

2022/2023 Planetary Society Adventures



Bali, Flores & E. Timor

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE • April 9 - 23, 2023



Dear Friends:

We invite you to join us for a fascinating exploration of the scenic islands of Bali and Flores in Indonesia and the new island nation of East Timor, a short flight to the east, including the Total Solar Eclipse April 20, 2023.

Our adventure will begin in the legendary charm of Bali where we will explore iconic landscapes and cultural sites.

We will then fly to the island of Flores, home to one of the most unique animals in Asia, the renowned Komodo dragons. We will hike in Komodo National Park in

search of these magnificent monitor lizards and snorkel in the dazzling marine waters. Our adventure will include three days sailing on traditional Indonesian vessels.

A short flight will take us to the youngest nation in Asia, East Timor (Timor-Leste), once a Portuguese colony, and an independent nation since 2002. Here we will explore the capital Dili and adventure to the north end of the island to see the Total Solar Eclipse!

Throughout our journey we will have leadership by an excellent Betchart naturalist.

We hope you'll join us!



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Discover the Tropical Splendor of Bali - E Timor & the Total Solar Eclipse!

Come join this 15-day adventure to the tropical islands of Bali and Flores in Indonesia, and to the new nation of East Timor (a short flight to the east) to see the Total Solar Eclipse on April 20, 2023.

Our adventure will begin in Bali, the island of legendary charm. We will then explore the tropical waters off Flores on traditional Indonesian vessels, a snorkeling paradise. On Komodo Island we will look for the renowned Komodo dragons, a monitor lizard of magnificent proportions. We'll return to Bali and then take a short flight to East Timor, the former Portuguese colony, to see the Total Solar Eclipse.

The Itinerary will include:

- An opportunity to explore the iconic Bali landscape and cultural sites.
- First class accommodations on the coast of Bali.
- Three days cruising around the island of Flores in traditional Indonesian vessels to visit Komodo Island, Padar and Sebayur Islands.
- Snorkeling amidst a profusion of tropical fish in the rich marine waters.
- Hiking through the dry tropical forest to look for the Komodo dragons, birds, and other wildlife and plants of interest.
- Village visits and a chance to learn about local cultures.
- Swimming with Manta rays and hiking to the top of Padar Island.
- Exploration of the 20-year-old nation of East Timor (Timor Leste) and its capital Dili.
- An excursion to the north end of East Timor to see the Total Solar Eclipse, April 20, 2023 with accommodations at an historic Pousada.



What to Expect: This will be a fascinating exploration including the Total Solar Eclipse on April 20, 2023. Accommodations in Bali are first class; elsewhere they are comfortable and best available. The sailing vessels are modest and traditional with private facilities. Everyone shares on the boats. The local people are gracious and interested in foreign visitors. Other highlights will include the spectacular volcanoes, flowers unique to Flores, and an opportunity to explore the magic of Bali and two islands little visited by westerners. Weather should be good for the eclipse but cloud cover could obscure it. The expedition will be a delight for travelers with a sense of adventure who relish the opportunity to explore the luxury of Bali, two areas off the beaten track, and to see a Total Solar Eclipse.

Costs:

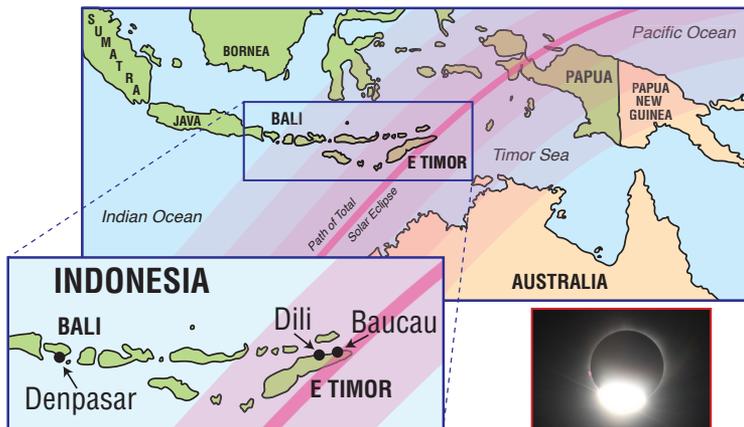
- Per person twin share \$5,995 plus air fare Los Angeles/Bali, RT approximately \$1,695 with \$595 per person in-tour flights.
- Single Supplement (hotels only) \$995 additional.

Expedition Fee Includes: Group transfers; exploration by bus, vans, or traditional live aboard boat; accommodations in a first class hotel in Bali, and pleasant country style hotels; breakfasts and 2 dinners on Bali, all meals on Flores and East Timor; entrance fees; tour leadership by an excellent Betchart naturalist; administration.

Fee Does Not Include: International or in-tour air (quoted separately); independent transfers; some meals on Bali; tips to guides, drivers, and expedition leader; beverages at meals; alcoholic beverages; snacks, sodas, bottled water, internet use; visa, passport, travel insurance, or other personal expenses.

Deposit: \$1,000 per person; final payment is due 120 days before departure (December 1, 2022).

Cancellation Penalty: Deposit is refundable less \$250 per person until 120 days before departure. Within 120 days of departure, payments are nonrefundable. Trip cancellation insurance will be offered.



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