

A large, leafy tree in the foreground, with a white tent and the ocean in the background.

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Experience our Peaceful Forest

Moyo Island lies approximately eight degrees south of the equator, within the Sumbawa Regency of West Nusa Tenggara Province. The island has been a protected nature reserve since 1976 and, in 2022, was designated a national park together with the neighbouring island of Satonda.

Measuring approximately 40 kilometres in length and 10 kilometres in width, Moyo rises to 600 metres above the Flores Sea at its highest point. The island covers a total area of 36,000 hectares. Eight villages are scattered along the coastline, with a combined population of approximately 3,500 people. Fishing, farming and trade provide the main livelihoods for the local communities.

The tropical climate offers year-round temperatures of 27–30°C and a consistent sea temperature of around 28°C. There are two distinct seasons: the monsoon, or wet season, from December to March, and the dry season, from April to November.

Our team at Amanwana will be pleased to tailor activities to your interests and preferences, helping you discover the natural wonders of Moyo Island.

Warm regards,

Noemi Perez Morgado
General Manager, Amanwana



Among the Greatest Wonders

Some places are remembered for what lies within their shores. Others are defined by what surrounds them. Beyond Moyo Island stretches a remarkable corner of Indonesia, where nature and history have left an uncommon legacy.

Look to Mount Tambora, whose eruption reshaped landscapes far beyond these islands. Sail towards Saleh Bay to encounter whale sharks, the largest fish on Earth. Visit Dalam Loka Palace, a masterpiece of timber architecture, or Bungin Island, where Bajau generations have built one of the world's most densely settled communities. From Amanwana, these places are not distant landmarks, but part of the wider story of Sumbawa waiting to be explored.

Tambora and the Year Without a Summer

On the morning of 10 April 1815, Mount Tambora erupted with a force that reached far beyond the shores of Sumbawa. Regarded as the most powerful volcanic eruption in recorded history, it reshaped the mountain, darkened skies across the region and sent ash high into the atmosphere. The following year became known as the “Year Without a Summer,” as global temperatures fell, harvests failed and unusual weather reached Europe and North America.

The weather abnormalities gave rise to *Frankenstein*, Mary Shelley's novel that became one of literature's enduring classics. Around the same period, the poor harvests that followed encouraged new ways of travelling, contributing to the earliest designs that would eventually evolve into the modern bicycle.

Whale Sharks of Sumbawa

Each year, the calm waters of Saleh Bay become a meeting place for whale sharks, the largest fish on Earth. Drawn by the abundance of plankton and the bay's warm waters, these gentle giants return with remarkable regularity, making Saleh Bay one of Indonesia's most important locations for observing the species in the wild.

Marine researchers have identified at least ninety-nine individual whale sharks in the bay, revealing one of the country's largest known populations.

The Island of Satonda

Located about 40 kilometres northeast of Amanwana Bay, Satonda is a volcanic island covered in tropical forest and home to resident and migratory wildlife, including thousands of fruit bats. At its centre lies a remarkable saltwater lake, formed when seawater entered the volcanic crater following the 1815 eruption of Mount Tambora. Beneath the surrounding waters, vibrant coral reefs are home to tropical fish, turtles, moray eels, lobsters and colourful nudibranchs.

Istana Dalam Loka of Sumbawa

Built in 1885 for the Sultan of Sumbawa, Dalam Loka Palace remains one of the largest traditional timber stilt houses ever constructed. Raised entirely from teak, its grand structure was assembled without modern iron nails, reflecting the craftsmanship and engineering of its time.

The palace rests on ninety-nine wooden pillars, representing the ninety-nine names of God in Islamic tradition. It was completed in nine months and ten days, mirroring the length of a human pregnancy and symbolising the birth of a new chapter for the Sultanate.

The Island of Bungin

At first glance, Bungin Island appears to rise directly from the sea. Home to one of the world's most densely settled island communities, every available space has been shaped by generations of the Bajau people, renowned as seafarers and skilled free divers.

Land is so scarce that gardens are almost absent, giving the island its distinctive appearance. Stories shared by locals even tell of goats nibbling on cardboard and paper when fresh vegetation is in short supply, a small but telling reflection of life where every square metre matters.



A Natural Paradise

In 2022, Moyo Island was designated a national park, ensuring that its stunning landscapes and diverse marine life are protected for generations to come.

Overlooking the turquoise waters of Amanwana Bay – a protected marine park – this wilderness hideaway offers accommodation in just 17 luxury guest tents and unparalleled access to some of the best scuba diving and snorkelling in Indonesia.

Home of Many

The vegetation on the island ranges from savannah to dense jungle. The savannah land dominates the plateaus and the jungle in the remaining areas. Many varieties of trees are found on the island, such as native teak, tamarind, fig, coral, and banyan. Animal species include rusa deer, banteng or wild buffalo, boar, monkeys, and a wide variety of bats. The white-breasted sea eagle, Flores Hawk-Eagle, Crested Honey Buzzard, osprey, yellow oriole, megapode, and other species of wild birds can be found on the island.

The Flores Sea presents many varieties of coral. Stag horn, gorgonian fans, sponges, and plate coral can all be found in Amanwana Bay and marine life is plentiful. Frequently observed are hawksbill and green turtles, moray eels, lobsters, parrot fish, blue spotted rays, lionfish, barracuda, and small reef sharks. Occasionally dolphins, giant manta rays, and whales can also be seen.

Contribution in Protection

Please remember that Moyo Island is a national park and its surrounding waters form part of a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Therefore, all coral, shells and marine life are protected. We ask for your assistance in helping to preserve this unique underwater environment. Please do not remove anything from the water, and take care not to damage the reef while swimming or snorkelling.



