

# ultimate diving





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### ALL OUR HOLIDAYS ARE COVERED BY OUR ATOL AND YOUR MONEY IS GUARANTEED TO BE PROTECTED

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## DEAR DIVER,

Welcome to our 3rd edition of the Ultimate Diving brochure featuring unique and bespoke trip itineraries to palm-fringed shores, vibrant cities, fascinating cultures, spectacular landscapes, and above all, to the world's most coveted and captivating underwater habitats.

Whether you are in search of an adventure-filled trip of a lifetime, a sumptuously-exotic retreat, family fun, a laid-back dive resort or a luxury liveaboard, we have all options covered. And with diving at the heart of what we do and what we love, we have carefully handpicked each resort to guarantee your maximum enjoyment and ease of exploring some of the most beautiful ocean environments on the planet.

Each of our itineraries is meticulously curated by our expert team, who will plan your trip to the finest detail, giving you peace of mind when you book through us. Speak with one of the team to discuss ideas for your next trip; our travel specialists are always on hand to inspire you and to help you find the perfect holiday.

With kindest regards,

**ULTIMATE DIVING TEAM**

## WHAT'S NEW IN THIS BROCHURE?

Our featured destinations and associated sample itineraries show you the types of holidays we create every day. Our itineraries offer an outstanding diving holiday for you, your dive buddy, your family or your group members. In this brochure, all featured destinations have a detailed wildlife calendar for easy identification on what you can expect to see when you are diving and destination key facts to enable you to compare and contrast the diving destinations.

## STAY IN TOUCH WITH US...

You can also stay in touch with us via:



Or visit our website for more news, offers and trip information.

## ABOUT THE COVER IMAGE

The deep waters of Kona, Hawaii are rich in microscopic plankton making them home to over 240 resident giant manta rays; one of the most robust populations in the world.



## MEET OUR EXPERT TEAM

We love what we do and are very lucky to have a fantastic team of individuals supporting us and our customers. The Ultimate Diving team sit at the heart of our success as we all work to the same vision and goals. Take a look below to find out more about our experts.



Tom

I have been an avid diver now for over 20 years. I have around 3500 dives amassed visiting around 25 different countries during my diving career. I decided to create Ultimate Diving 17 years ago after a year long diving holiday. I wanted to bring my business skills together with my love of diving to create a business I was passionate about and to ensure I had a long list of places to visit and review!

One of the things very important to me is to visit the places we sell. We can give you that extra bit knowledge and advice about what the diving will really be like when you visit the destination.



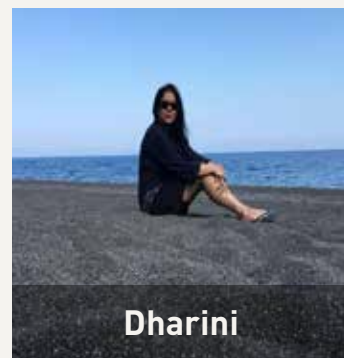
Anna

I have long had a passion for travel and discovering new places, which I love sharing with customers to help them find their own perfect adventures. My journey in the industry started as a Holiday Rep for a Cruise Line company, where I worked in Cyprus and sailed the Med for 8 years. My personal adventures have included postcards from the US, Australia, New Zealand, the Middle East with underwater scuba fun in Fiji, Barbados and Cyprus. Talking about travel and hearing your experiences is what I love most about what I do. When I'm not planning holidays, you will find me busy baking cakes and playing netball.



Gail

I have been working in diving travel for 16 years. I learnt to dive in Sharm many moons ago and was instantly "bitten by the bug". I have dived in many wonderful locations around the globe including the Red Sea, Australia and Thailand to name but a few, although there are still many destinations on my bucket list. I manage a wide variety of itineraries to our world-wide destinations that I carefully create for clients as if they were my own. I have so many diving highlights, my first one was getting up close with turtles and feeling so peaceful and happy. Speak to me about your next tailor-made itinerary.



Dharini

Having lived in Dubai for most of my life and worked for several years in corporate travel concierge, I love nothing more than world travel and have been lucky enough to venture to many destinations across every continent of the globe. Overseeing the meticulous details of your booking and adding all the final touches to your trip, I use my expertise to ensure that your journey is seamless and your travels are worry-free. Supporting a number of our dive group bookings and school trips, I love logistics-planning and creating exciting travel itineraries which are perfect for your needs.

## OUR MISSION...

Nobody knows what's best for your diving trip better than one of our expert team. Their skills in creating bespoke diving holidays and often much more, means your holiday starts when you begin creating your itinerary. From the biggest decisions to the tiniest details, they'll make sure your days are filled with fun and adventure.

## NEW HORIZONS - HAWAII

The Ultimate Diving team is very proud to unveil an exciting new itinerary-based destination full of diving, culture and one of the most scenic landscapes in the world. Aloha Hawaii!

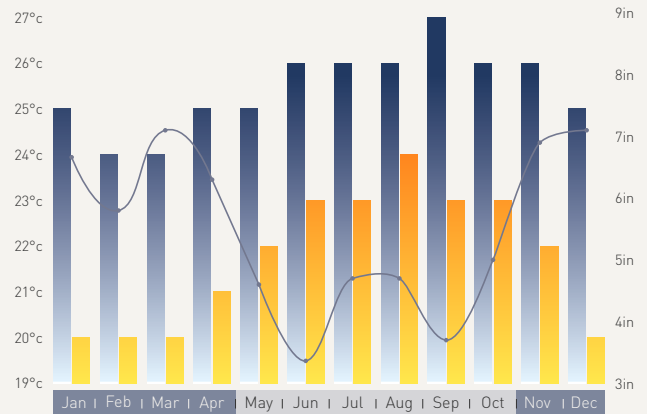
### WELCOME TO HAWAII

A string of volcanic islands dotted in the central Pacific, the stunning archipelago of Hawaii is a treasure trove of natural wonders and ocean beauty. Not only does it pack an impressive pelagic punch, but it's the place to head for heavenly white-sand beaches (you'll find black, red and green sand too!), spectacular volcanic landscapes, high-octane waves, scenic drives, hidden waterfalls and so much more. Hawaii is an adventurer's playground.

Our itinerary starts on the beautiful island of Oahu, synonymous with the iconic vista of Waikiki Beach and home to famous historic landmarks; then continues onto Kailua-Kona (better known as Big Island), an island of drastic contrasts, which boasts its own robust population of resident giant mantas. Discover the thriving subaquatic depths of Hawaii's pristine reefs, stargaze atop the sensational heights of a volcano summit, snorkel under the moonlit sky with graceful and majestic mantas, hike through lava tubes of geological wonder, and dine in splendour under the Hawaiian stars. From the ocean to the sky, our Hawaii itinerary has something for everyone.

