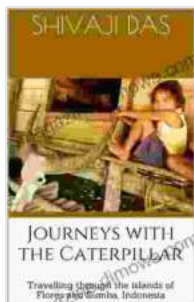


Travelling Through the Islands of Flores and Sumba, Indonesia



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Flores and Sumba are two of the most beautiful and culturally rich islands in Indonesia. They are located in the Lesser Sunda Islands, between Java and Timor. Flores is known for its stunning natural beauty, including its volcanoes, lakes, and beaches. Sumba is known for its unique culture and traditions, which are still very much alive today.

Getting to Flores and Sumba

The best way to get to Flores and Sumba is by plane. There are direct flights from Jakarta (the capital of Indonesia) to Labuan Bajo, the main town on Flores. There are also flights from Bali to Labuan Bajo and Waingapu, the main town on Sumba.

Once you have arrived in Labuan Bajo or Waingapu, you can explore the islands by boat, bus, or car. There are regular boat services between the two islands, as well as between the islands and the mainland of Indonesia.

What to See and Do in Flores

Flores is a large island with a lot to offer visitors. Here are some of the highlights:

- **Kelimutu National Park:** This park is home to three stunning crater lakes that change colour from turquoise to green to red.
- **Komodo National Park:** This park is home to the Komodo dragon, the largest lizard in the world.
- **The beaches of Flores:** Flores has some of the most beautiful beaches in Indonesia. The sand is white and the water is crystal clear.
- **The villages of Flores:** The villages of Flores are home to a variety of ethnic groups, each with their own unique culture and traditions.

What to See and Do in Sumba

Sumba is a smaller island than Flores, but it is just as beautiful and culturally rich. Here are some of the highlights:

- **The megalithic tombs of Sumba:** These tombs are some of the most impressive megalithic structures in the world. They are made of large stones and are often decorated with carvings.
- **The traditional villages of Sumba:** The villages of Sumba are home to a variety of ethnic groups, each with their own unique culture and traditions.

- **The beaches of Sumba:** Sumba has some of the most beautiful beaches in Indonesia. The sand is white and the water is crystal clear.
- **The waterfalls of Sumba:** Sumba has a number of beautiful waterfalls. The most famous is the Lapopu Waterfall.

Where to Eat and Stay in Flores and Sumba

There are a variety of places to eat and stay in Flores and Sumba. Here are some of the best options:

Flores

- **La Boqueria:** This restaurant in Labuan Bajo serves a variety of Spanish tapas.
- **Warung Makan Ibu Oka:** This warung in Labuan Bajo serves traditional Indonesian food.
- **The Buena Vista Cottages:** These cottages in Labuan Bajo offer stunning views of the ocean.
- **The Flores Dive Resort:** This resort in Labuan Bajo offers a variety of diving and snorkelling packages.

Sumba

- **The Sumba Nautil Resort:** This resort in Waingapu offers a variety of rooms and suites.
- **The Sumba Mandala Spa Resort:** This resort in Waingapu offers a variety of spa treatments.
- **The Marosi Beach Resort:** This resort in Waingapu offers a variety of water sports activities.

- **The Waingapu Inn:** This inn in Waingapu offers a variety of budget-friendly rooms.

Tips for Travelling in Flores and Sumba

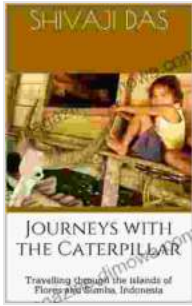
Here are some tips for travelling in Flores and Sumba:

- Be prepared for a lot of rain. The rainy season in Flores and Sumba runs from November to April.
- Bring a good mosquito repellent. Mosquitoes can be a nuisance in Flores and Sumba.
- Be respectful of the local culture. Flores and Sumba are home to a variety of ethnic groups, each with their own unique culture and traditions.
- Learn a few basic Indonesian phrases. This will help you to communicate with the local people.
- Be prepared for an adventure. Flores and Sumba are two of the most beautiful and culturally rich islands in Indonesia. But they are also two of the most challenging to travel in. Be prepared for a bumpy ride, long delays, and unexpected changes in plans.

Flores and Sumba are two of the most beautiful and culturally rich islands in Indonesia. They offer visitors a unique and unforgettable travel experience. If you are looking for an adventure, then Flores and Sumba are the perfect destinations for you.

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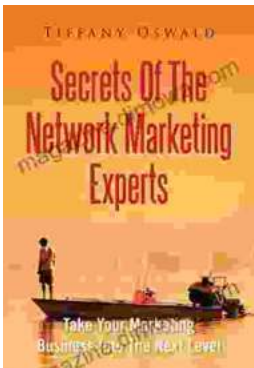
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