Land Excursion

With so much to discover on Moyo Island itself, it should come as no surprise that there is even more exploration to be done outside of camp. For those looking for secluded beaches, untouched and paradisiacal waterfalls or a day's adventure with unforgettable scenery, Amanwana suggests a series of excursions to keep the adventurous spirits energised.

On Land

Whether on foot or by bicycle, there are countless ways to discover Moyo Island. If you plan to explore independently, kindly let us know your destination and expected time of return. Remember, it is a jungle out there! If interested in wildlife viewing, we suggest you commence your trek early in the day for the best opportunities. Early morning and late afternoon also provide cooler moments for a wander, but please keep in mind that, due to our proximity to the equator, the sun may set more quickly than you expect.

Please check Amanwana's adventure map or speak with our team for more accurate directions of where the tracks are located. Please remember that it is very hot in the tropics, so do stop for rest and take plenty of drinking water with you on your trek. Contact the Guest Host for assistance in preparing refreshments or if you would like to be accompanied by a guide on your trek.

Mata Jitu Falls Half-day

Known locally as Mata Jitu, or "the discerning eye," the falls are an example of nature at its finest. Comprising of a series of cascading limestone pools and located in the centre of the island, deep in the tropical forest, the spring-fed water of the pools provides a refreshing swim to escape the heat of the day.

When booking the waterfall excursion please consider the departure time, as other guests may be joining your excursion.

Amanwana Ridge Trek 1.5 hours return

This track starts from the helicopter pad above the camp's boardwalk and follows the ridgeline above the camp. The ridge walk offers picturesque views and the possibility of observing Moyo's animal and bird species. The path leads towards the camp's west jetty and connects with either Crocodile Head or the mountain bike trail.

Crocodile Head Trek 1-hour return

This walk is an extension of the Amanwana Ridge track. Follow the road uphill behind the west jetty, take the left-hand fork at the ridgeline and bare left down to the headland. Crocodile Head presents a panoramic view of the Flores Sea and the surrounding jungle. It is a beautiful spot to watch the sunset.

Bat Cave Trek 3 hours return

The Bat Cave trek is only available when accompanied by a guide. The track is a continuation of the Brang Sedo path and is quite a physically demanding trek. The cave is inhabited by seven species of bats. Monitor lizards and occasionally pythons may also be observed in the cave. There is a good opportunity to observe a variety of bird life and wildlife during the trek.

For all trekking activities a sturdy pair of shoes is recommended. Bookings are weather dependent.



By the Sea

The beautiful space between the jungle and the sea is the ideal place to relax and unwind.

Kick back on a beach lounger while taking in some sun or try a hammock to enjoy a gentle sway in tune with the ocean breeze. While the power of its gentle atmosphere is unmistakable, the beach offers much more than simple leisure. From entertainment to conservation, our beach can provide you with the opportunity to discover the natural phenomena of nature – or simply enjoy a film under the stars.

Treasure Hunt, the Quest of Kandaga

Set off on a treasure hunt across the camp, following a trail of carefully placed clues that lead from one discovery to the next. Along the way, uncover hidden artefacts, solve each challenge and piece together the final clue before reaching the treasure.

Amanwana Cinema

Enjoy a unique cinema experience under a canopy of stars, wild figs, and banyan trees with the gentle sounds of the Flores Sea in the background. Pick a movie or documentary from our extensive list of titles and then sit back and enjoy a private viewing.



Water Exploration

The waters surrounding Moyo Island reveal an equally remarkable world beneath the surface. From vibrant coral reefs and secluded bays to crystal-clear waters teeming with marine life, Amanwana offers a collection of water-based experiences that showcase the island's rich coastal environment.

A range of water activities is located at the boardwalk at the southern end of the beach, where you will also find our sundeck, equipped with sun lounges and umbrellas for sunbathing and relaxing in comfort.

Non-Motorised Water Sports

Try your balance on a stand-up paddle board, or get your arms rowing on a kayak toward the horizon. Amanwana's non-motorised water sports equipment is available to guests at their leisure throughout the stay. For any guided tours or assistance in operating any of the equipment, our team is happy to support you.

Motorised Water Sport

Glide effortlessly across the water's surface or venture beneath the waves with a water scooter. Powered by an electric jet propulsion system, this easy-to-operate water scooter offers a different perspective of Moyo's coastline and marine life. Our team will be delighted to provide an introduction before you set off and remain on hand throughout your experience.

Snorkelling

Amanwana Bay provides a wonderful underwater panorama of abundant fish and coral life. Our beach boys will direct you to the best spots and are happy to accompany you in the water, should you require a guide or lesson. Buoyancy vests are available for inexperienced swimmers. As well as the house reef off the boardwalk, Turtle Street on the north end of the bay offers a great chance to see turtles in their natural environment.

Night Snorkelling

See the house reef from a completely different perspective. Night snorkelling is fun and very interesting, highlighting the reef's micro-interaction. Check with our guest host to arrange a guided tour. This activity is best enjoyed at high tide and on a calm night.

Fishing

The areas surrounding Amanwana are untouched by commercial fishing. Try your luck with our experienced cruise staff and hopefully bring back a catch for our chefs to prepare for you!

Regular catches include Spanish mackerel, wahoo, dogtooth tuna, giant trevally, and barracuda.

Please note that the green season from December through March can bring unpredictable sea conditions and for your comfort and safety, some cruises may be unavailable during this time.

Sport Fishing

06.00 am - 10.00 am

Aman XX is the perfect vessel for the serious angler - complete with a fighting chair, cabin, toilet, and fly-bridge - as well as twin 250-horsepower 4-stroke engines to ensure maximum performance and flexibility.

