

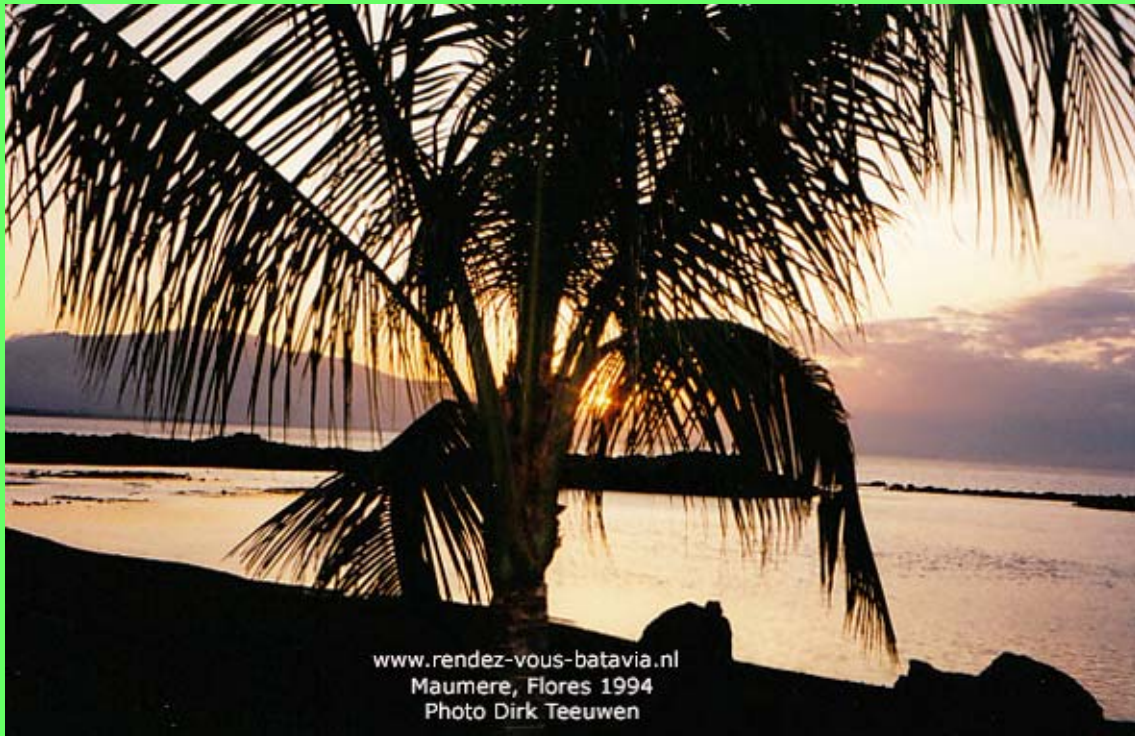
# Flores, Komodo, Sumbawa 1994, a private visit

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Trip as follows.

1. Arrival at Maumere on Flores, four nights in hotel Sao Wisata
2. Two nights in Catholic Mission Post Detusoko  
Visit to Kelimutu volcano
3. To Bajawah and Ende, hotel Dewi Putra, two nights
4. To Ruteng two nights in hotel Dahlia
5. To Labuan Bajo, three nights in hotel New Bajo Beach
6. To Komodo and Bima on Sumbawa in a private fisherman's boat  
Bima, hotel Lawata Beach for three nights
7. To Sumbawa Besar, hotel Kareng Teruna
8. Ferry to Lombok



Portuguese converted many Florinese. Florinese are very catholic Christians until today despite Muslim military activities in the past. The Dutch took over in 1907, but from the 17th century they expanded their influence gradually. Dutch were interested in sappan wood and cinnamon. In 1836 the Dutch made an end to slave trade by Buginese and others.

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Flores is very rugged. Flores Highway was constructed by the Dutch in 1917, but nothing has changed since then. Travelling on Flores is a hair raising experience.

People are nice (and very, very poor), nature is overwhelming. Animist religion still exists.

Komodo is very rugged also, but is well known because of its Komodo Dragons. These awesome creatures eat everything. The lizards were discovered by a Dutch expedition in 1910. The lizards have massive bodies, powerful legs with claws and can be 3-5 meters long. They live on other islands (Rinca) as well. Smaller species live on Flores and Sumbawa. If the visitor wants so, he or she can stay a couple of nights on the island.

A warning! The voyage over sea from Flores to Komodo and specially from Komodo to Sumbawa can be very dangerous if done with a small private boat. Heavy rainfall and mighty storms are normal. Sharks swim constantly around one's ship, obviously very hungry. Take the ferry and stay a night on Komodo.

