



Snorkeling Expedition in Komodo National Park

June 25-July 6, 2016

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Dear Friends and Snorkeling Enthusiasts,

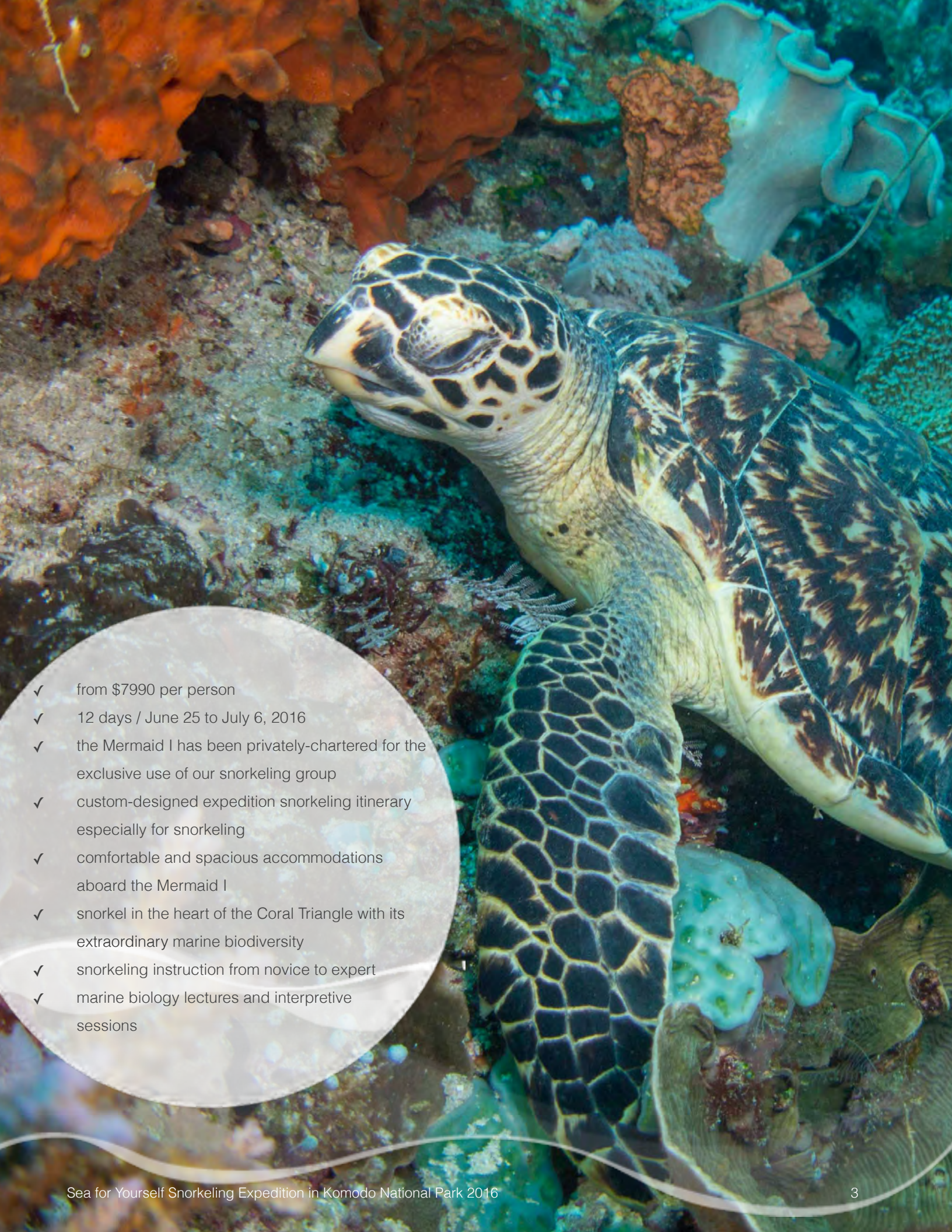
We are pleased to announce our 2016 *Komodo National Park* snorkeling program. Established in 1980 by the government of Indonesia to protect the Komodo Dragon, the park was declared a World Heritage site in 1991. Its protected status means that the underwater environment within its boundaries has been safeguarded as well. This is welcome news as here the Indian Ocean and Flores Sea converge, creating nutrient-rich waters. These waters support an incredible wealth of marine life including thousands of species of corals, invertebrates and fish.

Cruising comfortably aboard the privately-chartered Mermaid I, our snorkeling itinerary will provide us with the opportunity to visit a variety of marine habitats, from colorful coral gardens and shallow reefs to marine channels harboring large pelagic species- and everything in-between! During our visit we will also take time to explore the island where the 10-foot long Komodo Dragons live in the wild.