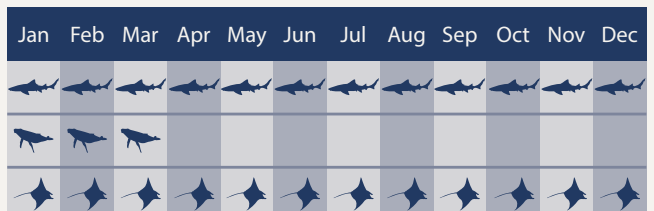
### DIVING HIGHLIGHTS

Beneath the waves lies a year-round mecca for divers: a sweeping wonderland teeming with giant manta rays, spinner dolphins, sea turtles, white tip reef sharks, plus an abundance of magical critters, schools of exotics, endless endemic reef fish and migrating humpback whales. Drift through underwater labyrinth landscapes formed of cooled lava, explore world-famous wrecks and marvel the delicate beauty of the colourful corals.



#### Legend

- Water Temperature
- Air Temperature
- Rainfall
- Off season: Hurricane season but when it comes to diving you need to pay attention to the rains and swells of the ocean.
- Good time to visit: Surf swells and rain are at their worst during these months, though it is still possible to dive.
- Best time to visit: The water is warm, it's not too rainy and the waves are smaller. It's also sunnier meaning more light allowing divers to see the colourful underwater world.



#### Legend

- Reef Sharks
- Manta Ray
- Humpback Whales

### SAMPLE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Depart Heathrow to Honolulu via LA
- Day 2 Check in at Hyatt Regency Waikiki for 8 nights
- Day 3-7 Daily two-tank dives with Waikiki Dive Center.
- Day 8 Circle the island on a private tour taking in the infamous sights of Oahu.
- Day 9 Depart Oahu and fly to Kailua-Kona. Check in at Royal Kona Resort for 7 nights
- Day 10 Day exploring Big Island at your leisure.
- Day 11-13 Evening snorkelling with manta rays. Full day Volcano Tour. Evening stargazing from Mauna Kea Summit
- Day 14 Evening snorkelling with manta rays
- Day 15 Depart Kona to Heathrow via LA

## WHY ULTIMATE DIVING?

Ultimate Diving offers extensive tailor made diving holidays to some of the best diving destinations, including one of our favourite concepts of “3 destinations, 1 holiday”. This latest worldwide holiday concept allows you to enjoy two beautiful diving spots and a major city stopover on the same trip.



## WHY BOOK WITH A TOUR OPERATOR

There are huge benefits of booking your holiday with us. We are experts in the destinations we sell and have first-hand experience of the diving. Spending hours online trying to piece together which hotel is better for diving and food can take hours and then your holiday will not be ATOL Bonded. Let our team with their years of experience take the stress away and make finding and booking your holiday part of the overall experience. We do all the research and can inspire you on additional add-ons to enhance your special holiday.



## OUR GROUP TRIPS

We have an ongoing relationship with a number of dive clubs in the UK, both PADI and BSAC, offering them great discounts and personalised service which has led to many repeat bookings. We are experts in organising group dive travel, making regular visits to clubs to give the latest information about our trips and create an itinerary that matches the groups needs. We can arrange every aspect of your trip and offer a group discount as well as free places. If you would like us to come and do a destination presentation, please contact Gail.



## OUR INDIVIDUAL TRIPS

Ultimate Diving has partnered with the friendliest of resorts to offer you the best prices during specific travel times as well as joining forces with quality liveaboard operators to offer you a range of diving holiday options. Staying ashore gives you the flexibility to explore two worlds in just one holiday. In the mornings you will go off and explore the ocean and after diving you can choose to relax by the pool or visit some of the top attractions in the destination. If a liveaboard is your favoured option, you will likely be the first to get to some of the world's greatest dive sites and enjoy your dive in peace and quiet.

## FEATURED DESTINATIONS

Ultimate Diving is a long-standing scuba diving tour operator led by a team of passionate divers arranging top quality diving holidays to over 40 mesmerising, tropical destinations around the globe. From sharks to nudibranchs, our featured destinations were hand-picked with the best diving experience in mind. If you are looking for some inspiration, our picks below are a good place to start.



RED SEA



MALDIVES



COSTA RICA



GALAPAGOS ISLANDS



PHILIPPINES



MICRONESIA



FIJI

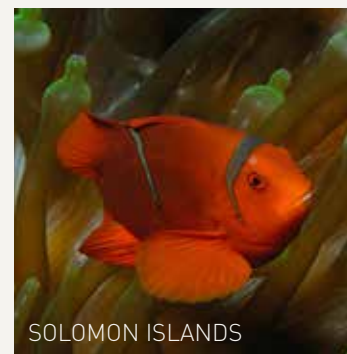


SOUTH AFRICA &amp; MOZAMBIQUE



BONAIRE ISLAND

## OTHER DESTINATIONS



## HOLIDAY TYPES

We pride ourselves in creating some of the best value, exciting and specialist itineraries in the market. Our service speaks for itself, as shown by our customer feedback. If you are looking for inspiration and cannot decide which destination to dive next, why not check out our holiday types or tailor-made itineraries in the 'Inspiration' section on our website. Every diving holiday we offer comes with great customer service and top quality, hand-picked products.

### LEARN TO DIVE

Learning to dive is your passport to a new, exciting, vibrant and colourful world. Learning the sport is easier and safer than you think and a great way to spend some of your holiday time in crystal clear waters.

### GROUPS & CLUBS

We have an ongoing relationship with a number of dive clubs and shops in the UK, both PADI and BSAC, offering them great discounts and a personalised service. Let us guide you through your decision process and help by providing valuable input to choose your next diving trip.

### LIVEBOARDS

Going on a liveboard means you will be the first to get to some of the greatest dive sites in the world and enjoy your dive in style. This is also a great way to maximise your dives and meet new buddies and friends. Liveboards can be good option for solo divers who want to have a bit more social activity.

### RESORT BASED

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













### FAMILY

A family diving holiday is a great way of experiencing the exciting underwater world with your loved ones. Choose from a selection of outstanding resorts and dive centres and get your children exploring the magic our oceans have to offer. We can organise in-resort PADI Seal team courses for children from 8 years old.



## WILDLIFE CHARTS

Our wildlife chart icons are shown on the destination pages to help you choose where and when to travel.