Dutch forces occupied a part of Sumbawa in 1667. Gradually rulers of Sumbawa recognized Dutch supremacy. The Dutch had more direct control from 1885. From time to time Balinese showed interest in this island. Sumbawa is very Muslim.

Sumbawa is a visit more then worth. Sumbawa Highway (constructed by the Dutch) is in excellent condition. Sumbawa is scenic. Bima (sultan's palace), Sumbawa Besar (another palace, dokars dominate traffic) is a clean attractive town. Pulau (Island) Mayo is a visit more than worth. You will not meet many tourists.



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Kelimutu Volcano

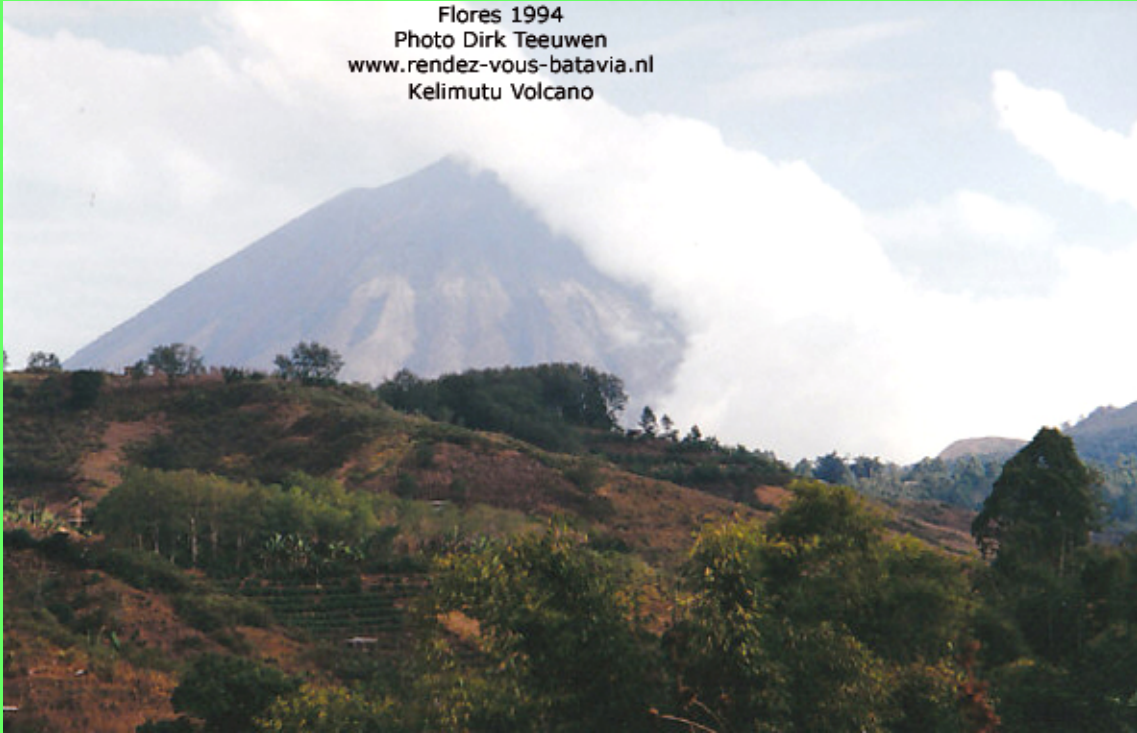


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Ngada Village near Bajawa  
Animist sacrificial stones  
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Near Ruteng, Flores 1994

