



AYANA SETS SAIL TO THE WORLD'S LARGEST SPECIALLY BUILT PHINISI SHIP, AYANA LAKO DI'A



Launching 1 September 2018, Asia's leading independently owned hospitality brand **AYANA Hotels** will set sail to the world's largest specially built Phinisi cruise ship, **AYANA Lako di'a** (meaning "Safe Journey" in the local language.)

The art of Phinisi ship-building is an age-old craft made in Sulawesi by Konjo people using ancient techniques passed down from generation to generation. As of December 2017, the UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) declared South Sulawesi's incredible Phinisi boat-building art as the world's Intangible Cultural Heritage.

AYANA Lako di'a will be gracing the crystal waters of the beautiful Komodo Islands, just one-hour flight from Bali. Adorned by the exquisite scenery, the archipelago is awash with nature's finest mountains, waterfalls, flora, and fauna. During **AYANA Lako di'a's** 2, 3 or 5-night* excursions, the luxury yacht will be visiting some of Komodo island's most famous landmarks including a port of call to the home of the Komodo dragon. The world's largest lizard can be found residing within Komodo National Park, which holds recognition as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and named one of the '7 Wonders of Nature'.

Offshore, the azure waters are a dive lover's paradise. Famed as one of the world's best dive spots, and suitable for year-round diving, there is a plethora of underwater activity to captivate both novice and experienced underwater explorers. Unlike traditional Indonesia cruising, **AYANA**

Lako di'a will be visiting remote dive spots and underwater wonderlands frequented by relatively few divers. These secret dive spots offer guests the opportunity to explore rare aquatic species, swim with manta rays and dive amongst coral gardens, all with crystal water clarity. Snorkeling, SUP Yoga, Trawling, and Dolphin Watching are just a sample of the additional water activities available to guests.

Onboard the 9-bedroom luxury Phinisi, passengers can expect 5-star luxury cabins, full dining options, aqua activities and equipment, as well as professional spa treatments. Alongside AYANA's latest resort to open in Komodo 15 September 2018, **AYANA Komodo Resort, Waecicu Beach**, this all-time sailing experience hails a new standard of travel.

AYANA Lako di'a

Length overall : 54m

Ship height : ship hull/ 10m, total height including sail/ 39m

Total space : 1,100 sqm

Engine spec : Yanmar 2x600HP

Speed : Max.12 knot

Max.# of passengers: 18 people

Cabins : 9 rooms

To find out more about the launch of **AYANA Lako di'a** follow [@ayanakomodo](#) or visit ayanakomodo.com

*Cruising is subject to weather conditions.

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Introducing AYANA Komodo Resort, Waecicu Beach

Opening 15 September 2018, **AYANA Komodo Resort, Waecicu Beach** will be the only five-star resort on exquisite Labuan Bajo, Flores Island, easily reached via a scenic one-hour flight from Bali. With Komodo National Park, a UNESCO heritage site renowned for stunning marine diversity and native Komodo dragons, surrounding the resort to provide an unparalleled natural playground, the resort will be appointed with 13 suites and 192 premium guest rooms, as well as **AYANA Lako di'a**, a 9-bedroom traditional Phinisi sailing yacht, 6 international restaurants, a private pier and 3 swimming pools.