Legend									
	Hammerhead		Leopard Shark		Humpback Whale		Turtles		Moray Eels
	Whale Shark		Basking Shark		Eagle Ray		Sailfish		Schooling Fish
	Bull Shark		Blue Shark		Manta Ray		Seahorses		Macro Life
	Reef Shark		Thresher Shark		Dolphins		Groupers		Sun Fish
	Tiger Shark		Pilot Whale		Seals		Marlin		Clown Fish



## KEY FACTS

- Bull and whale sharks (April-June)
- Jacques Cousteau's Great Blue Hole
- Meso-American Barrier Reef

## SAMPLE ITINERARY

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|----------|---|
| Day 1    | Depart Heathrow to Belize City via Miami arriving the next day.   |
| Day 2    | Arrive Belize City and take a scenic flight San Pedro where you will stay for 6 nights.<br><br>Check in at the Ramon's Village.                                   |
| Day 3-6  | Daily diving - choose from 30 or 40 named sites within a 5 to 15-minute boat ride from the resort's dock  |
| Day 7    | Leisure day - The perfect opportunity to explore Ramon's white sandy beach and shop if you have not done it yet and take a tour around San Pedro's bustling roads |
| Day 8    | Depart San Pedro to Belize City at 09:00 and connect to Dangriga at 11:00. This part of the itinerary only works with arrivals on Wednesdays and Saturdays.       |
| Day 9-13 | Daily diving - Isla Marisol Resort offers 3 dives a day including night dives.  |
| Day 14   | Depart Isla Marisol in the morning for the low scenic flight from Dangriga at 12:20 to Belize City. Check in at the Radisson Ft. George Hotel & Marina            |
| Day 15   | Return to the UK  |

## THE BAHAMAS



Nassau



13 Hours



All Diver Levels



Reefs &amp; Pelagic



## DESTINATION INFORMATION

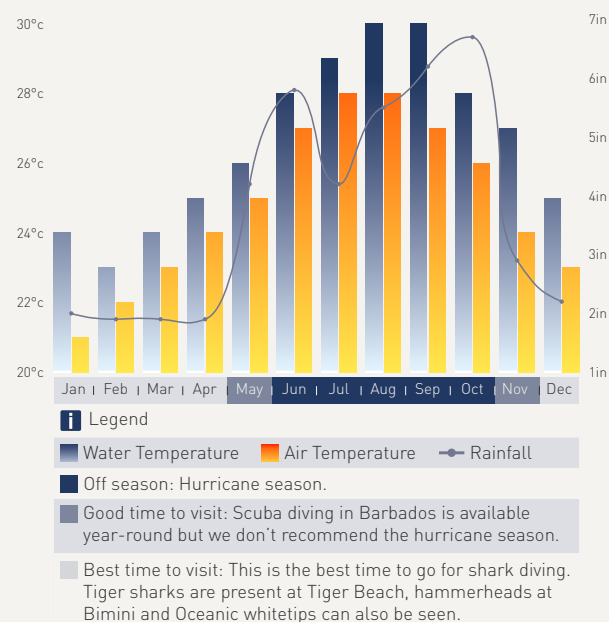
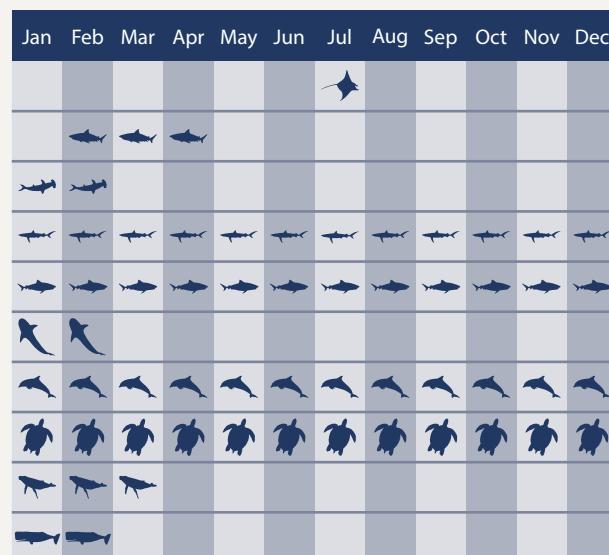
The archipelago of the Bahamas is scattered over 1,500 square miles of clear tropical sea at the top of the Caribbean Sea. This chain of 700 islands, uninhabited bays and large rocks is a diver's paradise. The islands are formed of flat coral, with just a few gently rounded hills. The nature of each island is as individual and vibrant as the hearts of the people who live in the Bahamas.

Immerse yourself even deeper and you will find the islands have a rich history of piracy and rum running that will keep you busy during your dry days. If you just want to relax then the Bahamas beach landscapes are some of the most beautiful on the planet.

## DIVING HIGHLIGHTS

The Bahamas blue waters are very famous for sharks. It is always a thrill to get up close and personal with Caribbean and lemon sharks as well as tiger and bull sharks with up to thirty or forty sharks making an appearance on some dives.

If you are a wreck diver enthusiast, the waters around Nassau are peppered with shipwrecks. The area is known as the "Wreck Capital of the Caribbean" with approximately 50 wrecks to choose from, all are safely accessible to divers. The outer islands are also very popular for diving with the Exumas being home to a barrier reef that stretches over four miles of pristine reefs in relatively shallow waters. Long Island to the south of the archipelago has an incredible variety of diving ranging from hundreds of coral heads and reefs to the world's 2nd deepest saltwater blue hole, Dean's Blue Hole plunging to a depth of 202 meters. If you want to be diving with hammerheads and bull sharks, Tiger Beach and Bimini just on the edge of the Bermuda triangle is the place to be.



## KEY FACTS

- Wreck Capital of the Caribbean
- World's 2nd deepest salt water blue hole
- Hammerheads (Dec-Mar)

## SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1	Depart from London Heathrow to Nassau. Check in at A Stones Throw Nassau.
Day 2-8	Hotel check out and fly to Freeport. Board the Bahamas Aggressor: Tiger Beach - 7-night liveaboard.
Day 8	Disembark the Bahamas Aggressor. Check in Viva Wyndham Fortuna Beach for 5 nights.
Day 9-11	Daily diving with Oasis Dive Center - 2 dives per day.
Day 12	Relax and unwind for the day.
Day 13	Depart from Freeport International Airport via Nassau.
Day 14	Arrival at London Heathrow.

