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EXCEPTIONAL DESTINATION FOR SUPERYACHTS.



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The second largest archipelago in the world boasts more than 17,500 beautiful islands, the region is one of the final marine frontiers on earth and not only beautiful, but also incredibly rich in biodiversity, wildlife and rare culture, each island offering its own unique character and attractions.



**Cruise control**

Boat builder, vessel operations manager and superyacht guide Captain Jimmy Blee has been a resident of Indonesia since 1994. He is well known in South East Asian luxury charter and superyacht circles and is also a volunteer contributor to the Indonesian Chapter of the South East Asia Pilot publication. A member and enthusiastic supporter of the Association of Yacht Support Services (AYSS), Captain Blee is a strong proponent of information sharing in the yachting world, he and Richard Lofthouse (right) of Asia Pacific Superyachts put together the following sample Indonesia trip plan.



### **Bali to Flores**

Starting at Bali, 'Island of the Gods', agents such as Asia Pacific Superyachts can take care of advance planning and handle all clearances, fuelling and provisions prior to guests arrival. Once completed, the team heads east to Moyo to stand by for guest arrival at Ngurah Rai Airport, Denpasar. After VIP clearance through the airport, guests are met and taken to the charter float plane for an hour flight over the stunning Rinjani volcano in Lombok (circling a few times for photos). Then its onwards to Moyo Island to land on the water next to the awaiting vessel.

### **Ngada Tribes**

Once ashore it's a short drive to visit local villages. The best and most traditional is Bena, and decent transport and a guide can be organised for a great half to full day trip. If possible, guests stay overnight and proceed south to Nage village the next day, stopping off first for optional thermal power showers at Malange Mata Air Panas (hot springs). At Nage visitors can see Ngadhu and Bhaga (male and female dedicated monuments) and tombs. The village also awards amazing views of Inerie volcano (2245m). From Nage, it's back to Aimere to rejoin the boat and cruise back west, taking in the stunning and rugged coastline of South Flores, which includes sightings of the dramatic Pulau Mules rising out of the ocean.





### Moyo & Satonda

This beautiful nature reserve is located off the northwestern tip of Sumbawa. It provides a great anchorage as well as wonderful snorkeling and activities on land. Set in the jungle, almost camouflaged, luxury tents make up the amazing Amanwana Resort. Aman can arrange tours to a beautiful waterfall. Following lunch, guests can head to Satonda to visit Crater Lake for beach time and snorkeling before starting the overnight run to Komodo, sailing in the early morning past Sangang Volcano and Banta Island.



### Komodo

Anchored in a northern bay off Komodo, guests can spend the morning diving, snorkelling and, of course, dragon spotting. After lunch, the vessel sails to the beautiful Pink Beach on East Komodo for the afternoon with a night run from the south side of Flores to Aimere for the Ngada experience.



## Rinca, Pulau Kode

The next anchorage is in the horseshoe bay at the South of Rinca on the inside of Pulau Kode, guests can either enjoy the morning at Horseshoe Bay and then head up to North Rinca in the afternoon or just head directly North early morning. North Rinca presents a much more natural Komodo Dragon viewing experience and far more opportunities to observe them in the wild. Dragons can often be seen stalking along the beach or simply sunning themselves on rocks, both offer an incredible up-close experience. After an overnight run to Labuan Bajo, guests have the option of a private plane or return travel by commercial airlines.

Considerations for superyachts visiting Indonesia include paperwork and cruising permits (CAIT), fresh provisions (which can be freighted throughout the archipelago) and quality clean fuel and spares. Owners may also want to consider bringing local guides, either on board or as shadow security. After several years of lobbying the government, Captain Cilian Budarlaigh and his colleagues at Indo Yacht Support and the Yacht Support Group last year secured a signed presidential regulation that means foreign flagged leisure vessels entering Indonesia will be treated as tourist arrivals rather than imports. This means greater ease of entry via 18 new international entry and exit ports, and although cruising and import permits are still required, the process of obtaining them will be simplified. For owners joining their vessel in Indonesia, Bali is the favoured arrival destination. From there, a seaplane can be chartered so guests can join their yacht for a cruise to the more remote islands.

A number of superyacht owners are concerned about travelling to, and cruising around, unknown regions in South East Asia. Captains may be deterred by unfamiliar customs and complex entry regulations and despite the recent relaxation of entry laws to Indonesia, it is still advisable to seek local knowledge, service and support. Clients that have used Asia Pacific Superyachts' services in Indonesia include: MY Mayan Queen IV; MY Elandess; SY Vertigo; SY Adele; MY Archimedes; MY Double Haven; SY Thalia; SY Juliet; MY Plan B; MY Karima; MY Senses; SY Drumbeat; SY Yanneke Too; SY Naos; MY Newcastle Explorer; and MY Anya.

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