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Embark on a journey through a sea of untold stories, hidden escapes and novel experiences. From Spain's quaint coastal towns to Da Nang's vibrant cultural heart — we unveil the splendours of travel, one breath at a time.



Labuan Bajo, INDONESIA

Beyond being a gateway to the famous Komodo National Park, this fishing town combines breathtaking natural offerings and intricate traditional roots to offer an experience of its own.



Komodo National Park

Home to the famous Komodo dragons, the main attraction of Labuan Bajo undoubtedly lies in its abundant natural wonders. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled for a once-in-a-lifetime experience as you come face to face with the largest monitor lizard in the world. Then, hike up the breathtaking Padar Island for a gorgeous panoramic view of the area. Or, for something so surreal that you must see it to believe it, take a stroll along Pink Beach where the sand gleams a glorious pink.

Cruise the islands in a luxury *phinisi*

Cruise the islands in a luxury *phinisi*, a traditional sailing boat that played a pivotal role in Indonesia's trade and maritime history. It's a great, and stylish, way to find your next destination—whether it be the crystal-clear waters of Rangko Cave or the cascading Cunca Wulang Waterfall. Lastly, don't miss the chance to dive into the sea, from the picturesque Batu Bolong Reef or Manta Point, swarming with vibrant underwater wildlife.



Mimamori

A wellness-focused haven located in the heart of Labuan Bajo, Mimamori focuses on creating classic as well as speciality breakfast menus from organic ingredients. From signature smoothie bowls to a selection of tasty vegan treats, take your pick at this cosy all-day breakfast bar.

Alma

Indulge in local flavours with a Latin twist at Alma, an elevated farm-to-table experience. With a gorgeous terrace overlooking the Flores Sea and lighthouse, what more can you ask for than a delicious meal with a view?

Copper Bonnet Bistro & Bar

To round out your evening, indulge in specially curated cocktails and refreshments in a chic setting featuring international cuisine infused with Mediterranean influences. Bask in the live music as the last light of day fades into the horizon.

Happy Banana Komodo

In the mood for something different? Happy Banana's Japanese-inspired menu is where to go. From handcrafted sushi rolls to Buddha bowls and unique smoothies, this recently remodelled eatery is touted as Labuan Bajo's new culinary hotspot.



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ABOVE
Ta'aktana, a Luxury
Collection Resort &
Spa, Labuan Bajo.

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Meet the Community

Labuan Bajo's richness extends beyond its breathtaking nature. Immerse yourself in local cultures and traditions to forge a comprehensive appreciation of the region.

Melo Village

A 45-minute drive from Labuan Bajo, past luscious farmland and grazing cows, lies Melo Village, a traditional Manggarai community. Experience a traditional meal with the Manggarai people and observe a Caci performance, a ceremonial dance where men in traditional garb partake in a duel, accompanied by powerful drum beats to symbolise the balance between strength and vulnerability.

Wae Rebo Village

Located slightly farther away from Labuan Bajo is Wae Rebo Village, famed for its cluster of Mbaru Niang, or five-tiered conical thatched huts. Located 1,120m above sea level and nestled in the mountains of Flores Island, hike through a lush jungle to arrive at a scene like no other, immersed in authentic Manggarai culture.

Bena Village

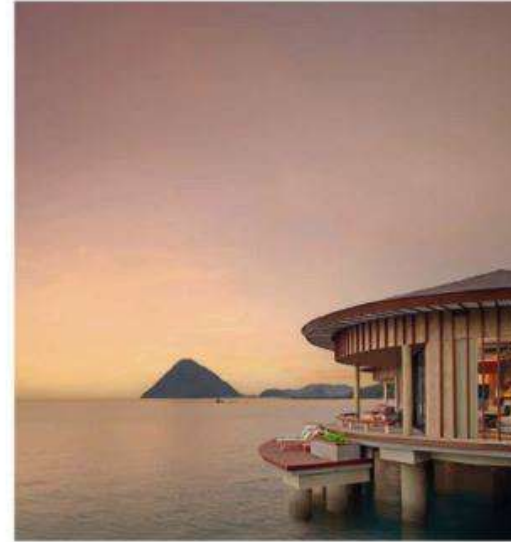
A megalithic village of the Ngada tribe, Bena Village is situated at the foot of Mount Inerie, a giant volcano whose silhouette prevails over the Bajawa skyline. Take a beat to soak in the local architecture, rituals and even get the chance to bond with village locals over a cup of traditional coffee.

**Ta'aktana,
a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa**

Ta'aktana, the latest addition to Marriott's Luxury Collection, opened in 2024. Overlooking the Flores Sea, the sumptuous resort comprises 70 suites and villas. Pay attention to the little details and traditional elements infused into the decor, such as the bespoke glass chandeliers and intricate tapestry crafted by local artisans, which add a special touch to the rooms. The exquisite in-house restaurants offer a wide variety of options, from authentic local flavours to delicate and lavish international cuisines.

Ayana Komodo Waecicu Beach

A rustic sanctuary located on Waecicu Beach, Ayana Komodo set a new standard for travel in Labuan Bajo when it opened in 2018. Each room features a stunning ocean view, where guests can watch the sun gradually dip behind the majestic Kukusan Island. With its world-class spa, premium facilities and personalised butler services, a restful and all-inclusive stay awaits at Ayana. The town's main street is a stone's throw away, so you can drop by for a meal or a shopping spree before returning to the comfort of your room.



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