

### CULTURAL TREASURES OF FLORES & KOMODO 6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS



# I. HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the stunning sunrise over Kelimutu's tri-colored lakes, a natural wonder of turquoise, brown, and black hues.
- Immerse yourself in Flores' rich culture with visits to traditional villages like Bena and Wogo, featuring ancient houses and megalithic structures.
- Explore Komodo Island and encounter the legendary Komodo dragons in their natural habitat, guided by local experts.
- Journey through picturesque landscapes, including the unique rice fields in Cancar, and enjoy panoramic views of the countryside.
- USnorkel at Pink Beach and discover vibrant coral reefs and marine life in the crystal-clear waters of this tropical paradise.

#### DAY 1

# **Arrival and Welcome to Flores**

Your journey begins as you touch down at Ende Airport, where you'll be greeted warmly by our local guide. From there, embark on a picturesque transfer to the quaint village of Moni, nestled amidst lush landscapes, where your comfortable accommodation awaits. Relax and unwind as you settle in for the night, anticipating the adventures that lie ahead.

#### DAY 2

### **Discovering the Mysteries of Kelimutu**

Awake before dawn for an enchanting excursion to Kelimutu volcano, aptly named the "Mountain of the Spirits." A leisurely 30-minute walk leads you to a vantage point, offering an unparalleled view of the sunrise over Kelimutu's famed tri-colored lakes – a natural wonder where turquoise, brown, and black hues mingle, each lake infused with its unique minerals. After witnessing this breathtaking spectacle, return to your hotel for a hearty breakfast, before embarking on a scenic journey through the captivating landscapes, with stops at noteworthy sites including Soekarno's House in Ende, the emerald shores of Pengga Jawa's green stone beach, and the traditional village of Wogo. Your day culminates in the charming town of Bajawa, where you'll spend the night immersed in local culture.

#### DAY 3

# **Cultural Encounters in Bena and Ruteng**

Bid farewell to Ruteng after a leisurely breakfast, as you embark on a scenic drive to Labuan Bajo. En route, marvel at the intricate patterns of the lingko rice fields in Cancar, and soak in the panoramic views of the surrounding landscapes. Arrive in Labuan Bajo in the afternoon, where you'll have the remainder of the day to unwind and explore the charming coastal town, before settling in for a restful night's sleep.

#### DAY 4

## En Route to Labuan Bajo

After breakfast, check out and drive to Labuan Bajo. En route visit Cancar where a 20-minute hike to the hilltop is required for an overview of the unique lingko spider web rice fields. With their round, spider-web structure, these unique rice fields are particular to the Manggarai people: the central point is used for ceremonies celebrating the unity of the male and female and heaven and earth. Arrive in Labuan Bajo in the afternoon.

#### DAY 5

# **Expedition to Komodo Island**

An early start heralds an unforgettable expedition to Komodo Island, renowned for its legendary inhabitants – the Komodo dragons. Embark on a scenic boat journey through azure waters, passing by a myriad of idyllic islands. Upon arrival, set out on a guided trek with a local ranger in search of these majestic creatures, amidst a backdrop of lush forests and sprawling savannas. Keep your eyes peeled for other wildlife sightings, including wild buffalo, deer, and tropical birds. After a thrilling encounter with the dragons, enjoy a leisurely lunch at Pink Beach, where you can snorkel amidst vibrant coral reefs teeming with marine life. Continue your adventure with a visit to Rinca Island, where another trek awaits, offering panoramic views of the surrounding archipelago. Return to Labuan Bajo, where you'll spend your final night, reflecting on the day's incredible encounters.

#### DAY 6

### **Farewell and Departure**

Savor a leisurely breakfast at your hotel before bidding farewell to Labuan Bajo. Take some time to relax and reflect on your unforgettable journey through the mystical landscapes of Flores, before our team transfers you to the airport for your onward travels, filled with cherished memories and newfound adventures.

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Tour extensions: pre-tour or post-tour extensions are available, which would include accommodation and private transfers, please speak to Focus Asia travel consultant for further details.