



The Gaia Love liveaboard offers a distinctive diving experience in Indonesia, blending luxury with the thrill of underwater exploration. Renowned for its exceptional service and attention to detail, this liveaboard is not just about comfort; it is a gateway to some of the most spectacular diving adventures in the world.

Upon arrival, guests are greeted at the airport and transported to the liveaboard, where the journey into Indonesia's underwater marvels begins. The Gaia Love is designed

with the diver's comfort in mind, featuring spacious cabins equipped with modern amenities. The upper deck cabins boast balconies, while the lower deck cabins have portholes, each with a spacious shower, comfortable beds and ample storage.

The liveaboard's design reflects a thoughtful approach to the needs of divers. One of the ship's owners, a diver himself, has infused his personal diving experiences into the boat's design, ensuring every detail caters to the diver's comfort and convenience. The steel construction of the Gaia Love offers a smooth sailing experience, a significant advantage for those who are sensitive to seasickness.

Sustainability is at the heart of the Gaia Love's operations. The live-

aboard takes measures to minimise its environmental impact, such as using biodegradable shower products and responsible waste disposal practices. This commitment extends to the protection of the marine environment, ensuring that the beauty of Indonesia's reefs can be enjoyed by future generations.

## Dining

The culinary experience on board is a blend of local and international cuisine. Meals are freshly prepared by the chef and his team, offering a mix of European, American and Indonesian dishes. The dining experience is personalised, with meals served at your seat, creating a relaxed and intimate atmosphere.

catered to with care. Camera room

For underwater photographers, the Gaia Love provides a dedicated, airconditioned camera room. This space is equipped with power outlets and ample storage, allowing photographers to maintain and prepare their equipment with ease.

## Diving

The dive program is robust, offering three to four dives daily. Each diver has a designated spot on the dive and facilities to rinse cameras and

Gaia Love takes divers to the best dive sites (top left); Diving deck with individual stations for each quest to store, don and ready dive gear (above); Spacious cabin with double bed and sea view (left); Each cabin has its own roomy shower (below).



Special dietary needs, including vegetarian, vegan and food allergies, are

> back with fresh towels and a hot cup of tea. The crew takes care of rinsing and drying suits and equipment, allowing divers to relax and prepare for the next adventure.

The dive guides are well-trained and knowledgeable about the local marine life and dive sites. They lead small groups to the most beautiful spots, deploying signal buoys for safe







X-RAY MAG: 123: 2024







ascents and ensuring a seamless diving experience. The skiffs, piloted by experienced skippers, are always nearby for safety and convenience. For those who prefer not to travel with their gear, the Gaia Love offers equipment rentals. Nitrox is also available.

## Services

The tour managers excel in organising every aspect of the trip, from airport transfers to ensuring that any equipment issues are promptly addressed. Their attention to detail ensures a worry-free experience for all guests.

Between dives, guests can indulge

in relaxing massages or delve into a range of literature available in the saloon. The upper deck offers a serene space to enjoy the panoramic views of the Indonesian seascape, especially during the spectacular sunsets.

The Gaia Love's itineraries include some of Indonesia's most renowned dive sites, such as Raja Ampat, Komodo, and the Banda Sea. These cruises can be booked directly online, with a detailed schedule available on the liveaboard's website.

## **Getting there**

Travel to the Gaia Love is an adven-

Spacious dining room where the chef's delicious meals are served with a sea view (top left); Camera room with stations for each guest to store, assemble and recharge gear (far left): On deck, there is plenty of room to relax on comfy cushions and soak in the scenery and spectacular sunsets (left, right, top right).

ture in itself. Guests often transit through major hubs like Singapore or Jakarta, with various Indonesian airlines offering connections to the islands. The Gaia Love's

team is available to assist with flight bookings and travel arrangements, ensuring a smooth journey to the heart of the Coral Triangle.

The Gaia Love experience is more than just a dive trip; it is an immersion into the rich tapestry of Indonesia's marine life and a testament to sustainable, luxury diving. It is a journey that combines the thrill of exploration

with the comfort of top-tier hospitality, set against the backdrop of some of the most spectacular underwater landscapes in the world.

Visit **Dive Gaia**. See interactive 360° panorama images at: facebook.com

Claudia Weber-Gebert is an advanced diver, underwater TECHNICAL DATA OF THE GAIA LOVE:

**Gaia Love** 

**Hull construction:** Steel

Length: 40m. Width: 10m. Height: 6m.

**Engines**: 2 main engines Power: 839 HP each

Cabins: 10 Guests: 20 max.

Cabin size: 20m<sup>2</sup> to 200m<sup>2</sup>

Saloon: 90m<sup>2</sup> Diving deck: 55m<sup>2</sup>

Sun deck: 150m<sup>2</sup> (56m<sup>2</sup> is covered)

Massage deck: 31m<sup>2</sup> Camera room: 20m<sup>2</sup>

Crew: 22

photographer and dive writer based in Germany. Her latest book, Maare, Quellen, Wasserfälle: Die faszinierende Unterwasserwelt der Vulkaneifel (Maars, Springs, Waterfalls: The Fascinating Underwater World of the Volcanic Eifel), is available at **eifelbildverlag.de**. For more information, please visit: design-buero. org/Unterwasser-Fotografie.



X-RAY MAG: 123: 2024 **FEATURES**