

East Sumbawa Surf Spots

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There are 5 world class surfing waves situated in the same bay.

Lakey Peak - The main wave 'The peak' has a left and a right hand take off. An intense hollow right & lefthand peak, with the left generally being longer, the right can fire on the proper swell direction. A frame with a guaranteed backdoor for those with the balls to pull in. Best at 5-8 foot that holds all sizes and goes off at mid-tides, and the left can provide some deep barrels to surfed at low tides if the swell is big enough.

Lakey Pipe - is on either side of 'The Peak' a popular wave amongst the body boarders and 'Nomans' which is suitable for the more extreme surfer. 'The beachy' only breaks in the lagoon with the big swells and is more suitable for the less experienced surfer. **Lakey Left** - Across the channel from the peak. With right size swell and direction this normally sectiony wave can line up and provide deep, lined-up barrels. **Lakey Right** - A few hundred meters down the beach. A short, bowling righthander that breaks into a deep water dent in the reef. Some fun barrels. Holds only to about 8’

Cobblestones - is another popular wave within walking distance of the hotels. An absolutely beautiful wave set up with a perfect channel cut out of the reef running all the way onto the beach. There's usually always more swell hitting up that way, up towards the open ocean.

Nungas - The big left across from Periscopes. Under 8’ the wave breaks down into several sections of 50 meters or so, one or all may be surfable. But at 8’ the sections start to connect offering rides of 200 meters or more, with flat spots, hot-dog walls, full-on barrels all thrown into one ride. Best take-off spot is determined on an hourly basis. Can handle a crowd and swells as big as they come.

Periscopes - A fun Righthander wave at the eastern end of a long reef that sticks way out into the bay, Periscopes can offer a high, tight barrel over a relatively safe reef platform, and a clean exit into a channel. A short paddle out . Better at high tides with glassy or N (offshore) winds. Blown out by dry season trades. Holds only to about 8’. About a mile walk up the beach from the surf resort.