Enjoy a comfortable breakfast on the boat and our trained crew is on hand to assist the novice as well as the experienced angler. The recommended time for deep-sea fishing is in the early morning.

Traditional Bottom Fishing

06.00 am - 10.00 am

Enjoy morning or afternoon bottom fishing on Aman XXII, our traditional teak wood Madura-style fishing boat. Experience Moyo's traditional means of bringing back dinner and try it for yourself. Our chefs will happily prepare a meal to your liking with your catch.

Bottom fishing attracts fish of all sizes, but please note that undersized fish must be released to protect the future of our marine life.



Diving

Amanwana Bay

Amanwana Bay is a pristine marine reserve with a variety of dives. Intricate technicolour reefs, deep sea walls, and coral cays boast a remarkable diversity of marine life.

Varieties likely to be observed are hawksbill and green sea turtles, moray eels, pufferfish, parrotfish, blue spotted rays, lionfish, and barracuda. Groups of banner fish, surgeonfish, and triggerfish school the area. Sometimes you can see tuna and trevally hunting with reef sharks cruising by. Occasionally dolphins, whales, and mantas can be seen.

Sea Wall

This dive begins from the beach next to the guest jetty, starting with a gentle sandy slope. A perfect area to practice safety skills, before moving out to a deep wall drop-off.

Usually, with no currents, our house reef hosts many large schools of fish and beautiful coral fans making this site a perfect first dive.

For photographers, this reef can be a true gem with chances of finding nudibranchs, ribbon eels, leaf ghost pipefish, banded pipefish, frogfish, and anemone shrimps.

Crocodile Head

A modest dive site near Amanwana, which takes around 5 minutes on foot from the Amanwana camp. With an easy current, here, you'll find puffer fish, parrot fish, angel fish, sergeant major fish, and more small fishes residing around the hard corals.

Turtle Street

Protected inside Amanwana's Bay, you'll find several resident hawksbills and green sea turtles around this gently sloping reef. Also to be seen are anemone fish, nudibranchs, lobsters, moray eels, and black-tip reef sharks. The remains of an old Jeep make for a good photo opportunity.

Hera Wall

Dive into Amanwana's newest dive site, Hera Wall, where diverse marine life thrives amidst flourishing soft and hard corals. As you descend into the depths, you'll find yourself surrounded by vibrant marine life, from green turtles and blacktip sharks to moray eels and butterflyfish. The mild currents, combined with the steep wall and gentle slope, make it an ideal dive for novices or seasoned pros, promising a thrilling adventure for divers of all levels.

Night Diving

Night diving is an interesting way to experience the waters of the Flores Sea, highlighting the reefs' micro-interaction. Occasionally seen are sleeping turtles, Spanish dancers, all kinds of crustaceans, spawning coral, and nudibranchs. At night the reefs completely change shape and their colours come alive as many of the reefs feeding and spawning activities are under the cover of darkness. For those looking for an other-worldly experience, this might be just it.

On the house reef, we normally descend just after sunset and surface when the sky is full of stars. For the outer reefs, we usually head out just before dusk.

Options for Night Diving include:

- Night Dive Sea Wall, with or without Nitrox
- Night Dive Crocodile Head, with or without Nitrox
- Night Dive Outer Reef, with or without Nitrox



The Outer Reefs

Our breathtaking outer reefs contain multiple dive sites, all offering amazing amounts of different varieties of unique fish and coral species.

A 10 to 15-minute boat ride from the camp presents three large reefs. The reefs are directly parallel to Labuan Aji Village. On all the reefs, you can find coral that can be dated over 100 years old. You will have difficulty finding reefs in better condition anywhere else in the world.

Panjang Slope

This long ocean-facing reef is a truly spectacular dive. Varying currents bring in an abundance of large schools of fish, where you can see 1-metre tunas and large trevally hunting. Sightings of baby sharks, frogfish, leaffish, and sea snakes are common.

There is a dense forest of coral, with a wealth of giant sponges, staghorn corals, and sea fans. Often hiding in the shelter of the big coral bommies you might be lucky to find frogfish, leaffish, pigmy sea horses, and sleeping reef sharks. Suitable for open-water divers, this dive is a must!

Panjang Timur

Panjang Timur is a deep slope with a beautiful variety of hard and soft corals including stag horns, gorgonian fans, large sponges, and an abundance of soft coral. There is a vast selection of reef fish and larger species such as bump head parrotfish and eagle rays.

Sea Fan

Sea Fan starts with a hard cabbage coral reef in the shallows, sloping off to a deep wall special for giant Gorgonian fans, elephant ear corals, and huge sponge corals. This reef usually has a gentle current that pushes the diver along, allowing you to relax and enjoy the view.

Sangalo

Sangalo is about an hour away, and we have planned a thrilling 2-tank dive trip. The site is teeming with a vibrant array of soft corals on every side, offering an exciting drift dive with excellent visibility. You might even encounter graceful rays during your dive! It is also a fantastic spot for snorkeling. Since the site is a bit farther out, we will be providing a delightful lunch onboard, ensuring you are fueled up for the adventure.

Corner Point

Corner Point is an exciting new dive site, just 20 minutes from the renowned Amanwana dive site on the serene west end of Moyo Island. This hidden gem offers an unforgettable experience for divers, with both exhilarating drift dives and tranquil shallow dives, brimming with soft corals and an array of vibrant macro marine life. There is a possibility of spotting Turtles, Reef Sharks, Eagle Rays.



