



## Kelapa Tours Gili Islands and Lombok

### Scuba Diving and Snorkeling

The Gili Islands are famous for world class diving and snorkeling. Kelapa Villas is owned and managed by Blue Marlin Dive. Blue Marlin Dive opened in 1992 when Simon Liddiard the owner first discovered its beautiful reefs.

At Blue Marlin those already certified to dive can enjoy up to four fun dives each day. If you have never experienced the amazing underwater world let one of our Multi lingual instructors take you on an introductory days diving or participate in a certification course.

For further information on diving and snorkeling packages visit our website.

[www.diveindo.com](http://www.diveindo.com)

### Cycling On Gili Trawangan

Your private villa comes with free bicycle rental so enjoying Gili Trawangan is simple. Get on your bike and go. Don't forget to check out Gili Trawangan's famous sunset over Mt. Agung Bali. Sunset beach is only 500 meters from your Villa.

### Horse Riding

Why not enjoy the Island on horse back. Private Island, beach and sunset tours will make your holiday unforgettable. We suggest a two hour sunset tour or a one hour beach tour where you can ride and swim in the sea.

### Surfing the Gili Islands

#### Gili Trawangan

Off the southern-end of the island is a right hand break called Secrets, where the local boys are more than welcoming to traveling surfers. The spot itself is a little fickle, but when it starts breaking it really cranks and produces flawless barrels. It breaks on a mid- to high-tide and is best ridden on a solid southwest or south swell. The take-off spot on the outside point is fairly easy, but it quickly jacks up to produce long and hollow walls that break over a shallow reef for a long and fast ride.

#### Gili Air

On the southern-most point of the island is a fine right hand peak that can, on a solid south swell, break flawlessly. This break can be surfed on a high or low tide, but usually doesn't perform until Desert Point to the south is beginning to hit at least the six-foot mark. There are two waves that can be surfed here, Outside Right, sometimes called Pertama, which is better than the second spot, a left-right due east.

If you're looking for another break close to Gili Trawangan, Kelapa Villas can arrange a boat to take you Gili Air.

### Wake Boarding / Water Skiing

If you want to try an exhilarating action afternoon book our speed boat and try water skiing or wakeboarding. Our boat is fully equipped with a 200 hp engine, beginner skis, mono skis and wakeboards. Sessions run for 15 minutes. We recommend you book a half hour or one hour session and ski 15 minutes each. Lessons available our guide will soon get you going.



### **Day Cruise, Sunset Cruise, Dinner Cruise and Boat Charter**

Yet another way to see the amazing Gili Trawangan sunset is on board “Ikan Biru” our 65 ft luxury live aboard diving and sail boat.

“Ikan Biru” is a traditional Indonesian Pinisi boat with all the modern comforts you need. It has two air-conditioned cabins both have private bathrooms with fresh hot water showers.

A fully fitted kitchen and 15 meter shaded deck.

#### **Day cruise**

Sail the beautiful Lombok coastline, swim, snorkel or scuba dive secluded bays.

Enjoy a sumptuous lunch before heading home.

#### **Sunset Cruise**

Departs at 5pm. Sail into the sun as it sets over Mt. Agung , Bali. Enjoy a cocktail before heading home for dinner.

#### **Dinner Cruise**

Private dinner charters booked on request. Enjoy a romantic sunset cruise followed by a private dinner specially prepared by our chef.

#### **Boat Charter**

For the more adventurous “Ikan Biru” is available for private charter.

### **Tropical Island Dining at the Oberoi Hotel**

If you’re looking for a change of pace from the dining scene on Gili Trawangan, let Kelapa Villas arrange a dinner or lunch adventure for you to the Oberoi Hotel, located on Medana beach, Lombok. Enjoy a romantic dinner, or a group dining experience at their fabulous restaurant. The Lumbung restaurant is set in a beautiful pavilion surrounded by pools and gardens. Enjoy a fine selection of Asian specialties or order that favorite dish you’ve been missing from their international cuisine. They also have an extensive wine list for you to ponder.