For this snorkeling program, we have created a custom expedition itinerary specifically designed to feature the best snorkeling opportunities this region has to offer. In collaboration with the Mermaid I Team, we plan to work in concert with the tides, currents, weather and other local conditions at the time of our visit to make the most of our snorkeling opportunities. Our visit to Komodo National Park promises to be the adventure of a lifetime.

I invite you join our snorkeling expedition from June 25 to July 6, 2016 and experience the rich biodiversity of Komodo National Park.

Judd Simon



- ✓ from \$7990 per person
- ✓ 12 days / June 25 to July 6, 2016
- ✓ the Mermaid I has been privately-chartered for the exclusive use of our snorkeling group
- ✓ custom-designed expedition snorkeling itinerary especially for snorkeling
- ✓ comfortable and spacious accommodations aboard the Mermaid I
- ✓ snorkel in the heart of the Coral Triangle with its extraordinary marine biodiversity
- ✓ snorkeling instruction from novice to expert
- ✓ marine biology lectures and interpretive sessions



Trip Overview

Snorkeling Expedition in Komodo National Park!

Komodo National Park, identified as a global conservation priority area, is located in the center of the Indonesian archipelago between the islands of Sumbawa and Flores. The park itself encompasses three islands: Komodo, Rinca and Padar as well as a multitude of smaller islands. With a total surface area (marine and terrestrial) of over 1800 square kilometers, it contains an unparalleled variety of marine life in its underwater environment.

Upon arrival, we will overnight in Sanur, Bali at the Puri Santrian before boarding our ship. Cruising comfortably aboard the Mermaid I, with spacious common areas and en suite cabins, we will have optimal flexibility to explore the miles of hard and soft corals and rich marine life of Komodo National Park. Our daily snorkeling excursions will provide us with the opportunity to explore In one of the top snorkeling destinations in the world. We will see everything from giant trevallies to tiny brilliantly colored anthias in vibrant coral gardens filled with abundant marine life. More than 1000 species of coral reef fish can be found in Komodo National Park, along with 260 species of reef building coral and 70 species of sponges, mantas and sharks. In the waters surrounding the major islands of Komodo, Rinca and Padar, we will find turtles, dolphins, whales and dugongs. On land, we will have the opportunity to see the world-famous Komodo dragons.

While Sea for Yourself programs feature snorkeling as the top priority, this particular occasion also provides certified SCUBA divers with excellent diving opportunities. The ship offers a complete complement of tanks, weights, rental gear, and divemaster services.

After our daily snorkeling activities, evenings will be spent enjoying leisurely dinners, marine biology lectures and interpretive sessions.

Species great and small!

Komodo National Park is located in the center of the Indonesian archipelago, between the islands of Sumbawa and Flores. Established in 1980, initially the main purpose of the Park was to conserve the unique Komodo dragon (*Varanus komodoensis*) and its habitat. However, over the years, the goals for the Park have expanded to protecting its entire biodiversity, both terrestrial and marine. In 1986, the Park was declared a World Heritage Site and a Man and Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO, both indications of the Park's biological importance.

Terrestrial species on the islands include the Timor deer, wild boar, water buffalo, macaque and civet and twelve species of snake. Some of the species are Australian in origin, including the orange-footed scrubfowl, the lesser sulphur and the helmeted friarbird.

The hot and dry climate of the park and its islands are characterized by savannah vegetation which make it a good habitat for the Komodo dragon, the world's largest lizard and among the world's largest reptiles growing up to 10 feet long and 150 pounds.

But the terrestrial species pale in comparison with life underneath the water. The Park includes one of the richest marine environments on earth including coral reefs, mangroves, seagrass beds, seamounts, and semi-enclosed bays. These habitats harbor more than 1,000 species of fish, some 260 species of reef-building coral, and 70 species of sponges. Dugong, sharks, manta rays, at least 14 species of whales, dolphins, and sea turtles also make Komodo National Park their home.

In the prolific fringing and patch coral reefs along the northeast coast it is possible to find whale sharks, ocean sunfish, manta rays, eagle rays, pygmy seahorses, false pipefish, clown frogfish, nudibranchs, blue-ringed octopus, sponges, tunicates many species of coral.