## MEXICO



Cancun



10 Hours



All Diver Levels



Reefs, Caves &amp; Pelagic



## DESTINATION INFORMATION

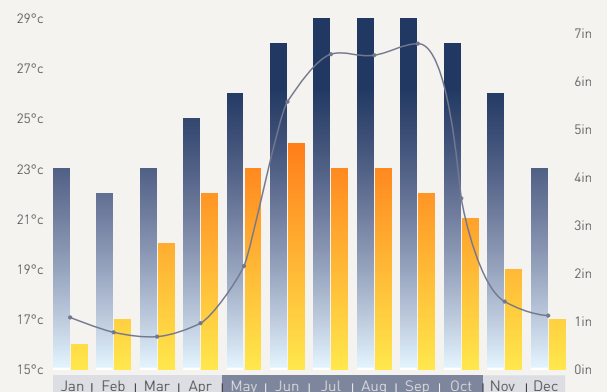
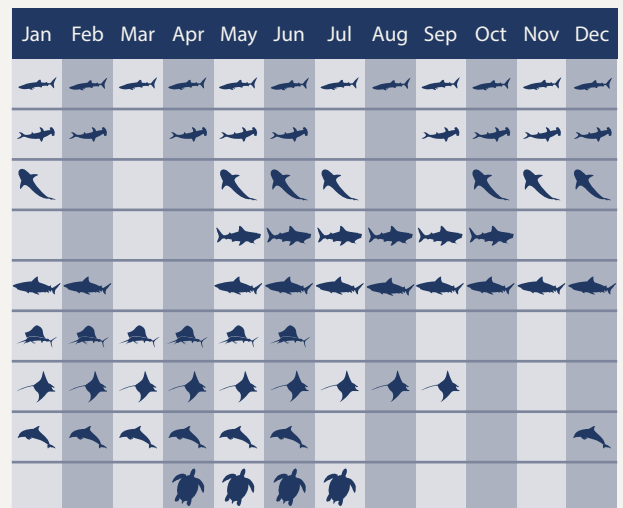
Mexico's Western Coast and Yucatan Peninsula are two dynamic and popular destinations offering the perfect mix of diving, shopping, cultural experiences and adventure.

The rich history and culture will have you immersing yourself with the rest of the family in the historical world of the Mayan culture with a visit to the local museums and Mayan ruins. Non-divers will love the range of adventures they can take part in while diving partners are submerged including underground walks into caves and in semi-flooded rivers, archaeological site visits, rappel and zip lines and much more. Talk to us about creating the perfect tailor-made itinerary for you and the whole family.

## DIVING HIGHLIGHTS

Mexico is a world-class diving destination, home to the "Meso-American Reef" the 2nd largest reef in the world running parallel to Riviera Maya's coast. A major attraction here for divers is the freshwater system "Cenotes" which are included in our diving packages. This area is known for the best cavern diving in the world and home to over 100 cenotes, 52 of which have been identified as diving sites with open and roomy entrances. Some caverns were formed after the ice age, over 8000 years ago and are now beautifully decorated by stalactites, stalagmites, columns, amazing corals and seashell fossils. The conditions in these caverns are ideal with crystal clear freshwater and no current.

Cozumel is 10 miles off the main coast, offering divers lush walls and amazing drift dives. The reef system around the island is protected by the Cozumel Reefs National Marine Park and as such, it is extremely healthy with over 26 species of corals and over 500 fish species.



Legend

Water Temperature

Air Temperature

Rainfall

Off season: No off season but occasional hurricanes.

Good time to visit: Guadalupe liveaboard season. Cooler water temperatures attracting Great White Sharks. Also, the best time for cenote diving as more light is exposed to the caves resulting in better photos.

Best time to visit: Best time to dive Socorro Island, calmer sea conditions in the Pacific. Best chances of spotting whale sharks and manta rays. This season is also the best season for Bull Sharks near Playa del Carmen.

## KEY FACTS

- 2nd biggest barrier reef in the World
- World famous Cenotes sites
- Bull sharks (Dec-Mar)

## SAMPLE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Depart from Heathrow to Belize via USA  
Transfer to Belize Aggressor for 7 nights
- Day 2-8 6 days diving on luxurious Belize Aggressor III, casts off from the Radisson Ft. George dock, located in the heart of downtown Belize City for a week of hassle-free diving
- Day 9 Fly from Belize to Cancun.  
Transfer to Allegro Playacar Hotel where you will be staying for 7 nights.
- Day 10-15 5 days diving with Pro Divers (3 days reef diving / 2 days Cenotes diving)
- Day 16 Check out from your hotel  
Fly from Cancun to London Heathrow.



## GALAPAGOS ISLANDS



Guayaquil



16 Hours



Advanced Diver



Pelagic

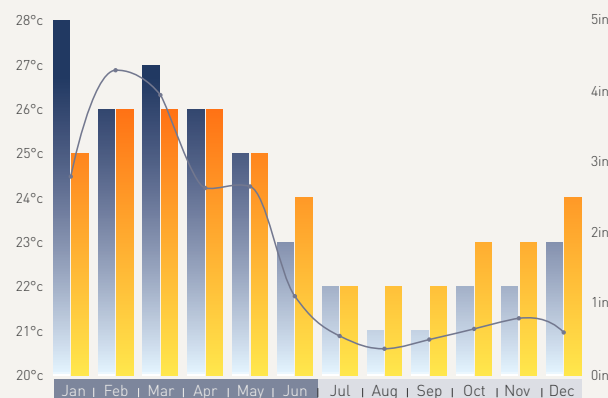
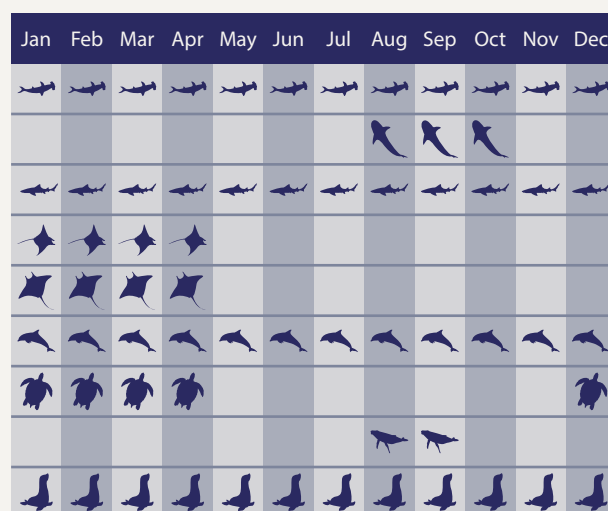


## DESTINATION INFORMATION

The islands are of volcanic origin, disconnected from the continent with deep-sea currents making the water rich in nutrients. There is no other island chain like this on the planet. The islands biodiversity is unique both above and below the surface. Our holidays to this location are tailor-made for each client. Our itineraries can take you on an adventure of a lifetime. See the giant tortoises in Puerto Ayora, hike the trail on Tortoga Bay and visit local shops in the area. The trips to Santa Fe offer great wildlife spotting opportunities including Iguanas, mocking birds and crabs to name a few. Don't miss Baltra for the blue footed boobies and ensure to stop by Quito to see the capitals culture.