Labuan Aji

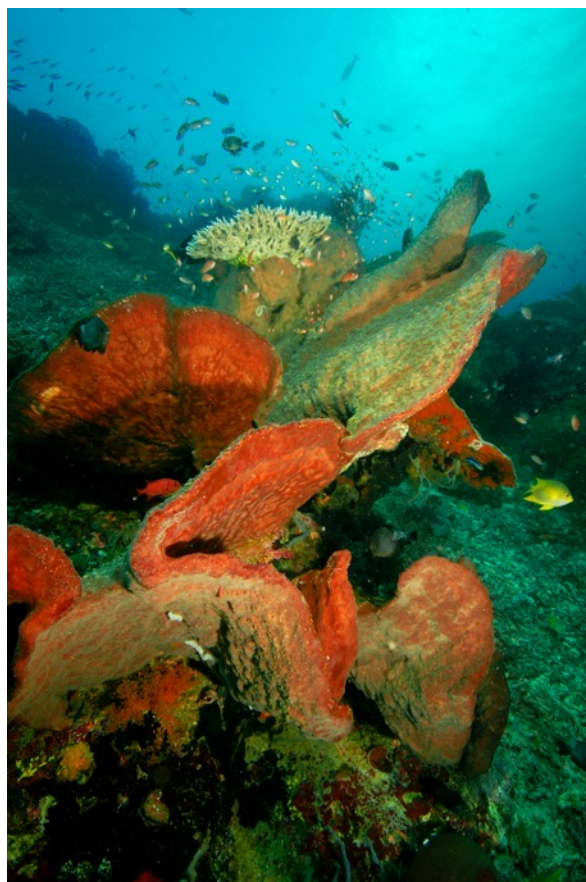
Labuan Aji is a spectacular circular reef offering great wall diving. The wall descends vertically to beyond 60 metres. This site is spectacular for the macro enthusiast with many varieties of nudibranchs & leaf fish.

Sometimes you'll meet up with beautiful eagle rays, batfish, schools of surgeonfish, or midnight snappers. Pelagic and reef fish are plentiful along the wall. The dive ends on a sandy slope that presents an underwater garden of coral housing thousands of small colourful aquarium-like fish.

Angel Reef

Angel Reef is a small reef known for its great quantity of angelfish and red tooth triggerfish. The corals on this underwater mountain are alluring, including Gorgonian fans, tube sponges, and elephant ears. Angel Reef is also home to many juvenile fish and if you are lucky you will find cuttlefish and octopus trying to camouflage themselves in the shallows.

The dive starts at 10 metres and slopes down to the abyss. On an odd day there is no current, so if you enjoy a more active dive, try this site.



Tanjung Pasir

This cruise south from Amanwana stays close to the coast before passing Tanjung Rajasua to enter the straits that lead to Saleh Bay. This is a perfect destination for those who love snorkelling and diving. The untouched slope off the beach drops down to 20 metres and presents beautiful corals and healthy reef fishes. Reef sharks and turtles might also appear during your dive.

A picnic lunch on the beach can be organised following your dive if you wish.

Tanjung Menangis

This site is a little further afield, off the coast of Sumbawa, and is an interesting wall that drops to 100+ metres and can be a fast drift dive. Strong currents allow you to see large pelagic fish such as tunas, trevally, and mackerel. Schools of bump-head parrotfish, manta, and eagle rays also patrol this reef. If you have a keen eye, you will also be able to observe ghost pipefish and beautiful nudibranchs. If there is little current on the corner of the reef, look out for the silver-tip and black-tip reef sharks that patrol this area.

Courses and Certification

Our dive team also offers personal one-on-one tuitions of PADI dive courses. Moyo's tranquil surroundings have a unique and unspoilt underwater diving experience - difficult to find anywhere else in the world. To make this experience unsurpassable, our professional dive team, including Indonesian PADI dive instructors, is experienced and trained in the area. The team has great enthusiasm and vast knowledge of the local reefs and aquatic species. They offer their knowledge and experience to provide a very professional and safe dive service.

The dive courses range from a Discover Scuba Diving Experience to a Dive Master Certification and various other speciality courses including deep, night, and photography. We have learning materials available in a variety of different languages. For more information please visit the dive centre, located next to the beach, and chat with one of the dive team.

PADI Discover Scuba Diving

2 hours

For beginners who would like to have a taste of diving, yet have no prior experience, this is a perfect opportunity whilst on holiday. This lesson includes a dive briefing in our classroom, a shallow confined lesson with a few dive skills, and a supervised dive with one of our instructors, including all equipment.

If you enjoy the experience, you can participate in additional dives at other reefs, always guided by one of our instructors.

PADI Adventure Diver

1 day

The adventure diver contains three specialised dives. If your stay here at Amanwana is short, then this is the perfect course to further your diving experience towards becoming a PADI advanced diver. All three dives can be completed in just one day.

PADI Scuba Diver Course

1.5 day

Let one of our instructors guide you through the first diving course offered by PADI, involving dive theory, confined water skills practice, and two dives. On completion, you will be able to dive anywhere in the world with a PADI professional to a maximum depth of 12 metres.

PADI Referral Course

1.5 to 2 days

Take all the theory and pool sessions at home and complete the open water dives here at Amanwana. This course includes a skill circuit refresher for safety, four open water dives, certification, and all-hire equipment.

PADI Advanced Open Water

2 days

For the already certified divers who wish to extend their diving skills and knowledge, this course consists of five dives, including a deep and a navigation dive. A choice of three more exciting adventure dives completes your course. After completion of the course, you will be certified to dive to 30 metres.

PADI Open Water Diver

3 to 4 days

This course includes dive theory instruction, confined water skills training, and four open water dives. The course can be completed in a minimum of 3-4 days or tailor-made to suit your timetable. On completion of this course, you will be qualified to dive anywhere in the world.



PADI Specialty Courses

Underwater Digital Photography

Learn how to capture that special underwater moment - two dives plus certification.

