

ALMANUSIA

EAST SUMBA EXPLORATIONS



Sumba is an island in Indonesia and is truly enchanting. The rugged, undulating savannah and low limestone hills growing maize and rice, its very different to Indonesians northern Islands. Scattered throughout the country side are hilltop villages with tall, symbolic grass roof clustered around megalithic tombs.

Sumba is known for the most prized Ikat textiles. It is one of the most diverse islands in Indonesia, untouched by tourism and you will barely see another westerner during your travels.

We are thrilled to know you will be soon exploring this beautiful island and meet its wonderful people, so dear to our heart.

We have curated those authentic experiences with the local communities thanks to over 6 years of collaborations and relationship, to welcome visitors to see the way they live and create.

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DAY 1: ARRIVAL DAY

You are arriving in Waingapu Sumba airport. Please arrange transportation from your chosen hotel. Check your self in, settle in your room and new environment to be ready to start tomorrow for some wonderful adventures!

DAY 2

Introduction to Sumba Natural dyes workshop



Our driver will pick you up after breakfast, at 9 AM.

You will make your way for our full day natural dye workshop with the master weaver and dyer of Sumba, starting with a botanical dye garden tour, the story of the motifs, design and textiles of the island. You will be able to understand the process behind the design and weaving of Sumba precious IKATS. This workshop includes fabrics to play with and dye with the family, a ALMANUSIA workbook to guide you through your journey in Sumba, and a full day of knowledge exchange with one of the most (if not the most) talented weaver and dyer on the island. You will be able to enjoy seeing their work and private collection of hand made / home made incredible ikats, prized in the world by collectors. Having the chance to sit with them and work with the local natural dyes colours during this first day, will allow the relationship to slowly build and barriers to drop for you to have a true authentic moment with this incredible family - that is like our own.

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You will work with a few dye plants and colours including Mangrove tree (terracota browns), Indigo (deep blue), Kayu Kuning (bright yellow).

Lunch is included and made by the family. We will share any dangerous allergies you might have and hope you will enjoy the traditional, simple food that Sumba has to offer.

At the end of the workshop, the driver will bring you back to your hotel.

Dinner is not included and you may plan with your hotel.



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DAY 3

Royal Village and Indigo demonstrations

Our driver will pick you up after breakfast, at 8.30 AM.

You will visit a famous Royal traditional village with a few traditional Sumba homes and famous megalithic tombstones. You can walk around the village, see some beautiful IKAT made by the villagers. The village is home to Sarah, a very friendly Australian woman who married the King of the village, and will be happy to meet you if they are here!

After this visit, you will drive for an hour and visit a special village famous for their indigo dyers family. The village family has been practicing Indigo dyeing for many generations and will show us the most devine Indigo Ikat weavings and demonstrate the process of Indigo dyeing.

You will have a lunch box ready for you in the car for when you are hungry.

After your visit, we propose to drive you to the nearby beach to enjoy swimming and refreshing time with a beautiful sunset.

The driver will bring you back to your hotel.



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DAY 4

Dyeing with mud and Pahikung weaving demonstrations



Our driver will pick you up after breakfast, at 8.00 AM, for this last, and quite long, beautiful journey.

The morning will be dedicated to MUD dye explorations on how to use mud to create dark greys and blacks! You will be visiting a small family known for the practice of mud dyeing. Make sure to ask them to show you their mud dyed antique textiles, which are true treasures, with their hand embroidery of coloured threads and shells.

You will have a lunch box ready for you in the car for when you are hungry. After, you will visit a Royal village specialising in a special weaving called Pahikung, where Ana, a very respected young weaver will be welcoming you and introducing this very unique and special technique of textile design and weaving. This village also only uses natural dyes.

The driver will bring you back to your hotel.

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DAY 5: DEPARTURE DAY

You are welcome to pursue your Sumba journey with recommendations we can offer for an adventure in the West part of the island, enjoying surfing, clear white sand beaches and waterfalls.

PRICING

US\$ 1220 per pers.

excluding hotel nights and dinners

We can craft daily itinerary if your travel time is restricted to less days. Please, do not hesitate to enquire by day according to your favorite daily programs.

In order to confirm the trip, the total must be transferred to this Indonesian account:

Bank name: MAYBANK

Bank Address: Ubud Gianyar

Name: Diane LION GIUSTINIANI

Account number: 1195246073

Swift Code: IBBKIDJA

Adress: Banjar Baung, Sayan, Ubud

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Food

Please be aware than Sumba island is not stocked as well as Bali, and the East region where we travel, is much less touristy and off the beaten path, therefore food (and alcoholic beverage) options are very limited

Passport

Please ensure you are in possession of a 6 months validity passport

What to bring

In Sumba, you are very remote so please bring everything you require such as medicine and toiletrie, bug spray, wine, liquor, chocolate, cookies ;)... sunblock, hat, sunglasses, reusable water bottle. Any prescription or regular medicine you need. Light rain jacket and umbrella in case of rain during the rainy season (November onwards). Bikini for beach breaks and stainable clothes for natural dye workshops. Bring your own yoga mat as the hotel has two beautiful decks for your own practice!

Travel Insurance

Compulsory with cancelation insurance, covid related expenses (quarantine expenses) and evacuation cover for any emergencies

Hotels & Flights

We will be happy to recommend places to stay during your adventure in East Sumba once you have confirmed your travels with us.

Easiest way to book flights is through the website: traveloka.com



ABOUT US

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ALMANUSIA builds bridges between artisans, creatives, curious minds, forgotten techniques and remote communities, sustaining the human heritage and weaving memories...

Traveling with us, you support directly the communities we will meet, exchange and learn with.

We are working on developing a collaboration with Sumba Hospitality Foundation graduates that are on the island of Sumba currently to help translate and enhance your experience during the trip, offering them to work during these difficult times.

You are also helping preserve the culture authenticity, ancestral knowledge and deeply hoping that those adventures will be the first step to creating more creative collaborations between fashion designers, weavers and modern artists, and the visited local communities.

Mostly we hope you will have just a wonderful time with all of us. We look forward to traveling with you ...