Itinerary

Day 1

Our program begins in the late afternoon when we join our fellow participants in Sanur, Bali for a program orientation at the Puri Santrian Resort followed by a welcome dinner. D

Day 2

After a morning on your own, we transfer to Benoa Harbor, located between Kuta and Sanur Beach and board the Mermaid I, our expedition ship. After our boat orientation, we will depart for Komodo National Park. B, D

Day 3

Angel Reef and Satonda Island. We begin our snorkeling in the calm clear waters of Angel Reef on the west coast of Moyo Island. The reef with its shallow, lush coral gardens is named for the wide variety of angel fish that can be seen along with nudibranchs and Ghost Pipe fish. There are also frequent sightings of sea turtles. Satonda Island is what remains of an extinct volcano of which the caldera was filled with water when nearby Mount Tambora erupted in 1815. This was the biggest volcanic eruption in the collective memory of mankind, much larger than Krakatoa. With an estimated volume of 160 cubic kilometers of rocks and ash ejected from the volcano the following year became known as the “year without a summer” because of the effect it had on North American and European weather. Underwater we will find a wide variety of marine habitats including coral gardens, sand flats and sea grasses that host clown frogfish, nudibranchs, Pipe fish, Scorpion leaf fish Ghost pipe fish and Boxer Crab. A short walk on a paved path to the island’s interior will take us to a stunning crater lake. Back at the boat, keep watch at sunset when literally thousands of fruit bats migrate to Sumbawa Island in search of food. B,L,D





Days 4-9

Our itinerary in the Komodo National Park will be determined by conditions at the time of our visit. Likely sites to visit include Tatawa Besar with its reef fish and endless fields of orange soft corals. Turtles can often be seen very often as well as manta rays. We might spot white-tip reef sharks sleeping on the sandy bottom. Giant trevallies are plentiful and we might see eagle rays. Drift snorkeling at Siaba Kecil will allow us to float effortlessly over coral gardens and underwater canyons revealing groupers, sweetlips, mantas and sea turtles.

At Gili Lawa Darat and Gili Lawa Laut we can observe small, colorful invertebrates, but it is the rich variety of fish species that we will notice most. We can snorkel through a narrow channel into a coral garden with that is home to a wide array of angelfish and butterfly butterfly species. Sea turtles are also prolific.

At Makassar Reef, we will explore a pink beach colored by fragments of red coral that have washed ashore. Manta Rays aggregation site. This is a manta ray aggregation site and the mantas come here to be cleaned by small reef fish. Along the surface, it's possible to spot the mantas eating plankton.

At Horseshoe Bay, we will see gold-striped fusiliers, scorpionfish, red snappers, surgeon fish, and purple gorgonians where pygmy seahorses hide. We will also visit Loh Liang to see the Komodo dragons which Komodo National Park was designated to protect. Up to 10 feet long and 150 pounds. Batu Balong is a rock pinnacle that hosts large schools of fish including jacks, anthias, and white-tip reef sharks.

Most of the sites we will visit are in the northern part of the park with its wide-coverage of shallow reefs. Please be aware that the expedition nature of our snorkeling adventure will mean that we will work in concert with conditions at the time of our visit to determine the sites we will visit.

In the evenings, back on board ship, enjoy sunsets and stargazing. Throughout the program, our leisurely dinners will be accompanied by lectures or interpretive sessions led by your Sea for Yourself staff.

B,L,D

Day 10

Satonda Island or Angel Reef. B,L,D

Day 11

Disembark in Benoa Harbor and return to the Puri Sanrian Resort. After an afternoon on your own, gather in the evening for our farewell dinner. B, D

Day 12

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flights home. B

The itinerary on this expedition-style adventure is flexible and may be subject to change.





Accommodations

Puri Santrian Resort

Sanur, Bali

While in Bali we will be staying at the Suri Santrian Resort, located on a 200 meter stretch of white sandy beach of Sanur. Located on the tranquil southeastern end of the island, the resort is only 20 minutes from Ngurah Rai International airport, 15 minutes to town and approximately 35 minutes to Ubud.



M/V Mermaid

M/V Mermaid I is a 28 meter, double engine steel motor yacht. She comfortably holds her guests in 1 Master State Room (king size bed), 1 Single and 4 Deluxe Cabins (double or twin beds) and 2 Budget Cabins (double/twin beds) below deck. The master, single and deluxe cabins have en suite bathrooms, refrigerator and panoramic sea view windows. The budget cabin is below deck with en suite bathroom and refrigerator. All cabins are air conditioned, have flatscreen TV and DVD players, bathrobes and toiletries and loads of fluffy towels.

