

Pictures of the Week Series 2 - #26
Komodo National Park, Indonesia



Dear Readers, I'd like to tell a bit about travel in Indonesia. We had the goal of getting to Komodo National Park to see the World's largest lizard. But the story became more about simply getting there and then being trapped by bad weather on the tiny island pictured above. We left our lakeside resort by boat at 11 am on a Saturday, took a minivan 4 hours, then a taxi to our first airport. From there it was a flight of 1.5 hours, a 10 hour wait in another airport, then another flight of 4 hours, and a wait of 9 hours (bear with me)...Then our last flight of 2 hours, a taxi ride, and one more boat ride for 1.5 hours. We arrived on Monday afternoon for a total travel time of 49.5 hours. Then we were stuck on Kanawa waiting for agreeable weather so the boat could take us the two hours into Komodo National Park. Its not such a bad island to be stuck on, and we happily waited five days for a break, which never did come. A group of five of us tourists finally just convinced someone with a boat to take us to the park to try and find Komodo Dragons...and we found them! Onward we move. Enjoy the photos!

-Don Mammoser