Your tropical island dining experience starts with a traditional horse cart ride from your Villa to the Trawangan harbor. From there you board a speedboat for a 10-minute ride to the Oberoi Hotel pier. There you are met by an Oberoi Hotel host and taken to the beautiful Lumbung restaurant. If you time your dinner departure right, on a clear day, during the boat ride you can enjoy the magnificent sunset over Bali’s famous Gunung Agung volcano. When you’re ready to return to Gili Trawangan, you’ll be whisked back by speedboat and returned to your Villa.

### **Golf**

For those with golf on their mind, the uncrowded Kosaido Golf Club is located on Sire Bay on the northwest coast of Lombok. The golf course, set in a coconut plantation overlooking the ocean on three sides, was masterfully designed by Australian golf course architects, with a philosophy of respecting the natural contours of the land, which offer magnificent views of Mount Rinjani to the northeast and the Gili Islands to the west. The 18-hole championship course is a unique, challenging, and world-class experience for golfers of all levels. The golf course site has a serene atmosphere, from the gently undulating fairways; you will enjoy mild ocean breezes under the dappled shade of the palm leaf canopy.

Your golf day experience starts with a ten-minute speedboat ride from Gili Trawangan to Sire Bay. There you are met by a Kosaido Golf Club host and taken to the course. After finishing an enchanted round of golf, you can relax and enjoy a cool tropical drink and lunch at the clubhouse. When you feel ready to return to your luxury Villa, you’ll be whisked back to Gili Trawangan by speedboat. If this sounds exciting, let Kelapa Villas arrange a game of golf for you.



### Sport Fishing

The Lombok Straits have so many fish in the water that local traditional fishermen still use very simple equipment and small outrigger wooden boats with sail (Sampan). Good spots for fishing in Lombok are; southwest Lombok towards Bangko-bangko (Desert Point), northwest Lombok out behind the Gili Islands, known by the locals as takat (seawall), is good for both trolling and deep fishing. Opposite Nusa Penida, near Bali, is an area known as one of the best spots for trolling and deep fishing.

Let Kelapa Villas arrange for you a full or half-day fishing trip, leaving from Gili Trawangan to any of these spots.

### Trekking

Mount Rinjani, the centerpiece of the Gunung Rinjani National Park, forms the second highest volcanic peak in Indonesia (3,726 m), part of the celebrated "Ring of Fire". The dramatic landscape has been created over millions of years of cone-building, violent explosions and erosion. The forested slopes rise directly from the sea and create their own weather patterns and act as water-collectors for the whole of Lombok.

Over 20 villages surround Rinjani and there are many routes up the mountain, but the main access is from Senaru in the north and Sembalun Lawang to the east. The Rinjani Trek Center in Senaru is the most popular starting point for trekking. A model for ecotourism in Indonesia, it embodies under one roof the unique partnership of the National Park, tourism industry and local communities that has been created to manage and protect the mountain environment.

The treks are challenging and range from 2 to 5 days exploring caves, hot springs, Segara Anak Crater Lake and the Rinjani summit. A challenging 3 day trek route from Senaru to the stunning crater rim (Plawangan), down to the spiritual waters of Segara Anak Crater Lake, then on to Sembalum Lawang, is considered one of the best treks in South East Asia.

Kelapa Villas can arrange a trek for our adventurous guests, just let us know and we can provide further information on a number of treks for you to choose from.

### Walks

There are a number of easy walks in northwest Lombok that will take you to see: waterfalls, rainforests, panorama views of the Lombok Straits and Mount Rinjani, rice terraces and villages. If you're interested in going on any of these day hikes, let Kelapa Villas know and everything will be arranged.