## DIVING HIGHLIGHTS

The diving element of your holiday is likely the pinnacle point. Our liveaboards generally depart from Baltra so any other elements of the trip will be based around this. Once you embark and commence your check dives you will get to see cow rays and Galapagos sharks. Next stop are the world famous sites of Darwin and Wolf. Most divers look forward to their dives here as they encounter schools of pelagic fish on nearly every dive plus regular sightings of sea lions, turtles, penguins, mobula and eagle rays, seals, various species of shark including the ubiquitous hammerhead shark. A phenomenal diving experience is guaranteed in this unique destination. These sites can be so thick with action it can be difficult to recall all the species that have come into view. Sightings of mackerel, manta rays and even dolphins are possible on many dives. If you are lucky, you might have an encounter with a whale shark, especially between the months of August and October.



## Legend

Water Temperature Air Temperature Rainfall

Off season: No off season

Good time to visit: Wet season but waters remain calm and warmer between 20-25°C.

Best time to visit: The dry season is emphasized as the best time to dive in the Galapagos as it offers strong chances of multiple whale shark encounters. However, be prepared for the choppy seas and colder water temperature during this period.

## KEY FACTS

- Vast range of schooling pelagic animals
- Fascinating wildlife indigenous to the area
- Whalesharks (Aug-Oct)

## SAMPLE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Depart Heathrow to Guayaquil  
Check in at the Sonesta Hotel
- Day 2 Fly Guayaquil to Baltra  
Board the Galapagos Aggressor III
- Day 3-8 Dive the Galapagos, Darwin and Wolf
- Day 9 Disembark the Galapagos Aggressor III  
Visit the highlands of Santa Cruz & Charles  
Darwin Research Station (Giant Tortoises can  
be seen in their natural habitat)  
Eco Luxury Hotel check in
- Day 10 Bartholomew / Santa Fe (Large colony of sea  
lions)
- Day 11 North Seymour & Bachas Beach Plazas &  
Carrion Point (nesting sites of blue-footed  
boobies)
- Day 12 Tour of Tortuga Bay
- Day 13 Check out of the Eco Luxury Hotel  
Transfer to Baltra Airport  
Fly Baltra to Guayaquil  
Fly Guayaquil to Heathrow
- Day 14 Arrive Heathrow

## COSTA RICA



San Jose



19 Hours



Advanced Divers



Pelagic



## DESTINATION INFORMATION

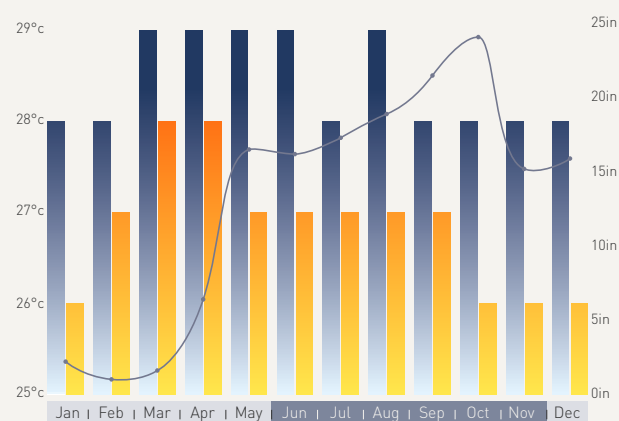
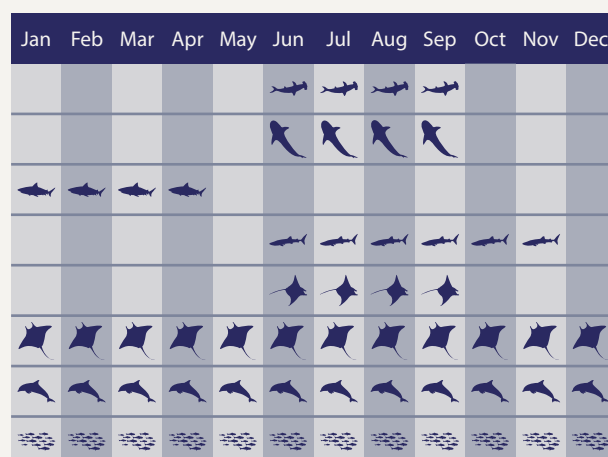
Costa Rica is the perfect destination for a mix of pelagic diving and rainforest exploration. Situated in the Golden Triangle, 550 km off the mainland of Costa Rica, the converging nutrient-rich currents from nearby deep water attract multitudes of pelagic action to Cocos Island. The area has been a UNESCO site since 1997 protecting the unique environment.

North of San Jose are the cloud forests of Monte Verde and Santa Elena. Spend time walking in the rainforests inhabited by over 100 species of mammal, 490 species of butterfly and 400 species of birds. San Jose itself is well worth a stop. Depending on your trip this may be a base so you may have a few off days to explore the city in between activities. There are beaches, volcanoes and some hot springs to visit locally.

## DIVING HIGHLIGHTS

Cocos can only be dived from a liveaboard, as the island is a long way from land making day boat trips impossible. We work with all the reputable operators in the region and tailor make trips with your chosen fleet operator.

Scalloped hammerhead sharks are the main diving attraction. There are other shark species to encounter, most notably white-tip, Galapagos, silky, tiger, black-tip, silver-tip and guitar sharks. They are joined by many species of ray including mobula, marble, manta and eagle. They swirl around you in search of a local cleaning station. There are many other schools of fish such as jacks, tuna and barracuda.



- Legend**
- Water Temperature (Blue bar)
  - Air Temperature (Orange bar)
  - Rainfall (Grey line)
  - Off season: No off season
  - Good time to visit: Rainy season but for some divers a good time to dive as nutrient upwellings attract more hammerheads
  - Best time to visit: Dry season and the best for divers who suffer from seasickness as the surface is calmest making the long journey a lot smoother.