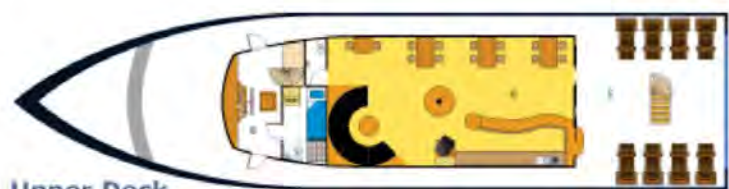
The Mermaid I has a large purpose built dive deck and wide stern dive platform with two exit ladders and fresh water showers are a snorkeler's dream. Delicious Thai, Indonesian and western meals are served in the "Sawasdee Restaurant" with large windows to enjoy the views. The salon is equipped with a TV/DVD and music center and library that includes a full selection of marine life books. There are two outside decks, one shaded with outside seating and a sun deck with a sunshade and cushioned sun beds.





Facts MV Mermaid I

- Length overall 28 m / 94 feet
- Beam 7 m / 21 feet
- Draft 2.5 m / 8 feet
- Water 20000 l
- Fuel 18000 l
- Cruising Speed 9.5 knots
- Max. Speed 12 knots
- Max. Guest 15 Persons



Upper Deck

Engines

- Engines Hino 2x 450 HP
- Generator Hino 2 x 100 kw
- Compressor Bauer 3 x 200 l/min
- Nitrox Blending panel
- Air-con. Hino



Main Deck

Inventory

- Cabin air-con. 7 double & 1 single with private bathroom
- Cabin Staff 4
- Bathroom 10 x with hot water
- Shower 2 x at the stern
- Saloon 1 x air-con with TV,
- Stereo, VDO
- Saloon Restroom
- Sundeck 1 x 60 square meter



Lower Deck

Diving Area

- Dive deck 6 m x 7 m
- Dive platform 2.5 m x 7 m
- Tanks 20 x 12 | Air
- Tanks 20 x 12 | Nitrox
- Tanks 5 x 15 | Nitrox or Air
- Weights 200 x 1 kg or 2.2 lbs



Trip Details & Prices

Trip limit

Due to the limited space available for this tour, reservations will be accepted in the order deposits are received. You will be notified when your space is confirmed.

Program Costs

Master Cabin: \$8590 – pp/dbl (only 1 cabin available)

Deluxe cabin: \$8240 – pp/dbl

Deluxe cabin \$9740 – Single (includes single supplement of \$1500) (only 1 cabin available)

Budget cabin: \$7990 – pp/dbl (only 1 cabin available)

Deposits & payments

A deposit of \$1000, plus a signed, completed reservation form confirms your registration for the trip. You will be notified when your space on the program is confirmed. Final payment is due 150 days prior to departure.

Airfare

Sea for Yourself does not issue airline tickets. Trip participants are responsible for making their own air travel arrangements. Please do not purchase airline tickets until your reservation for the program has been confirmed and you have reviewed your travel schedule with our office.

The tour fee includes

Group airport transfers within Indonesia, meals as indicated in the itinerary, accommodations as indicated in the itinerary, marine park entrance fees, all snorkeling activities, guided cultural excursions, local taxes, group gratuities to Mermaid I staff, services of the trip leader including any needed snorkeling lessons, marine biology lectures, interpretive sessions, and explanations of Komodo's natural history.

The tour fee does not include

International airfare to and from Indonesia, increases in international airfare rates, international departure taxes, SCUBA activities, rental gear, medical immunizations or prescriptions, passport fees, accident/baggage/cancellation insurance, individual transfers, excess baggage charges, medical expenses, meals not specified in the itinerary, dishes and beverages not part of included meals, laundry, telephone, internet or fax charges, room service, and other items of a purely personal nature.



Trip Preparation

Skill level

This program will be best enjoyed by experienced snorkelers or individuals who are comfortable being in the water. Our tour leader will gladly provide any needed snorkeling instruction, from floating to free diving. Whenever possible, we will seek out protected water for our snorkeling excursions, but at times there might be moderately swift currents or the surface may be a bit choppy due to wind. Any "hiking" will be easy to moderate.

Climate and weather

The climate in the Komodo National Park region is tropical. The temperature ranges from 75- 90°F with high humidity. Water temperatures can range from 68°-86°. The wide range of water temperature occurs when trade winds displace warm surface water which is replaced by cooler, nutrient rich water rising from the ocean depths. Currents and tides may necessitate deviations from the daily itinerary. As with any tropical destination, there will always be a chance of rain, mosquitoes when on land, and sand flies.

The snorkeling destinations in this itinerary were selected based on professional assessments of the reefs in January 2015. Please be aware that climatic events, such as coral bleaching, may occur at any time and could adversely affect the reefs. We will work with the crew of the Mermaid I to monitor conditions and provide timely updates to participants when relevant.

Please remember that some kind of covering (such as a Lycra suit or even pajamas!) when in the water is highly recommended as protection from sun, occasional stinging zooplankton, and to prevent coral abrasions. We strongly recommend that you consider wearing a wet suit both to regulate body temperature and as sun protection.