### Senaru Village & The Waterfalls

The village of Senaru is the northwest gateway to Gunung Rinjani National Park. The cool, flower-filled mountain village on the slopes of Mount Rinjani stretches up a hillside spur along a winding road above Bayan. The Rinjani Trek Center is located at the top of the village at the trailhead. It offers information for visitors on the Rinjani Treks, the National Park, Sasak culture and a range of ecotourism activities for visitors.

Guided excursions can be arranged through the Rinjani Trek Center. Village guides, including several local women, have been specially trained to escort visitors around the sights. Some of the most rewarding options are listed below:

- Senaru's best known attraction, Sendang Gila Waterfall, is a 20-minute walk down a graded trail and steps from Senaru village. A pleasant alternative return route winds along the edge of the steep valley.



- For the more adventurous, Senaru's second waterfall, Tiu Kelep is another hour's walk upriver from Sendang Gila. Scrambling over rocks through the tropical forest is rewarded by the beauty of the waterfall and a swim in its deep pool. It is said that every time you swim behind the main waterfall, you become a year younger!
- Senaru's third waterfall, Betara Lenjang is a true rainforest adventure strictly for rock climbers with a local guide and equipment.
- A visit to the Senaru traditional village, situated next to the Rinjani Trek Center is greatly enhanced by asking a local guide to show you around. The Sasak inhabitants are the cultural guardians of Mount Rinjani and its surrounding forest and safeguards its spiritual values. Locally guided visits include opportunities to experience the villagers' daily life, visit their houses and gardens of fruit and spices.
- Cultural Performances can be arranged by special request in advance, the people of Senaru and Sembalun can treat you to the very special spectacle of their traditional music and dance performances in a village setting beneath Mount Rinjani.

### **Rice Terrace & Waterfall Walk**

Where rainforest and rice terraces meet, where wild nature blends with local Sasak culture. Organized and guided by the women of the Senaru communities, this is an easy one-hour walk through one of Lombok's most spectacular nature settings.

Enter the magic world of the beautiful rainforest reserve. Here, the sounds of tropical forest birds soon give way to the thunder of the towering Sindang Gila Waterfalls. The brave may venture for an exhilarating swim behind the white-water curtain, the local people believe this is a cure for all disease. Alternatively, just relax in the shade of a rainforest giant and take in the magic scenery around you. Maybe a long-tailed monkey will entertain you with its cheekiness.

From the waterfall, your guided walk continues along the slopes of Mount Rinjani to several beautiful viewpoints high above the river. As you leave the lush green rainforest behind, artistically terraced rice fields seem to stretch forever towards the blue waters of the Flores Sea and to the south towers the sharp volcanic peak of Lombok's sacred Gunung Rinjani. Take time to enjoy this fantastic landscape or watch the village scene pass by.

### **Senaru Panorama Walk**

This easy half-day walk explores the foothills of spectacular Mount Rinjani in Lombok's northern district of Bayan. Starting near the border of Gunung Rinjani National Park, your route follows old pathways amongst shady bamboo groves and village gardens before entering a wide-open landscape of rice terraces and palms. Following a winding irrigation channel, you reach the lush rainforest of the famous Sindang Gila Waterfall Reserve.

Along the way, discover tropical plants as your guide explains how the local people make practical use of them. You come across the cheeky long-tailed monkeys and with a bit of luck, you may even spot the rare ebony leaf monkey. Passing small hamlets where age-old traditions are practiced, you gain insight into the colorful village life of the Sasak people. There is always something happening here, as you meet local people and admire traditional houses along the way.

The views are simply spectacular! On a clear day, you may catch a glimpse of Bali's famous Gunung Agung volcano rising 3142 meters above the blue waters of Lombok Strait. Each turn of the trail offers new vistas as finally Rinjani, the sacred mountain of the Sasak people, emerges majestically above rice terraces and rainforest. This natural and cultural diversity makes the Panorama Walk and unforgettable Lombok experience.