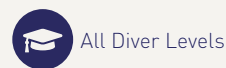
## KEY FACTS

- Hammerhead sharks
- Liveaboard only destination
- 36 hour crossing to Cocos from Puntarenas

## ITINERARY

Day 1	Depart Heathrow to San Jose via Newark Check in at the Holiday Inn
Day 2	Transfer from San Jose to Puntarenas Board the Okeanos Aggressor and begin the cruise to Cocos Island
Day 3	Arrive Cocos Island and commence diving
Day 4-8	As the Aggressor crew says... time to eat, sleep & dive!
Day 9-10	Time to reflect on the great diving and look forward to the next adventure
Day 11	Early in the morning, the rep will be meet you at your San Jose Hotel in order to take you on your tour to Arenal Volcano & Taba- con Hot Springs. One of the most popular tours in the area
Day 12	Early in the morning, after breakfast, get ready to take the Safari Float to the Peñas Blancas River
Day 13	You will be crossing beautiful Arenal Lake to go to Monteverde Area via car after you cross Lake Arenal on a boat
Day 14	Today you will enjoy a great day with the canopy tour in Selvatura
Day 15	Return to the UK

# BONAIRE ISLAND



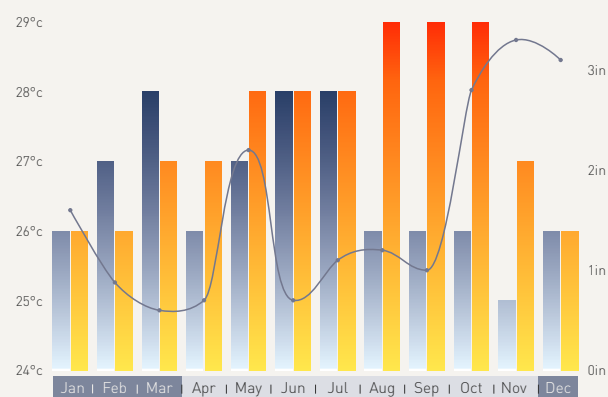
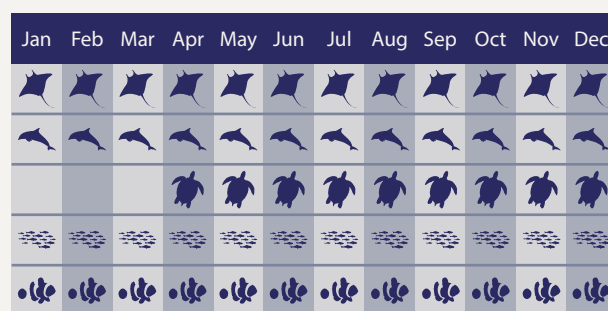
## DESTINATION INFORMATION

Bonaire, lying 50 miles north of Venezuela, is recognised as one of the Caribbean's best diving destinations due to its unique pristine reefs and diverse marine life. Bonaire has a dry climate with little rainfall. This means the waters are exceptionally calm and clear of silt. Experience visibility up to 25 metres. Created through volcanic eruptions, Bonaire is an underwater mountain with fringing reefs that are easily accessible from the shoreline in front of every hotel or any part of the island. There are over 70 dive sites that are marked with names on yellow stones accessible from the shoreline. Those who are not comfortable buddy diving can join groups or do daily diving with a dive centre dotted around the island. Boat diving is also available from the resort.

## DIVING HIGHLIGHTS

If you like the idea of grabbing a few tanks and driving round the island to your chosen dive site and jumping in from the shore with your buddy, then read on. Bonaire is one of the few Caribbean destinations where you can dive 365 days of the year and yet experience a pristine underwater environment thriving with beautiful colours and marine life. Most of the dive sites are ideal for unguided diving with your buddy without having to rely on scheduled group diving restrictions. It's truly unique!

Bonaire's sheer variety of invertebrates invites you to stop and spend some time studying the reefs to watch the various creatures. Here you will find several hundred marine species hiding in and around ancient brain corals, stinging fire corals, giant anemones and the beautiful, precious and abundant black corals.



### Legend

Water Temperature Air Temperature Rainfall

Off season: No off season

Good time to visit: Bonaire has perfect diving conditions all year round and it is not affected by hurricanes as it is located outside the hurricane belt.

Best time to visit: Dry season offering calm seas, great visibility up to 30 metres and blue skies with absolutely no rain!



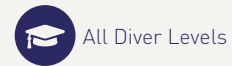
## KEY FACTS

- Ideal for groups, friends and couples
- Unguided shore diving or daily boat trips available
- Protected Marine Park

## SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1	Depart Heathrow to Bonaire via Amsterdam Transfer to Captain Don's Habitat Check in for a 7 night stay
Day 2-6	2 boat dives and unlimited daily shore diving
Day 7	Leisure day and a visit to the Cadushy Distillery for a taste of Bonaire's rum, vodka and whisky
Day 8	Transfer to the airport Fly Bonaire to Heathrow via Amsterdam
Day 9	Arrive London Heathrow

## FIJI, TONGA &amp; LOS ANGELES



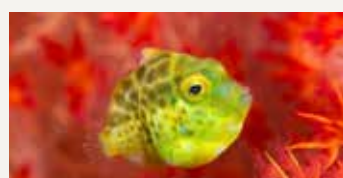
## DESTINATION INFORMATION

The Fijian islands are located east of Australia in the Pacific Ocean. Your trip will likely start in Nadi, the capital, where most international flights arrive. It is good to visit the local town as it has many shops and markets friendly to tourists. The town remains very authentic and is used by the locals as part of daily life. Your itinerary will define your next step. Whether you are a certified diver, want to learn to dive or have a non-diver partner, Fiji offers something for everyone. Known for its palm-fringed beaches, cascading waterfalls, lush rainforests and of course a spectacular underwater world teeming with vibrant fish and colourful corals. We offer a range of resorts and liveaboards and our Tonga add-ons are perfect for whale-watching expeditions.

## DIVING HIGHLIGHTS

Fiji has the world's second largest coral reef and the area has gained fame for being the "soft coral capital of the world". North Fiji, has an abundance of soft coral and reef fish that is mesmerising. A well known site is the Great White Wall, a large wall covered in naturally white coral. The area can be dived from a resort or liveaboard and in our opinion you can experience the same quality of diving via either option.

In the south, Beqa Lagoon is where you can get some personal encounters with a large population of sharks. The dive sites are varied with sheer reef walls and pinnacles rising from 900 metres to the surface, shallow sunlit coral gardens and current-flushed channels. This area is accessed from a resort-based location. We can tailor-make your itinerary to suit your needs, give us a call and chat to one of the team about your ideas.



## 3 DESTINATIONS, 1 HOLIDAY

Fiji, a destination not to be missed! A lot of people get put off by the time it takes to get to Fiji and the team at Ultimate Diving understands that, but why miss out on all the fun and beauty this part of the world has to offer when you can combine your travel with two other destinations that will offer you a holiday of a lifetime.

Our team will use their expert knowledge to work with you to tailor your itinerary to suit your needs. This can include rainforest walks, hiking, visiting the outer islands, cava ceremonies, or an unforgettable visit to Tonga to see the migrating humpback whales that come from their feeding grounds in Antarctica to give birth, nurse, court and mate. Break up the return journey with a stop to Los Angeles to take in the beautiful sites this city has to offer.



## EXPERIENCES



### THURSTON GARDENS

These gardens were founded in 1881 by Sir John Bates Thurston, an amateur botanist. Thurston Gardens is both a natural and historic landmark of Suva.