Deep Diver

Extend your certification levels to new depths, and get special training to 40 metres - four dives plus certification.

Peak Performance Buoyancy

Buoyancy tips to help extend your air to get the most from your dive - two dives plus certification.

Other Specialty courses available on request:

Boat, Drift, Enriched Air, Night, Project AWARE

Check Out Dive

Perfect for those who have not dived for a while but are already qualified. This is a comfortable shore dive on our house reef, where you can practice a few dive skills with one of our dive instructors and become familiar with our equipment.

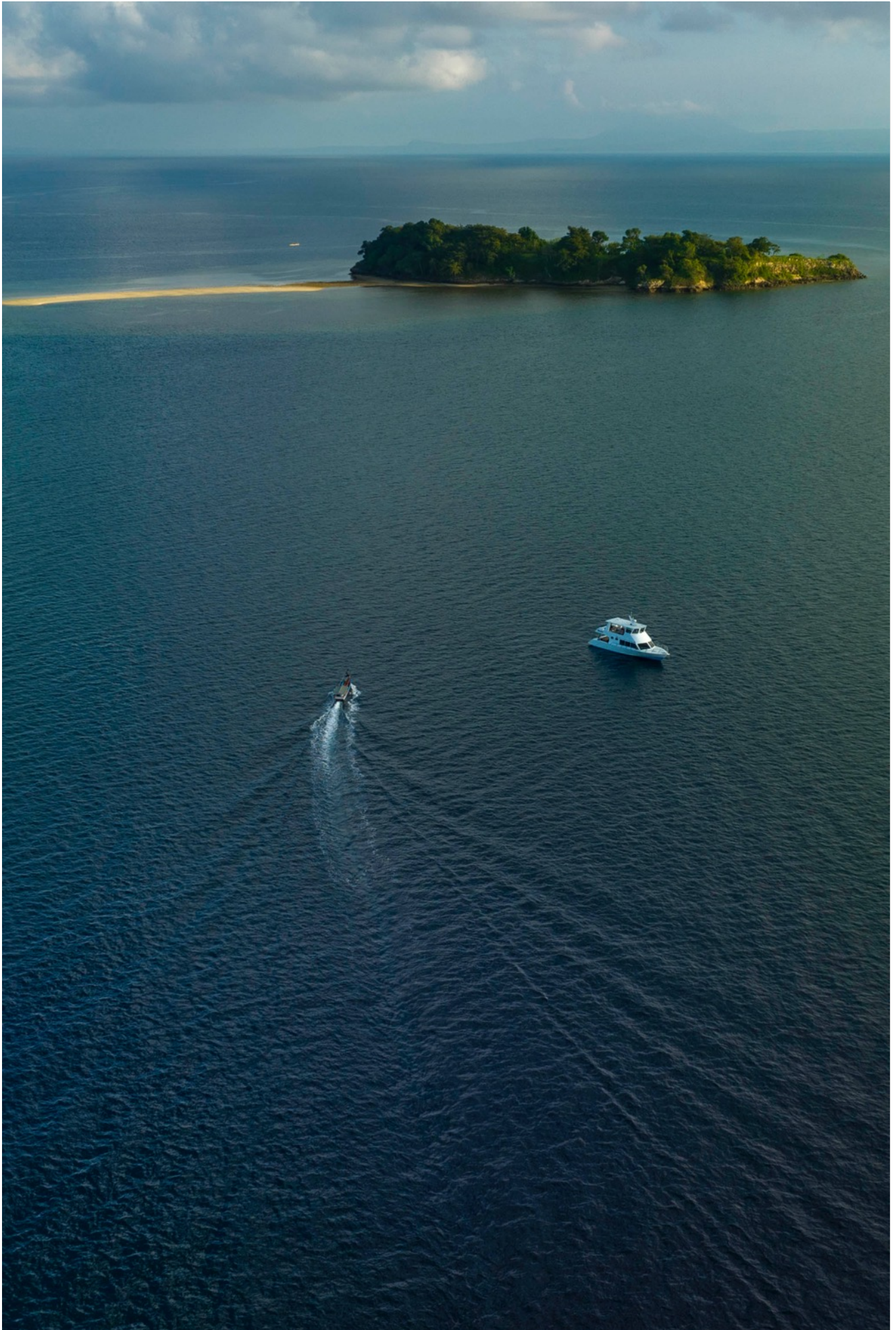
Enriched Air (Nitrox)

1 to 2 days

Stay down longer and get back in the water sooner.

Diving with Enriched Air or Nitrox extends your no-decompression limits and allows you to spend more time underwater. As the air breathed contains less Nitrogen, you tend to feel less tired after diving.

This is particularly advantageous if you are doing lots of dives in a short period of time.



Beyond Moyo

While Moyo Island offers much to discover, some of the region's most remarkable places lie just beyond its shores. From neighbouring islands shaped by ancient volcanoes to encounters with the world's largest fish and the cultural heritage of Sumbawa, these journeys reveal a broader perspective of this extraordinary corner of Indonesia.

Satonda Expedition

The spectacular island of Satonda is located about 40 kilometres to the northeast of Amanwana Bay. A volcanic island with Mount Tambora as its backdrop, Satonda is covered in tropical forest and home to local and migratory wildlife, including thousands of huge fruit bats.

At its centre lies a saltwater lake, the island's defining feature. Formed when seawater entered the volcanic crater following the 1815 eruption of Mount Tambora, the lake is now saltier than the surrounding sea itself.

In the beautiful reefs that surround it, a wide range of corals, tropical fish, lobsters, moray eels, turtles and nudibranchs can be found.