### Surfing

Indonesia is said to have the world's most perfect waves and is known to surfers from around the world as the last frontier of their sport. But, before you surf Indonesia, here are a few words of local information and advice. First and foremost, regarding Ocean Swells: Indonesia's fabled and consistent ocean swells originate deep in the Southern Hemisphere and move with great regularity from near the African continent to the shores of Australia and on up north to Indonesia. These swells are usually long-traveled, which gives them time to smooth out and later create fine, machine-like waves. Indonesia's coastline is constantly being hit by swells year-round. In the dry months of May till October, these swells originate somewhat closer to the equator, thus making for bigger more powerful swells, which equates to bigger and more powerful waves. During the rainy season, November to April, these swells begin their journey north from further away, which makes for smaller waves once they hit Indonesia.

The next factor to always consider is tides. The tides in Indonesia differ from most other tides around the world. Tide changes here are not like tide changes in Australia, California, Hawaii and Japan. Because of Indonesia's close proximity to the equator and extreme gravitational and lunar pulls, tides here can be create dramatic variations in surfing conditions, sometimes several times in a single day. Tidal variations here can be extreme. Full moon and new moon high tides can over flood a reef with water and then, during low tide, suck the reef dry. Different surf spots here work optimally according to the tide variations and at some spots the surf break can evolve from complete trash into tubular perfection during the course of a day. Between full moons and new moons tides usually remain somewhere around a mid-tide fluctuation range so there isn't much of a drastic change.

### Surfing West Lombok

Most of Lombok's waves are concentrated on the island's West Coast. You won't find as many surf spots on Lombok as you can ride on Bali, but those that are accessible are less crowded, physically more beautiful as natural locations, and in the end, well worth a leisurely surfari. One particular place, known to locals as Bangko-bangko (but to surfers the world over as Desert Point) is one of the world's premier left hand surf spots, but it is a whimsical, only occasionally breaking wave that taunts and teases before firing big time. Most spots on Lombok feature waves that would normally be classified as "fun", but they do their thing in remote locations that can only be described as breathtaking.

### Desert Point (Bangko-bangko)

During the dry-season months, Desert Point is home to some of the best quality waves in Indonesia. This impulsive, but perfect and long left hand point break requires a swell of good direction and size to fire, but given those requirements it more than produces the barreling goods. Tides are also a serious factor here. Sometimes it can appear to be two-foot high-tide slop upon initial inspection, then, as the tide recedes, it can jump up to four to eight-foot and excellent. Then, as the tide rises, the good stuff will once again simply disappear. Desert Point starts off small at the take-off, then, as it winds down the reef, the wave will increase in size and barrel on down the line. And, once you are locked into a barrel, well, you stay in there for quite a while. Yes, a goofy-footer's delight. Desert Point is definitely Lombok's finest wave, but be advised that this is not a place for kooks, gremmies and other lesser forms of surfers. Serious experience is a must, given nasty riptides that can flush you out to sea.



### Safari

North of Desert Point in a bay between Bangko-Bangko and the village of Pelangan, is another left that breaks around the tip of a small islet called Safari Island. This spot only seems to break well when Desert Point is big. It breaks on a mid- to high-tide and is best ridden in offshore conditions, being southeast tradewinds, which occur simultaneously at Desert Point.

### Senggigi

At Senggigi, you will find a break that is called The Senggigi Sheraton Left because it breaks inside a small bay that is dominated by the Sheraton Hotel. The setup here is great but requires a large swell to work. Just around a point from this left is a nameless righthander which can hollow out, but it also needs a very strong swell to happen. Both spots are most surfable from mid- to high-tide.

The surf spots on Lombok's West Coast can be accessed by either boat or land. Let Kelapa Villas arrange a surfari for you. By boat, you can access Senggigi within 30 minutes and as far south as Desert Point within 90 minutes. If you prefer to travel by land, allow most of the day for your surfari.