### ZIP LINE

Feel the rush of adrenalin as you fly high above the forest floor and the Wainadoti River valley using eight giant zip lines. Enjoy a classic 'canopy tour' with stunning views and thrilling rides.



### UPPER NAVUA RIVER RAFTING

"Rivers Fiji" is proud to introduce you to the Upper Navua Gorge. Your exploration of this amazing river is perhaps one of the most unique journeys in all of Fiji, if not the South Pacific and the World.



## STOPOVER HOTEL

### RODEWAY INN, LOS ANGELES

- In the heart of Hollywood
- Close to Madame Tussauds
- Walk of Fame a few minutes away
- Visit Beverly Hills



2 Nights



Jul - Dec



USA



3 Stars



Photography Opportunities

## NAI'A

### One of the best and most luxurious liveaboards operating across Fiji & Tonga

NAI'A offers the best of world class scuba diving in Fiji & Tonga at an unrivalled variety of sites along with all of the finest creature comforts of a quality land-based resort.



- Fiji / Tonga premier liveaboard
- Arrive as visitors depart as family
- Dive the way you want to dive
- Tonga whale watching trips
- Spacious camera room
- Nitrox and re-breather diving



All diver levels



Reefs & Sharks



Apr-Oct



UD rating - 4 Stars

## KORO SUN RESORT AND RAINFOREST SPA

### The heart of adventure and romance in Fiji's Northern Island.

The Koro Sun Resort and Rainforest Spa is located in a remote setting that defines paradise, immersing you in a genuine Fijian experience that is nirvana to the core.



- Lush tropical surroundings
- 43 private bures
- Rainforest spa
- Complimentary activities
- Peaceful and relaxed atmosphere
- Waters edge style bures



4 Stars



Apr - Oct



26 Hours + Transit

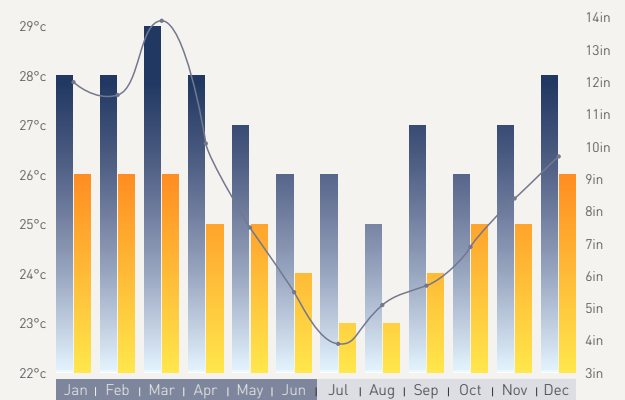


All diver levels

## KEY FACTS

- Colourful soft coral reef eco-systems
- Humpback whales (Jul – Sep)
- Great pelagic dives

- ## SAMPLE ITINERARY



■ **Best time to visit:** Although the water temperature only averages around 23°C between July and December the waters around Fiji are at its clearest offering up to 40 metres of visibility.



## SOUTH AFRICA &amp; MOZAMBIQUE



Dubai



16 Hours



All Diver Levels



Pelagic



## DESTINATION INFORMATION

South Africa is located on the southernmost tip of Africa. Our holidays generally start off in Durban on the eastern reef and can be combined with a safari tour through a game reserve some 23,000 hectares in size where you can see elephants, lions, giraffes, hippos, zebra and more. We are also able to add-on Cape Town city tours with great white shark cage diving experiences.

Mozambique is a vast wilderness remaining virtually untouched and is much less developed than South Africa. The destination has some of the most un-spoilt scenery with over 2000km of white sand beaches fronting the Indian Ocean. These two destinations are able to offer the adventurous traveller some of the best holiday experiences on the planet.

## DIVING HIGHLIGHTS

The diving in South Africa is mixture of reef, wreck and of course shark diving. The big draw is the huge and varied shark population at Aliwal Shoal where you can see ragged tooth, dusky, guitar and white and black tip reef sharks. Rays include manta, devil, eagle and ribbon tail to name a few. Wrecks of MV Produce and the Nebo are well worth a visit. Reef dives will fill in any gaps in shark diving. Not to be missed are the cage dives in Cape Town, you will get up close and personal with great white sharks in the safety of a cage.

Tofo in Mozambique offers unforgettable diving with the ocean's majestic giants including whale sharks, humpback whales, bottlenose dolphins and many species of shark including white tip reefs, grey reefs and leopard sharks. Manta Reef is Tofo's showcase site with its world-famous manta ray cleaning stations.



## 3 DESTINATIONS, 1 HOLIDAY

We are 100% supporters of making the most of a diving holiday and our latest concept in tailoring multiple destinations into one trip will do just that! Combining your diving adventure with a safari will not only bring you memorable shark encounters, but will bring you even closer to nature with outstanding beauty and wildlife.

Extend your stay in South Africa and feast your senses on an unforgettable stay in the heart of the Nambiti Private Game Reserve - an exceptionally beautiful wilderness boasting incredible biodiversity and home to many species of game including The Big Five - all within easy reach of Durban. Experience the thrill of a lion's roar on a sunrise safari, roam the plains at dusk and enjoy the magical delights of a starry savannah sky by night.



## EXPERIENCES



### NAMBITI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Home to the Big Five, the spectacular beauty and serenity of the Nambiti Private Game Reserve in KwaZulu-Natal boasts 23,000 magnificent acres of wildlife paradise for an unforgettable nature escape.



### BIG-5 SAFARI

Wondrous wildlife encounters await on a Big-5 Safari in the untouched South African bush of the Nambiti Private Game Reserve with over 40 species of game and several rare species of bird. Relax with the sights and sounds of safari serenity.



## STOPOVER HOTEL

### THE SPRINGBOK LODGE, NAMBITI RESERVE

- Located in the heart of the KwaZulu-Natal region
- Set amongst 23,000 acres malaria-free bushveld
- Sunrise and sunset safaris
- Full board accommodation with exceptional cuisine



2 Nights



Jan - Dec



KwaZulu-Natal



3 Stars



Wildlife

## AGULHAS HOUSE AND DIVING - SOUTH AFRICA

**A friendly and experienced dive operation offering the most exciting diving trips in the area.**

Agulhas House and Diving is a dedicated dive lodge located within a quiet residential area of Umkomaas with close proximity to the world-class sites of Aliwal Shoal for unforgettable and thrilling shark adventure!