Satonda Island Adventure

09.00 am - 05.30 pm

Depart Amanwana on Aman X or XX for a 75-minute journey to the island. Choose from a host of activities including kayaking or stand up paddle on the large salt-water lake. Jungle trekking, snorkelling, diving, and even some deep-sea fishing can also be enjoyed on this excursion.

Take a picnic-style lunch by the lake, on the beach or on board, completing an action-packed day that you will never forget.

Along the lake's edge stands the Kalibobo Tree, often known as the Wishing Tree. Local tradition holds that tying a small stone or piece of wood to its branches while making a wish may help it come true.

Diving at Satonda

Satonda is surrounded by a fringing reef that supports some of the most amazing soft corals in the area. Whilst schools of reef fish, lobsters, moray eels, turtles, and nudibranchs are plentiful, keep one eye open on the flat sandy bottom for the large rays that often cruise by.

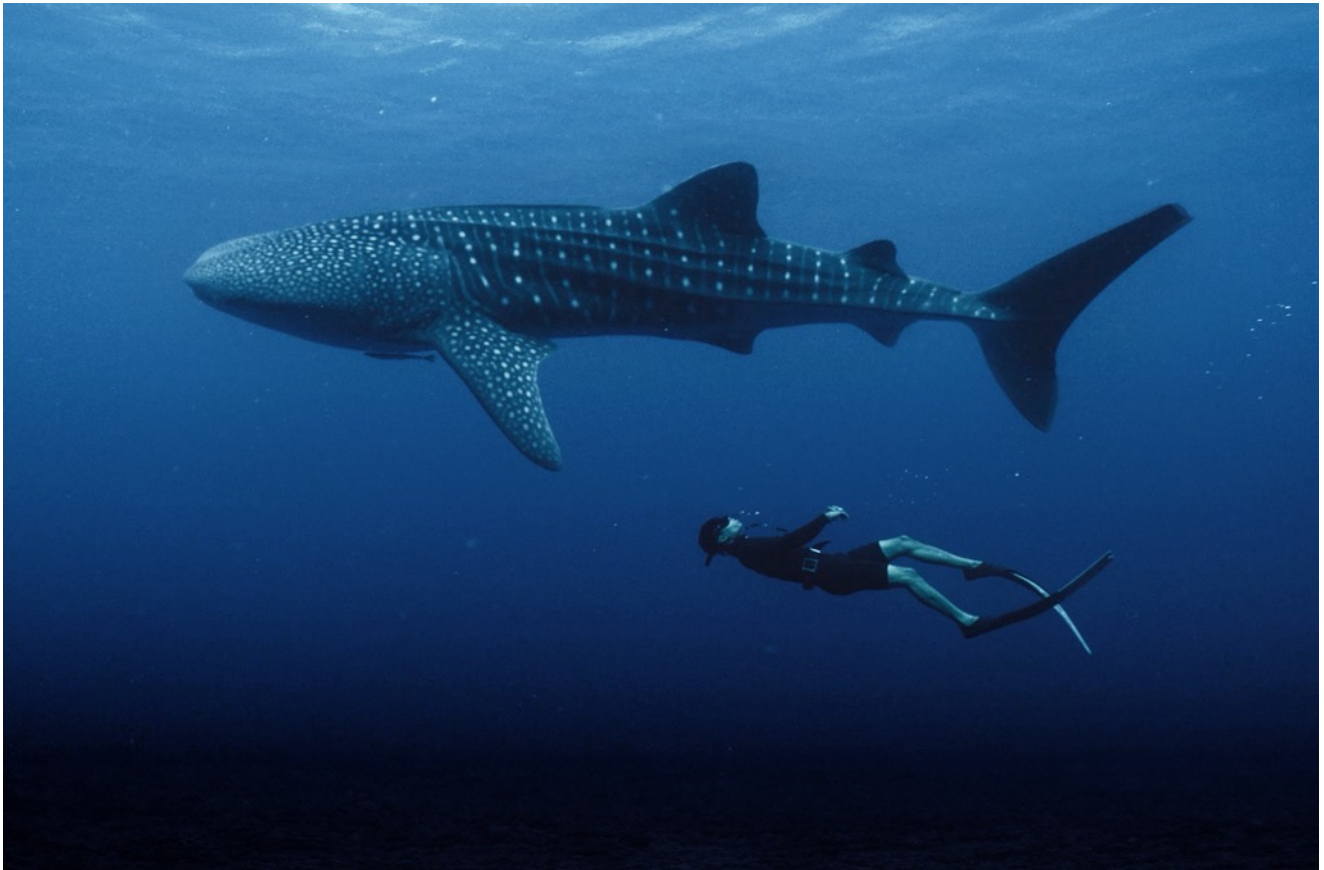
In between dives, you can kayak on the lake and have a picnic lunch either on board or on the beach. This day excursion is also excellent for the non-diver, as the reefs are very shallow and perfect for snorkelling.

Volcano Bay

Volcano Bay is a 2 to 17-metre slope, filled with Satonda's unique soft corals. This dive is a classic. A little deeper you will find some underwater rocks covered with hard and soft corals, with bountiful tropical reef fish and a good chance of turtles.

Satonda Slope

Starting at 2 metres with a gentle slope down to 20 metres, this dive features hard and soft coral coverage. Fish life is plentiful and colourful nudibranchs provide a great opportunity for the underwater photographer.



Whale Shark of Sumbawa

Just east of Moyo Island lies Saleh Bay, one of Indonesia's most important habitats for whale sharks. Recognising its ecological significance, UNESCO included the Saleh-Moyo-Tambora region within its Biosphere Reserve network in 2019. Sheltered waters, abundant plankton and the presence of traditional bagan fishing platforms create conditions that attract the world's largest fish throughout the year.

