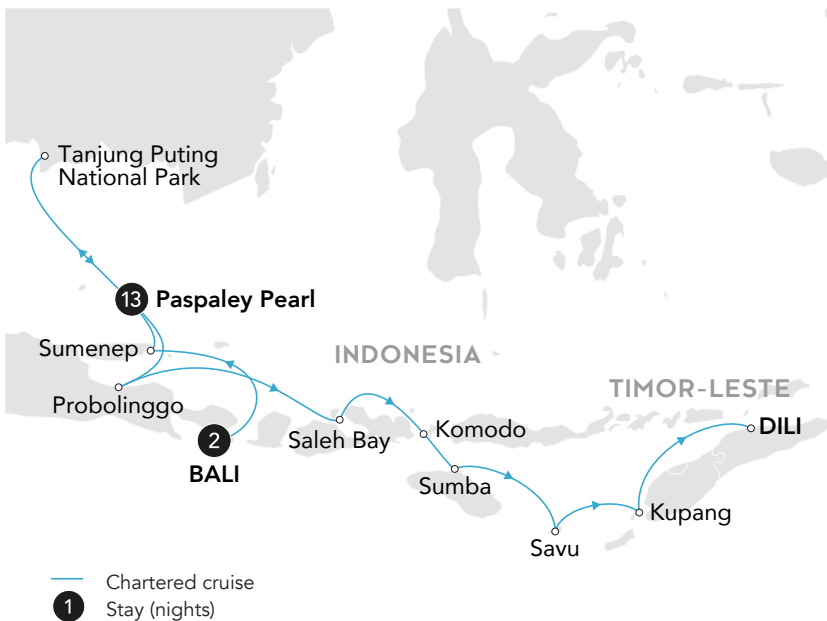


WHALE SHARKS KOMODO DRAGONS & ORANGUTANS OF INDONESIA

This remote expedition cruise brings us to the shores of Indonesia's vast archipelago. Immersing ourselves in a world of wildlife, we enjoy close-up encounters with whale sharks, orangutans and Komodo dragons, joined by our expert Expedition Team. Visit small villages unknown to most travellers, returning at the end of each day to the privately chartered Paspaley Pearl. Just 26 guests will join this rare and fascinating voyage.



A JOURNEY OVERVIEW

Bali - Sumenep - Kumai Bay -
 Probolinggo - Saleh Bay -
 Komodo National Park - Sumba -
 Savu - Kumpang - Dili

16 Days Expedition Voyage
 Departing 1 February 2027

Please note, our itinerary here is included merely as a guide. Our voyage will be of an expeditionary nature, where each day's activities will be determined not only by our Captain and Expedition Team, but on occasion, the vagaries of the weather and sea conditions. Should we chance upon any unexpected encounters with majestic marine life, or find a spot conducive to swimming or snorkelling, we also have the flexibility to drop anchor and linger a while.

Day 1 Bali (Indonesia)

From Bali's international airport, you will be transferred to the Belmond Jimbaran Puri. Lap up its beachfront setting before meeting your fellow guests and Tour Host Team during our Welcome Dinner.

Day 2 Bali

Our day begins with a choice of Your World experiences:

- ★ Head to the local morning fish market and make your selection from its abundant offerings. On returning to our resort, its chef will then take you through some regional recipes during a cooking class, before you enjoy these authentic tastes of Bali during lunch.
- ★ Explore the traditional village of Tenganan, which is known for its vibrant batik prints. Adjourn to Tirta Gangga, a former royal palace, whose spring-fed pools are said to contain healing properties. This is a full-day experience.
- ★ Travel to Lake Beratan, where you will see Pura Bratan, a temple which occupies a position on a tiny island within the lake's waters. This is a full-day experience.
- ★ You may prefer to enjoy the health-promoting benefits of an Ayurvedic herbal massage.

Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure before dining at our hotel.

Day 3 Bali, Embark Paspaley Pearl

Enjoy your morning at leisure before we take the road to the port. Here we meet our expedition vessel, Paspaley Pearl. Our remote voyage initially sees us cruising in a north-westerly fashion toward Sumenep, a town on the Indonesian island of Madura. Savour the gourmet offerings of the ship's restaurant this evening.

