

Pelagian Fact File: What to Know About Your Vacation



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Pelagian Luxury and Comfort: The Pelagian has long been regarded as one of the finest dive liveaboards in the world, owing from its noble birth as a luxury yacht and its reputation for hosting fantastic dive voyages. No other liveboard have been able to match its level of comfort, spaciousness, and luxuriousness. Each cabin is finely appointed, air conditioned, and has a private shower and restroom. Given its size (35 meters / 114 feet), there is never a feeling of being crowded on the Pelagian as it is limited to only 12 passengers.

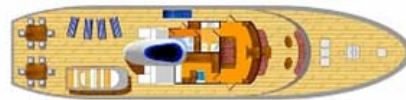
With the Pelagian now under the management umbrella of one of Indonesia's most renowned dive operations, it is Wakatobi's sincere pledge to meet or exceed the high standards for dive destinations, quality of operations, and customer service that the Pelagian has enjoyed in the past.

Pelagian's New Home: The Pelagian's home port will be Wakatobi Dive Resort, site of some of the most pristine and lush coral reefs in Indonesia, and the center of marine biodiversity in world. The Pelagian's cruises in the Wakatobi region will give guests access to new and exciting itineraries in the extended Wakatobi Islands and the Banda Sea. During the summer months, the Pelagian will also feature special cruises to the Komodo Islands, another favorite location of divers worldwide.

Getting There: For Wakatobi region cruises, you can simply book your flight into the convenient international hub of Bali and Wakatobi's private air service will fly you right to the Pelagian's port—at no additional charge. We've eliminated the last-minute rushes, long check-in lines and excess baggage charges—a convenience that no other liveboard operator offers. Instead of treating you just like another diver, the Pelagian treats you like a welcome guest!



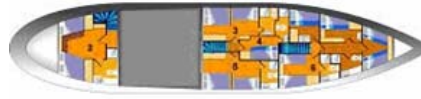
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Main Deck: Master Suite (Cabin #1), camera room, galley, main salon and aft deck.



Lower Deck: Superlux Cabin (#2), Deluxe Cabin (#3 & 5), Standard Cabins (#4 & 6), and crew cabins (bow).

Length: 35 meters (114 feet)

Beam: 7.5 meters (24 feet)

Draft: 3.4 meters (11 feet)

Weight: 245 tons

Cruise Speed: 9 knots

Cruise Range: 8,000 nautical miles

Builder: Batservice Verft A/S Shipyard in Mandal, Norway

Construction: Lloyd's +100A1 yacht and +LMC classification

Accommodations: One master suite, one superlux cabin, two deluxe cabins, two standard cabins

Passengers: Twelve

Crew: Ten

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Many airlines operate regular flights to the island of Bali, Indonesia, the international hub for both the Pelagian and Wakatobi Dive Resort. At the airport in Bali, our VIP greeting service will meet you at the plane and escort you through customs and visa application. We can also arrange ground transportation for you at the airport.

Guest should plan to stay overnight in Bali prior to continuing on to the Pelagian at Wakatobi.

At the airport on your way to the resort, our personalized VIP check-in and access to the Bali's fully serviced airport lounge is a prelude to the friendly service you'll enjoy aboard the private air service en route to Wakatobi's own private airport. In just over two hours, you will fly across the isles of central Indonesia to the remote Wakatobi archipelago. Located in the Banda Sea, southeast of Sulawesi, these islands are 6 degrees south of the equator and 1020 km (640 miles) northeast of Bali. Keep your camera ready: during the flight we will be flying over the majestic Rinjani volcano on Lombok, and across the bejeweled seas of the Wakatobi Islands. While you may have very strict baggage limitations and excess baggage charges on your international flights to Bali, we don't have luggage and weight restrictions or excess baggage charges on our private air service.

For Komodo or other select voyages, a local flight may be necessary. Either way, our expertise within Indonesia will help make your journey a pleasant experience.



Staying Connected: While you may be far from home, not to worry as the Pelagian is equipped with a satellite phone.

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Our Cuisine: Our Bali-trained chefs prepare delicious meals with generous portions, complimented by fresh fruits and vegetables flown in from Bali and overseas. Typical fare includes loads of fresh fish, excellent soups, fresh fruits, steaks and oriental specialties. Be sure to save room for one of the decadent desserts made fresh every day. Almost any special dietary need can be met if you let us know in advance. In the lounge we supply complimentary instant coffee, tea and cookies around the clock.

What to Wear: Dress is very casual. While the days are warm and sunny, the nights can sometimes be cool and breezy. We recommend packing a sweatshirt or windbreaker. We are near the equator so be sure to pack a hat, sunglasses, and sun block. For some shore trips, ladies need to have clothing to cover the shoulders and long pants.

Photo and video: Our photo and video center features a digital image editing studio. Clean fresh water is available for cameras. The dive support staff will look after your camera and video equipment as if it were their first born.



Sustainable Diving: From day one, Wakatobi Dive Resort lived the belief that protecting the reefs was going to be an integral part of running a sustainable dive operation. We felt so strongly about this, we started the Wakatobi Collaborative Reef Conservation Program, a privately-funded reef conservation, education, and community improvement program. This unique program is designed to align the interests of

the locals and the diving community through a series of mutual agreements and investments. As part of the program, local fishing communities obtain a fair share of the income generated by dive tourism in exchange for adopting more sustainable practices - such as leaving large stretches of reef completely untouched. The surrounding villages also receive financial incentives to improve their infrastructure. Other contributions go towards education and strengthening local support for the protecting the precious marine life in the Wakatobi region.