Whale Shark Excursion

The journey to Saleh Bay takes approximately two hours aboard one of Amanwana's speedboats. Departing before dawn, the excursion offers the opportunity to witness the first light over Mount Tambora before arriving in the bay, where whale sharks roam around the traditional bagan fishing platforms.

Accompanied by Amanwana's experienced team, enter the water to observe these remarkable fish in their natural habitat. Despite reaching lengths of more than 12 metres, whale sharks feed on plankton and are known for their calm and gentle nature.

Before departure, our team will share an introduction to the marine environment of Saleh Bay, offering insights into whale shark behaviour, responsible wildlife encounters, and the ongoing efforts to safeguard the species.

Whale Shark Adoption

In partnership with Yayasan Konservasi Indonesia (YKI), Amanwana supports a whale shark adoption programme that contributes to the long-term study and protection of the species. By adopting an individually identified whale shark, guests directly support ongoing research and conservation while helping to safeguard one of the ocean's most remarkable inhabitants.

Adopters may have the opportunity to witness the tagging process, name their adopted whale shark and follow its movements through ongoing satellite tracking, creating a lasting connection with the gentle giant.



Mainland of Sumbawa

The mainland of Sumbawa reveals another side of the region. Here, royal heritage, living traditions and landscapes shaped by volcanic forces come together, offering a deeper understanding of the region and its people.

Trek the Tambora

Stand on the rim of one of the world's largest volcanic calderas, where the remnants of the 1815 eruption remain etched into the landscape. Measuring almost seven kilometres across, the crater is a lasting reminder of the most powerful volcanic eruption in recorded history.

Its impact reached far beyond Sumbawa. The ash released into the atmosphere altered the global climate, leading to the "Year Without a Summer" across Europe and North America. The unusual weather later gave rise to Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, while poor harvests encouraged new ways of travelling that contributed to the earliest designs of the modern bicycle.

Today, trekking Mount Tambora offers not only sweeping views across Sumbawa but also a rare opportunity to stand where one of history's most influential natural events unfolded.

Subject to weather, trail conditions and guide availability. Please consult with your Guest Host for further details.

Sumbawa Besar City Tour

For those wishing to discover Sumbawa beyond its coastline and rugged landscapes, the island's historic capital offers a rewarding journey. Visit the royal palaces of Istana Dalam Loka and Istana Bala Kuning, explore museum collections that trace the island's past, and wander through the traditional market, where local flavours and everyday life come together.

Each journey can be tailored to your interests. Please consult with your Guest Host for further details.



Cruises

From unparalleled snorkelling spots to unforgettable moments at sunset and after, our leisurely cruises offer something for everyone.

Much of what enthralls guests during a stay at Amanwana is the ability to completely unwind. There are few better places to do so than on a leisurely cruise, taking in the best that nature has to offer. Hop on a cruise, Jump in the water, enjoy the breeze from the deck or imbibe your favourite cocktail while gazing at the stars – all are possibilities while at Amanwana.

Please note that the green season from December through March can bring unpredictable sea conditions and for your comfort and safety, some cruises may be unavailable during this time.

Tanjung Pasir for Snorkelling

09.30 am - 02.00 am

This cruise south from Amanwana sticks close to the coast before passing Tanjung Rajasua to enter the straits that lead to Saleh Bay. The destination for snorkelling is Tanjung Pasir on the southeastern point of Moyo. From here, views extend to the vast waters of Saleh Bay. Wonderful snorkelling in coral gardens is found in this area. After snorkelling takes a picnic aboard or on one of the many secluded beaches in the area.

Labuan Aji for Snorkelling

Using our traditional wooden outrigger Aman XIV, cruise to one of the beautiful action-packed reefs to the north of Amanwana Bay for an unforgettable snorkelling experience. Each reef is covered in pristine corals, which are in turn home to a great density and variety of marine life. Let our cruise staff guide you around this untouched underwater paradise. Pack a picnic lunch and make a half-day trip! Swimming aids are available for novice snorkelers.

Sunset Cruise

05.00 pm - 06.30 pm

This is a classic Amanwana experience on board our traditional wooden outrigger, Aman XIV. Order some drinks and canapés and absorb the sights and sounds of the peaceful jungle as the sun sets at the end of a magical day on Moyo Island.

If you like, you can also combine this cruise with some traditional hand-line bottom fishing. If you are lucky, you may even catch your dinner!

Starlight Cruise

90 minutes

On a still and calm evening, this cruise is a magical experience. Take a short ride out into the bay on our traditional wooden outrigger Aman XIV, our captain will cut the engines to allow you to simply drift beneath the dazzling canopy of stars above you. Enjoy dessert, or drinks of choice and settle back on the day bed on the roof of the boat.



Charters

The perfect way to discover the area around Moyo Island is with an outing designed and decided by no one other than you.

Amanwana offers several boats for private charter, and our team is happy to propose or discuss a journey to meet your wishes. We will be happy to assist you in planning your adventure and recommending the most appropriate vessel for your needs.

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Aman XIV

The traditionally designed and built wooden outrigger Aman XIV measures 14 metres in length and has a full canopy to protect from the sun. It can be used for coastal cruising and nearby diving and snorkelling explorations.

Aman XV and Aman XVI

Our Boston Whalers Aman XV and Aman XVI each measure 8 metres in length and are fitted with twin 115-horsepower outboard engines. Their high speed makes them suited for most adventure activities, including diving and game fishing.

Aman XXII

A 9.5-metre fibre-glass Kevlacet hull with twin 250 horsepower 4-stroke engines make Aman XX a versatile high-powered vessel. Perfect for day trips, deep-sea fishing, or diving, she comes complete with a comfortable cabin, toilet, and flybridge.

