



## AYANA Resort Launches The First And Only Luxury Five-Star Hotel In Komodo!



(\*View of Kukusan Island from AYANA Komodo Resort, Waeiccu Beach Rooms)

**LABUAN BAJO, WAECICU BEACH, INDONESIA** (September 2017) – Just a one-hour flight from the beautiful island of Bali, in West Flores, lies the scenic oasis of Labuan Bajo. Set in one of the most rugged and beautiful islands of the Indonesian Archipelago, there is an extraordinary diversity of religions, languages, and landscapes - alongside crystal blue waters and pristine white sand beaches. The name Flores is derived from the Portuguese for “flowers” and this tropical paradise is overflowing with mesmerizing flora that extends from waterfalls to jagged dramatic mountain tops and vibrant sunsets overlooking Komodo National Park.

Komodo National Park, which was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1991, comprises many small islands, with the largest being Komodo, Rinca and Padar. Labuan Bajo is also considered the ‘launching point’ for impressive trips to the home of the famous Komodo Dragon; the world’s largest species of lizard with a population of around 5,700. These spectacular creatures, known for their deadly bite and speed of around 30 kilometers per hour, cannot be found anywhere else in the world.

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Beyond the land and dragons, the Indian Ocean is an aqua playground for intrepid divers. There is a year round scuba season and in 2017, Indonesia was voted among the world's most popular dive destinations by Dive Magazine.

Like Bali, the island's local culture is hospitable and filled with natural warmth. Religions remain mixed, but unlike many of the neighboring archipelago, Labuan Bajo is considered to be mainly Catholic since 16th century.

Already famed in Bali and Jakarta for world-class hospitality, exceptional hotel design, superior cuisine and unparalleled service standards, **AYANA** will be launching the first and only five-star resort on the exquisite Labuan Bajo, Waeiccu Beach. **AYANA Komodo Resort, Waeiccu Beach** opens summer 2018 with 12 suites and 189 premium guest rooms. Inspired by light, comfort and open living, each contemporary room features a flawless ocean view with large windows to capture the golden glows of tropical sunset's setting behind the distinctive Kukusan Island.



(\*Artist impression of AYANA Komodo Resort, Waeiccu Beach & AYANA Lako di'a)

The unconventional design will allow guests to check-in from the 11<sup>th</sup> floor lobby, and access their room by descending towards the sandy shores. The resort will also feature a rooftop

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wedding and function suite accommodating circa 200 guests, with a splendid ocean view terrace.

Restaurants and bars will include:

- All-day dining venue serving relaxed Asian cuisine and International food
- Rooftop Bar serving sunset light bites
- Kisik seafood barbeque restaurant
- HonZEN Japanese restaurant
- Pier Bar
- Lobby Bar

Alongside a private white sand beach, there will be 2 main swimming pools and 1 children's pool. The Resort Spa will offer a selection of signature treatments across 4 single treatment rooms and 1 double. There will also be a gym and kid's club. In keeping with **AYANA** tradition, the service will be superlative. Local and Balinese hospitality will be intertwined to offer standards like no other on the Island.

“Our team is the secret to our success,” explains Clive Edwards, General Manager of **AYANA Resort and Spa, BALI, The Villas at AYANA Resort, BALI** and **RIMBA Jimbaran BALI by AYANA**. “It is with enthusiasm and pride that I can confidently say we are one of the most successful and sought after hotels on the island of Bali. Of course, our range of products and services is inspired by the purpose of fulfilling guest need, but I also believe that it is the care and service from our team members that takes AYANA hospitality the extra mile.

Our passion for people, and our philosophy for understanding our guests, will be injected into our latest property **AYANA Komodo Resort, Waecicu Beach**. We are excited about introducing the newest member of our resort family to the **AYANA** community, and look forward to launching the first premium 5-star resort in Flores.”

In addition to the new resort, and in making full use of the extensive private pier, **AYANA Komodo Resort, Waecicu Beach** will also be launching a 54 meter long and 11 meter wide, 9-bedroom phinisi ship. The luxurious ship will take guests, either by full charter or bookable by bedroom, around the island for short explorations of approximately 2 or 3-nights per trip.

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The ship will also make a distinguished wedding venue. Named **AYANA Lako di'a**, meaning “Safe Journey” in local language, will be of the finest design with lounge and dive decks to suit the mood. Guests can island hop or participate in world-famous aqua activities including diving, snorkeling and trawling via **AYANA Lako di'a**, or join a daytrip on the Hotel’s catamaran or power boat.

In keeping with **AYANA’s** philosophy of being a supportive and contributing member of society, the resort will be actively raising funds to support Komodo National Park. Support will go towards developing facilities and enhancing the safety and training of Komodo Rangers.

While the project is still under development, the team are preparing for the new member of the **AYANA Family**, launching summer 2018.

For more information, please visit [AYANAKOMODO.COM](http://AYANAKOMODO.COM) or view our [Resort Pamphlet here >](#). You can also follow our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram Account](#) for the latest updates.

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**About AYANA Resort and Spa, BALI, The Villas at AYANA Resort, BALI and RIMBA Jimbaran BALI by AYANA** - This luxurious resort located in stunning southern Bali is a unique award winning destination for leisure and business travelers alike, whether they seek an intimate couples’ retreat, a fantasy family playground, an awe-inspiring event venue, or state-of-the-art business retreat facilities. With a name meaning “place of refuge” in Sanskrit, the tropical-elegant AYANA and The Villas at AYANA is situated on the 90-hectare Karang Mas Estate, perched above majestic Jimbaran Bay, seven miles from Ngurah Rai International Airport. Chic RIMBA, with a name meaning “forest”, nestles nearby on 8 hectare of lush gardens within the same estate. Together they offer 78 private pool-villas, 693 guest rooms and suites, 12 pools, 19 restaurants and bars, 15 wedding venues,

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19 MICE and meeting venues and much more, all accessible by complementary shuttle service, together with stunning design details and unsurpassed service and amenities, including extensive spa and recreational facilities.

**AYANA Resort and Spa, BALI** is located in Jimbaran, Bali. The resort can be contacted at +62 361 702222 or [www.ayanaresort.com](http://www.ayanaresort.com). Reservations can be made through the hotel at [reservation@ayanaresort.com](mailto:reservation@ayanaresort.com). **RIMBA Jimbaran BALI by AYANA** is located in Jimbaran, Bali. The hotel can be contacted at +62 361 8468468 or at [www.rimbajimbaran.com](http://www.rimbajimbaran.com). Reservations can be made through the hotel at [booking@rimbajimbaran.com](mailto:booking@rimbajimbaran.com).

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