Day 4 Sumenep

Arriving on the south-eastern coast of Madura, we disembark the ship for a tour of Sumenep. The town's striking yellow and white Great Mosque immediately presents as an elegant, tiered structure, having been developed from a blend of architectural styles. Sumenep figured prominently throughout the periods of the Sumenep Sultanate, through to Dutch colonisation and Indonesia's ultimate independence. We discover sights that reflect this fascinating history.

Day 5 At Sea

A day at sea allows us to take advantage of Paspaley Pearl's amenities as we make our way to the next port of call.

Day 6 Kumai Bay

Having crossed the Java Sea, we arrive in Kumai Bay, along the southern coast of Central Kalimantan on the island of Borneo. Tanjung Puting National Park fringes the forested shoreline, and it is here we find the region's star attraction. Although still critically endangered, the orangutans of Tanjung Puting benefit from the conservation and rescue efforts of Orangutan Foundation International. The park is also home to the proboscis monkey, as well as more than 220 bird species, including hornbills and white egrets.

Day 7 Day at Sea

Once again, we enjoy a full day aboard our ship, as we return south, this time to the island of Java.

Day 8 Probolinggo

The city of Probolinggo serves as the gateway to Mount Bromo, an active volcano occupying a surreal setting. The colossal mountain sits within a large caldera, accompanied by five other stratovolcanoes. The lunar landscape here has lent itself to myriad myths and legends. The local indigenous people, the Tengger, attribute particular significance to Mount Bromo, believing it to be the dwelling place of gods.

Day 9 Day at Sea

We cruise east today, traversing the Bali Sea on our way to the archipelago of West Nusa Tenggara. Take advantage of Paspaley Pearl's amenities, catch up with your fellow guests, or simply relax up on deck and take in the sea views.

Day 10 Saleh Bay

Saleh Bay's waters host around 100 graceful whale sharks. The world's largest fish swim peacefully alongside us during what proves to be an unparalleled experience today. Several idyllic, uninhabited islands also occupy the waters of this secluded region, while colourful coral reefs and schools of tropical fish invite further exploration.

Day 11 Komodo National Park

Our easterly sailing soon sees us arriving at the islands comprising Komodo National Park. The climate here supports an astonishing array of wildlife within what is known as the Wallacea Biogeographical Region. As its name suggests, the park is home to the world's largest living lizard, the Komodo dragon. Our Expedition Team guide us in a walk across the savannah in search of these imposing reptiles. As we explore their habitat, compelling views of the mountainous archipelago and its surrounding seas prove an occasional, pleasant distraction.

Day 12 Komodo National Park

During our second day in Komodo National Park, we explore Pink Beach. The striking sands here are of a hue that is found across just seven beaches around the world. Snorkel in its pristine waters, amid a diversity of coral and tropical fish. We may also have another opportunity to stand in awe of the swaying, unhurried gait of powerful Komodo dragons. The islands of the Wallacea Biogeographical Region are also home to other fascinating wildlife species, including macaques and Timor deer.

Day 13 Sumba

Sailing due south, we arrive on the island of Sumba. Visited by few travellers, the Sumba people follow an animist religion known as Merapu. Their traditional villages comprise neat rows of high-pitched, thatched-roofed houses. Local artisans meticulously weave their *ikat* fabrics in many eye-catching colours and patterns, often taking many months to produce a single garment. The island is also blessed with stunning beaches, lush jungles and towering waterfalls.

Day 14 Savu

Neighbouring Savu remained isolated to the outside world until relatively recently. Along the coast, a series of striking rock formations rise and fall. Many traditional huts made from palm trees can be seen across this remote island, while electricity remains scarce for many. In the village of Namata, a megalithic ceremonial site remains and the Savunese people regularly participate in ritual ancestor worship. A high level of craftsmanship can also be admired in their traditional, handwoven *ikat* pieces, which are used for sarongs and ceremonial dress.

Day 15 Kupang

On the Indonesian part of Timor Island, we find Kupang. War and colonialism took a heavy toll on the area over many years, with much of the Old Town destroyed during the Japanese occupation of World War II. The city had also served as a refuelling point for flights between Australia and Europe. With few visitors venturing to the region, we enjoy an authentic experience and the warmth of its friendly locals.

Day 16 Dili (Timor-Leste), Disembark Paspaley Pearl

Reaching the northern shores of Timor-Leste, our vessel docks in Dili. It's here that we farewell the crew and disembark Paspaley Pearl. Late-morning airport transfers signal the end of our rare and remote experience.