Starwin 7

A 14.5-metre fibreglass vessel powered by a 250-horsepower 4-stroke engine, Starwin 7 is designed for longer journeys across the waters surrounding Moyo Island. Ideal for whale shark excursions to Saleh Bay, she is equipped with a comfortable cabin, sleeping area and toilet, ensuring a comfortable experience throughout the voyage.



Culinary Experiences

Private dining has never been this good. Discover our secluded spots and special dinners that will enhance the solitude you get on Moyo Island.

Designed for both special and everyday occasions, these opportunities will provide memories to look back on for a long time to come.

Bakela Feast Dinner

Bakela means “sharing from one platter” in the local Sumbawanese language. Showcasing regional dishes such as Siong Sira and Singang, the dinner celebrates the island’s culinary traditions. Served lesehan style, with low tables and woven mats beneath the glow of lanterns, Bakela offers a shared dining experience inspired by the customs of Sumbawa. A traditional dance performance can also be arranged to accompany the evening.

Barefoot Barbecue on the Beach

Dine on the golden sands of Amanwana Bay, complete with your chef and personal butler. The sizzle of the barbecue will flavour your senses while the soothing sounds of the Flores Sea gently lapping on the shore and a warming glow from the lustrous bonfire will ease you towards relaxed contentment.

Sumbawanese Cooking Class

Some of the best introductions to a destination begin around the table. Guided by Amanwana’s culinary team, prepare a selection of Sumbawanese favorite dishes before gathering to enjoy a leisurely lunch overlooking the bay.

Sunset Point Cocktails & Canapés

Ascend our jungle steps and trail the ridge that leads to Sunset Point. Once atop the volcanic ridge, you can comfortably watch the sun setting on the horizon with uninterrupted and sweeping views. The vista will amaze you while your personal butler attends to your wishes and Mother Nature relinquishes another day. Cocktails and canapés have never been quite as enjoyable as they are in this romantic and private setting.

Sunset Point Barbecue

Wrap up the day atop the volcanic ridge, taking in breathtaking views of the sun as it dips below the horizon. In this private setting, indulge in a barbecue feast featuring freshly grilled lobster, tender meats, and seasonal vegetables, all cooked to perfection over a traditional charcoal grill.

Candlelit Dinner at Yoga Shala

As evening falls, the Yoga Shala is transformed into an intimate setting for a private candlelit dinner by the sea. Surrounded by the gentle sound of the waves and the glow of candlelight, savour a bespoke menu prepared by Amanwana’s culinary team, creating a memorable evening beneath the stars.



Spa and Wellness

Through our holistic approach to wellbeing, we strive to provide guidance, support and knowledge to support your personal wellness journey far beyond the physical boundaries of our Aman Spa.

The Healing Power of Nature

Floating Sound Bath at Mata Jitu Waterfall

60 minutes

A healing journey unlike any other, this treatment harmoniously blends the soothing vibrations of sound with the natural rhythm of cascading waters—inviting deep relaxation, mental clarity, and soulful nourishment.

Bonfire Meditation

60 minutes

A calming practice where you sit around a fire, focusing on the flames and steady breathing to relax your mind. It incorporates the fire element—symbolizing transformation, energy, and renewal—inviting you to release stress, let go of old thoughts, and cultivate inner clarity as you watch the glowing embers and dancing light.

Jungle Massage

90 minutes

Unleash your inner athlete with our invigorating massage, this powerful blend of stretching, Swedish techniques and acupressure revitalizes tired muscles, enhances flexibility and boost energy flow. Perfect for active individuals to renewed sense of vitality.

Moyo Milk Bath

150 minutes

After a relaxing 60 minutes Amanwana massage, a gentle white rice and white turmeric body scrub exfoliates and prepares the skin before the application of a natural detoxifying mask made from milk powder, white clay, and honey. After the mask, enjoy a warm herbal Moyo milk bath. This treatment leaves the skin soft and supple.

Explore our Spa menu to discover the full range of our spa and wellness offerings.



Voyage Across the Seas with Amandira

Amanwana is the ideal base for longer sailing expeditions around the archipelago on Amandira, a 10-berth two-masted phinisi. Sail in search of the *Komodo Dragon* (March to October), or explore the *Spice Islands* and the waters of *Raja Ampat* (November to March), which supports the world's most diverse marine life. Satisfy a yearning for adventure with uncomplicated serenity – Aman Voyages is a unique way to experience untouched environments in some of the world's most captivating destinations.

Komodo National Park

March to October

Journey to a secret paradise where nature needs no protection. For five nights or more, the voyage between the Indian Ocean and the Flores Sea exploring the Nusa Tenggara island chain – Flores, Sumbawa, and Komodo National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The Spice Islands

October to November

Follow the winds of the ancient spice trade to off-the-map lands lost in time. The Spice Islands Expedition is a 10-night adventure through a cluster of seven tiny islands, part of the Moluccas, the fabled Spice Islands in Eastern Indonesia's vast Banda Sea.

Raja Ampat

November to March

Untouched glories on an odyssey of kings. Take a voyage of five nights or more through one of the world's most exceptional marine areas. Encompassing over 40,000 square kilometres in the northwest corner of Indonesia's West Papua province, the waters around these islands are home to magnificent coral reefs and unparalleled marine life. The greatest of the islands – Waigeo, Misool, Salawati, and Batanta – give this astonishing region one of its other names: the Four Kings.



Refunds are not applicable for cancellations made within 24 hours prior to the activity.

For further information or reservations for any of the above activities, please contact our Concierge & Pre-arrival Team at amanwana.fo@aman.com. We will be delighted to assist you.

From all of us at Amanwana, we wish you a happy and peaceful stay with us.

Best wishes,

Your Amanwana Family

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