your trip the best experience it can be, we want to make sure we personalize it as much as possible. Please use the below form (email together with your reservation form) to let us know of any way in which we can make your scuba adventure the best it can be.

### Food & Beverage

Do you have any food-based allergies?

#### **Additional Information**

What size T-Shirt do you usually wear?

What camera setup are you bringing with you (if any)?

What kind of video editing software do you use (if any)?

What underwater videography topics are you interested in learning more about?

What excites you most about this trip?