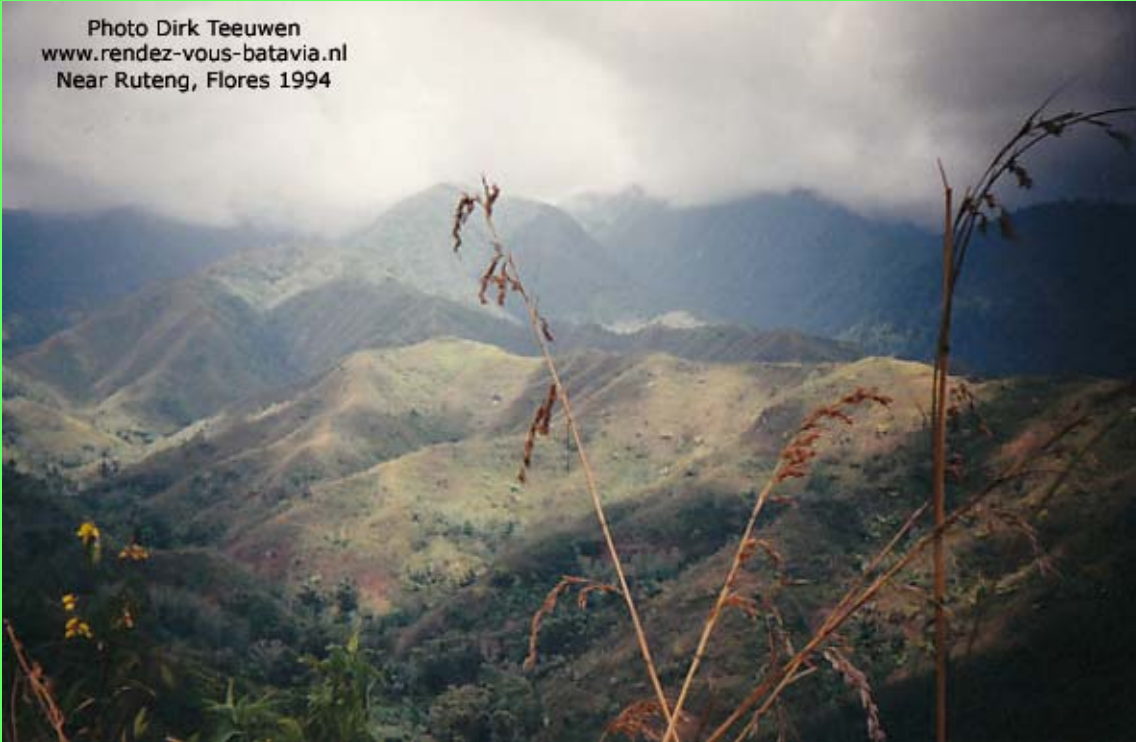


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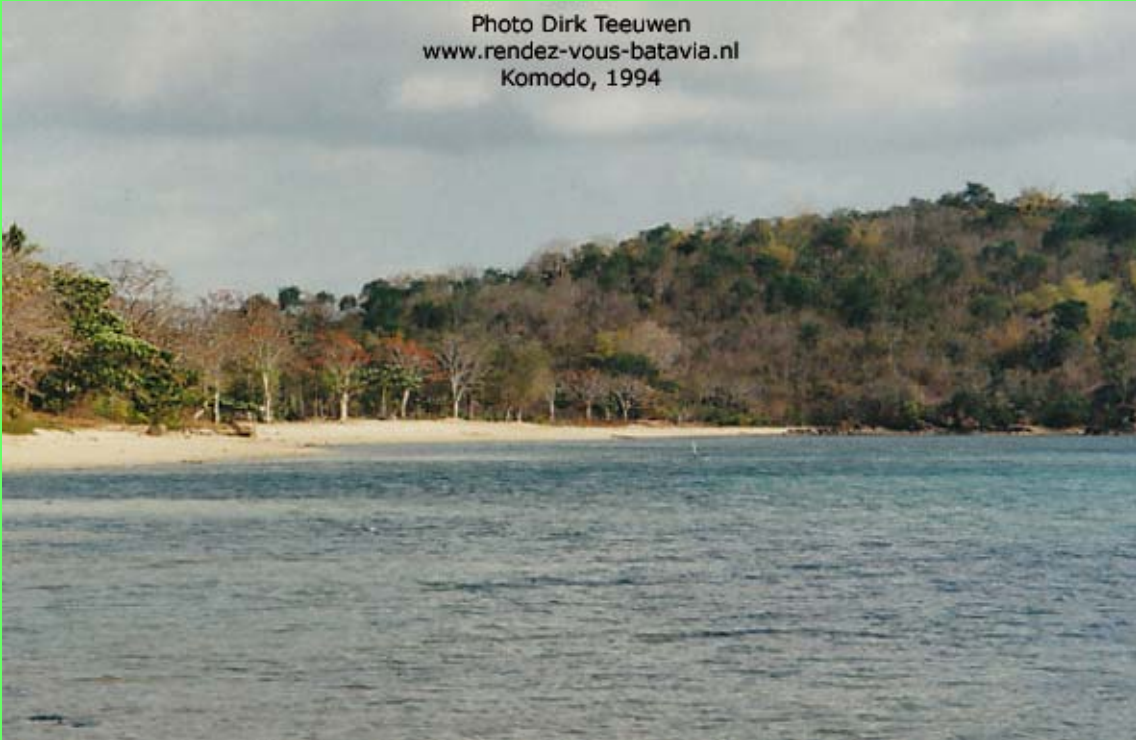


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