Departure information

After you have reserved space on a trip and the program is confirmed, you will receive information to help you prepare for departure, including airline information to arrange for your international and/or domestic flights, optional supplemental travel insurance information, a complete packing and reading list and other useful information about our destination.

Insurance

Sea for Yourself provides participants who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with limited medical, accident and evacuation coverage under our group travel insurance policy. We highly recommend the purchase of optional baggage and trip cancellation insurance; information will be sent to registrants. Exclusions for pre-existing conditions may be waived with the prompt purchase of travel insurance.

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Reservation Form

Snorkeling Expedition in Komodo National Park

I/We wish to hold _____ spaces on the Snorkeling Expedition in Komodo National Park, June 25-July 6, 2016. Enclosed please find my/our deposit check of US\$ _____ (\$1000 per person, made payable to Sea for Yourself)

Name 1 _____
(as it appears on passport)

Birth Date _____

Name 2 _____
(as it appears on passport)

Birth Date _____

Address _____

(If using a P.O. Box, please also include a street address)

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Accommodations:

Deluxe Cabin (List name of accompanying person if not shown above.) _____

Upgrade to Master cabin (\$350 per person/double bed only)

Only one cabin available

Budget Cabin (**Only one cabin available**)

Single (**Only one cabin available**)

Waiver of Liability: I have read the schedule of activities and other information in the Sea for Yourself: Snorkeling Expedition in Komodo National Park tour materials and recognize and accept all risks thereof. I understand and agree on behalf of myself, my dependents, heirs, administrators, and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth under "Liability/Responsibility" and to release and hold harmless Sea for Yourself and any of its officers, employees, agents, licensees, or representatives from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death, or for the loss of or damage to property, however occurring, in relation to this Sea for Yourself program scheduled for June 25-July 6, 2016. By signing this, I also certify that I do not have any mental or physical condition that would create a hazard for myself or other passengers.

Signature _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Date _____

NOTE: Each participant must sign this waiver.

Please send your completed reservation form and deposit to Sea For Yourself, 729 College Ave, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Fax: (650) 323-1201 Phone: (650) 322-1494 Email: info@seaforyourself.com

Terms & Conditions

A deposit, plus a signed, completed reservation form will confirm your registration for one of our programs or extensions. You will be notified when your space on the program is confirmed. Final payment will be due 150 days before departure.

Cancellations & refunds

If it becomes necessary for you to cancel your trip, notice of cancellation must be received in writing at Sea For Yourself, by email, fax or postal mail. At the time Sea For Yourself receives your written cancellation, the following per-person penalties will apply: Full refund less a per person handling fee of \$500 if cancellation is made 150 days or more prior to trip departure. No refunds will be granted for cancellation less than 150 days prior to trip departure, unless the trip departs full and your space is resold. Once the trip has departed, there will be no refunds for any unused portions of the trip. Cancellation could cost you as much as 100% of the tour cost. In the event the tour is undersubscribed or sold out, you will be notified and receive a full refund of any payments you have made. No refunds will be given for unused portions of the trip.

Possible land & fuel cost increases

Our prices are based upon the prevailing rates made far in advance of the trip's departure. While we will do everything possible to maintain our prices, if land or fuel costs increase significantly prior to departure, it may be necessary to increase these costs. While we reserve the right to institute such an increase, since 1995 it has not been necessary to do so on any of our programs.

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While Sea for Yourself, Inc. endeavors to choose the best suppliers available, we do not have the right to control their operations and they are subject to the laws of the state or country where the service is provided. As such we make the travel arrangements described via Sea for Yourself Services upon the express condition that Sea for Yourself, Inc., and its own agents and employees, shall not be liable for any damage, delay, loss, accident, bodily injury or death, or other irregularity that may be caused by the defect of any vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out or performing any of the services involved in Sea for Yourself tours. Nor does Sea For Yourself, Inc. accept responsibility for losses or expenses due to sickness, weather, strikes, wars, or other such causes. Any such losses or expenses must be borne by the participant.

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Trip participant responsibility

As a condition to acceptance of enrollment, participants must read, agree to, and sign, the Waiver of Liability statement provided as part of the trip reservation. Participants have the responsibility to sign up for a trip appropriate to their abilities and interests. Our program materials provide information on skill level, local conditions and other information that will help you make an informed choice. We would be happy to discuss any of our trips with you to assist you in making a decision. Participants should be in good health and able to participate in the activities described in the program itinerary and are responsible for being familiar with the pre-trip information provided by Sea for Yourself, including information about equipment and clothing appropriate for the trip.

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