

Mola Mola and Manta Trip!

Nusa Penida - Bali - Indonesia

18th to 27th September 2027



Nusa Penida is a small island between Bali and Lombok, and is home to some amazing diving!

This trip has two main aims and three secondary ones. The main aims are the mola mola and the mantas.

Crystal Bay is perhaps the best place in the world to dive with sunfish, another name for mola mola. This bay is on Nusa Penida, and so is Manta Point, which is about a forty minute boat ride east. Several of the dive sites on the eastern side of the island are known to get sunfish, so we will be diving different locations.

The secondary aims are a lesser chance. There is a place at Manta Point that has the local masked whipray in large numbers (stacked!) and also there is a good chance of brown banded bamboo sharks, which I haven't seen before. The small chance is a speartooth shark, which can be seen occasionally on one of the dive sites to the north of the island. Nothing ventured, nothing gained!

There are some great macro dives in the area, but we might only venture to these when we have seen mola mola and mantas to our full.



Non-divers, the accommodation here is great, though I think it would be a sit by the pool and relax sort of holiday for you. If there is space on the boat you could come snorkelling. (Not included in the price.) There are always snorkellers swimming at Crystal Bay, so you would be a chance to see a mola mola, and nearly a certainty at Manta Point for the manta rays. There are bays to explore, and enough to keep you interested in a relaxing environment.

Divers please note, there are some dives in the area that are known for their strong currents. I will be going out of my way **not** to dive these. I find that they are not productive to getting a photo, so really don't want to go there. We may have a mild current somewhere, or a bit of swell at Manta Point to deal with, but nothing silly.

We have ten dives booked over five days, so will be able to relax in the afternoon poolside! We are staying at La Roja Bungalows, which I can find photos of but not a website as the booking apps get in the way!





Itinerary:

As from Melbourne, participants from other states will have a slightly different timetable and cost.

Saturday 18 th September 2027	Depart Melbourne at 7am and arrive in Denpasar at 11.05am. We overnight at Holiday Inn Express Baruna Hotel. The afternoon is yours to explore the local area, or sit by the pool!
Sunday 19 th	Early pickup and boat to La Roja Bungalows, Nusa Penida.
Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th	Diving with Two Fish Divers Nusa Penida Nusa Penida Diving: Mantas & Mola Mola Two Fish Divers Scroll down the page a bit. We have ten dives booked in, so two per day which are normally in the morning. Two dives in the week are at Manta Point. We might do an afternoon dive or two as well, but this is not included in the cost of the trip.
Saturday 25 th	We have a guided day tour around the island, which includes lunch.
Sunday 26 th	A lazy day, and we head back to Denpasar for our 10.05pm flight.
Monday 27 th	Arrive in Melbourne at 5.30am

A few things to note:

- The cost includes breakfasts, but no other meal. (The tour includes lunch, and I'm not sure about the boat but probably not.)
- Cost does not include the marine park fee which must be paid on-site, and is approx. AUD\$90
- Room upgrades are available, contact Allways for details.
- There are not many twin rooms available for some strange reason, if you want to be in a twin and not a double please book quickly.
- Please note, costs are based on a group of ten, if we don't have that many the airfare may increase, or we may have to pay a larger deposit to get an 'instant purchase fare'.

Costs:

Diver \$3,715.00

Non-Diver \$2,602.00

Both based on twin share.

Deposits of \$750 to Allways Dive Expeditions. Deposit information including contact numbers for Allways are on the booking form.

I've probably forgotten something here, if you have any questions please contact me at:

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Cheers

Ken