Currently, the cooperative conservation program protects over 22 miles of coral reefs in the Wakatobi region. In addition, Wakatobi's community programs bring electricity to the 700-person village on the island, encourage environmentally-conscious waste

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management, and sponsor reef patrols, schools, sporting events, and public moorings to reduce anchor damage.

We have spent years developing, improving and refining the conservation agreements. Our efforts have been based on a commitment to both understand the local needs and to treat the local communities as fully consenting peers, so there's no need to preach or apply pressure. In turn, the local communities have become defenders of these precious underwater properties, a valued resource for them.

You, the diver, can join us at Wakatobi and on the Pelagian with a good conscience, knowing that your visit is helping to preserve these incredible reefs not only for today, but for generations to come.

With the Pelagian liveaboard now under the Wakatobi management umbrella, it too is fully integrated into our reef conservation efforts. In fact, with its extended range in the Wakatobi region, our reef conservation efforts will also extend wherever it goes.

Our Diving Program: The underwater environment in the Wakatobi region is an extraordinary and diverse seascape of vibrant tropical coral reefs, a rich sea-grass habitat, dramatic slopes and walls, lush sea mounts, caverns and pristine reef tops. It is an excellent opportunity for drift diving, critter encounters and fascinating reef exploration. Our unique marine conservation and community integration programs ensure that these underwater surroundings remain exclusive and unspoiled.

Our diving program typically includes an early morning dive before breakfast, another dive before lunch, and two dives in the afternoon. Night dives before or after dinner is possible, dependent on conditions and scheduling.

We strongly recommend that all our guests to bring their own dive equipment so they are completely familiar and comfortable with its operation. The basic diving equipment recommended is a regulator, depth and pressure gauge, watch or dive computer, buoyancy compensation device, full wetsuit and hood, mask, booties, fins, snorkel, and dive light. However, we do have dive equipment available for rental—just let us know beforehand.

We recommend you to bring at least a 5 mm (1/4") full-body wetsuit and hood.

Seasons: Climate and diving conditions are consistently very pleasant throughout the long season (March to December). Peak visibility is in April to June and September to November. July and August have higher reef activity as more plankton is in the water (and potentially more big stuff). Visibility ranges 15m - 80m (45 -240 ft), air

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temperatures ranges 24 - 33° C (75 - 91° F), and water temperatures range 26 - 29° C (79- 84° F).

Komodo conditions are slightly different than the resort—the water temperatures are cooler, there's more plankton in the water, and the currents are stronger. Komodo visibility ranges from 10 – 20 meters (33 – 66 ft), air temperatures range 20 - 33°C (68 - 91°F), and water temperatures range 22 - 28° C (72 - 82°F). Note: Water temperatures in the Komodo Islands during August and September can drop as low as 17° C (62°F) in Horseshoe Bay (Rinca), while still being within the ranges in other areas.

All weather is approximate and subject to the whims of Mother Nature.

Surface Intervals: The Pelagian's spacious decks allow for everyone to lounge about without ever having the feeling of being crowded. The upper deck even has a new

shaded seated area, offering even more space for divers to relax. All cruises will allow for stops along the way, in case you ever want to get back on land.



Komodo cruises will feature a stop at Komodo National Park to see the world famous Komodo dragons.

The Pelagian also offers more leisurely pursuits such as board games, a selection of movies and a fairly extensive reading library.

A television set with DVD player and a CD / stereo system is also available.

Pelagian Boutique: A selection of cruise wear (including a stylish range of Pelagian signature clothing item), sundries, and local crafts are available in our boutique. We accept US Dollars, Rupiah (local currency), Euro and Visa or MasterCard

Safety and Medical: We have a good stock of medical gear and medication. In case of a serious medical incident, we have established procedures and protocols with International SOS, the world's leading provider of medical assistance and evacuation. <http://www.internationalsos.com>

Insurance: Every effort is made to make sure you are kept safe and carefree during your holiday. However, we do recommend you purchase trip cancellation/interruption

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insurance in the event of unexpected changes in your travel plans or if your baggage is misplaced along the way.

You should also have adequate medical insurance to cover any incidents. Check with your medical insurer before the trip to verify you're covered while traveling abroad and scuba diving.

We strongly recommend you purchase supplemental dive insurance, offered by many firms such as Divers Alert Network (DAN), PADI, and Dive Assure. These companies offer specific dive-related policies that often include travel, gear, accident coverage and medical evacuation, all in one comprehensive policy.

Documentation: Your passport will need to be valid for at least 6 months after your entry into Indonesia with at least one totally empty page for the visa. Check with your airline or travel agent for Visa requirements. Remember to bring your dive certification card.

Cultural: Always keep in mind that you are a guest in another country. Customs, dress, mannerisms will likely be very different from your home country. Please be respectful and courteous.

Waste management: As waste disposal is troublesome in such a remote location, we suggest you bring rechargeable batteries as we cannot dispose or recycle ordinary batteries. Otherwise, be prepared to take the spent ones home with you.

Basic Indonesian (Bahasa Indonesia): One of the main uniting forces in Indonesia is its common language. Despite having millions of people who live on many thousands of islands, each with its own local language or dialect, Indonesians are able to communicate effectively using the national language, Bahasa Indonesia. As a traveler, if you are able to speak a few words of Indonesian, it will certainly endear you to the local people you meet.

Yes – Ya

No – Tidak

Thank you - Terima kasih

How are you? - Apa Kabar?

I am fine - Kabar Baik

What is your name? - Siapa nama anda?

My name is... - Nama saya...

Excuse me - Permisi

Good morning - Selamat Pagi

Good afternoon - Selamat Siang

Good evening - Selamat Sore

Good night - Selamat Malam

Goodbye (if you are leaving) - Selamat Tinggal

Selamat Jalan (Goodbye, when you are leaving)