- On-site dive centre
- Air-con rooms
- Sandy beach 5 minutes walk
- Local restaurants close by
- Swimming pool
- Open air dining



3 Stars



May-Nov



16 Hours



All diver levels

## LIQUID DIVE ADVENTURES - MOZAMBIQUE

**Perfectly positioned to offer awesome whale shark and manta ray diving in Tofo paradise.**

A stylish and welcoming dive resort in a perfect location on a glorious stretch of Tofo beach, where incredible underwater adventure and spectacular megafauna awaits.



- 12 beachfront bungalows
- Oceanfront pool
- On-site dive centre
- Air con rooms
- Onsite restaurant and beach bar
- ECO dive resort



3 Stars



May-Nov



14 Hours



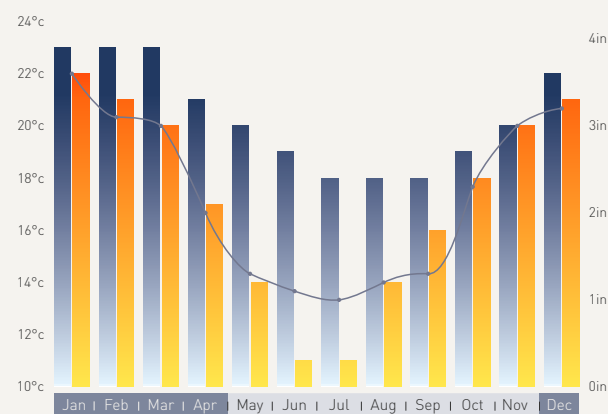
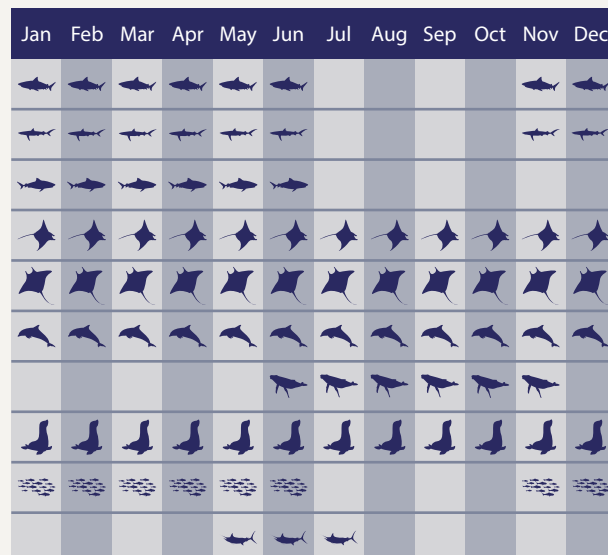
All diver levels

## KEY FACTS

- Huge variety of pelagic animals
- Humpback whales (May – Nov)
- Schooling sardines (Jun-Jul)

## SAMPLE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Depart London Heathrow to Dubai  
Fly Dubai to Durban
- Day 2 Arrive Durban and transfer to Umkomaas  
Check in at Agulhas House for 5 nights
- Day 3-6 Enjoy 8 dives at Aliwal Shoal  
Includes 2 baited shark dives
- Day 7 Check out of Agulhas House  
Transfer to Nambiti Reserve  
Check in at Springbok Lodge for 3 nights
- Day 8-9 Big 5 Safari experience at Nambiti Reserve
- Day 10 Check out Springbok Lodge  
Transfer to Durban Airport  
Fly to Johannesburg  
Check in at the Garden Court for 1 night
- Day 11 Fly from Johannesburg to Maputo  
Fly Maputo to Inhambane  
Transfer from Inhambane to Tofo  
Check in at Liquid Dive for 5 nights
- Day 12-15 4 days two-tank morning dives  
Enjoy a range of shark and reef dives
- Day 16 Check out of Liquid Dive  
Transfer to Inhambane Airport  
Fly to Heathrow via Maputo/Johannesburg/  
Dubai
- Day 17 Arrive London Heathrow



## Legend

Water Temperature Air Temperature Rainfall

Off season: No off season.

Good time to visit: South Africa has perfect diving conditions all year round, however East Cape and Atlantic Coast are subject to colder waters during winter months.

Best time to visit: Highest chance for dry and hot weather, calm seas, tropical blue skies and great visibility. May to July is also when you can come up close and personal with the Sardines.

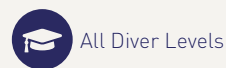
## RED SEA &amp; LUXOR



Luxor City



5 Hours



All Diver Levels



Reefs &amp; Pelagic



## DESTINATION INFORMATION

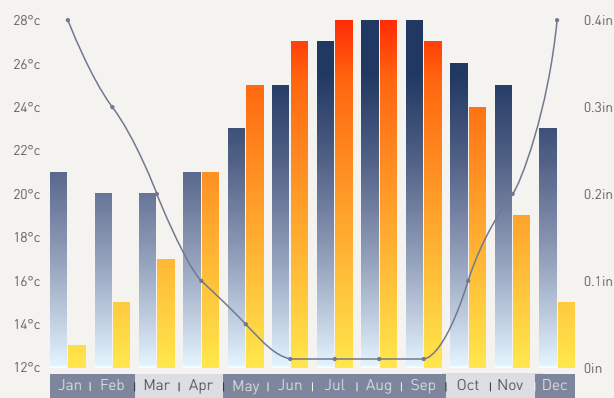
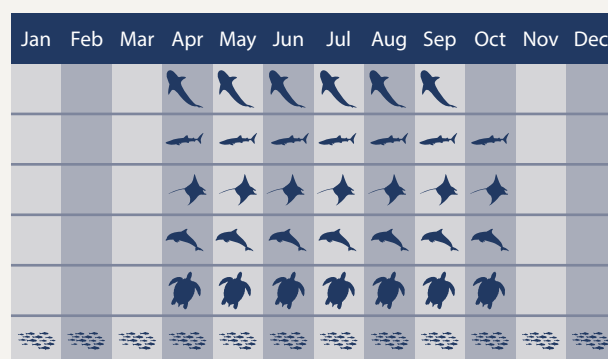
The Red Sea is a popular place for UK divers due to its close proximity and range of diving and cultural experiences. Whether it be a land based resort, liveaboard or tailor-made itinerary, we have a variety of options to choose from. Visit the ancient Pyramids and Sphinx in Cairo or the beautiful temples and world famous Valley of the Kings in Luxor. Experience a temple light and sound show or sunset hot air balloon flight.

Hurghada and Marsa Alam are hotspots for liveaboard embarkation to the south and offer good evening entertainment options for the last night in port. El Gouna is perfect for those wanting an all-inclusive style approach. We have a number of resorts and liveaboards we partner with to create your itinerary.

## DIVING HIGHLIGHTS

Red Sea diving includes reefs, walls, wrecks and diverse fish life with over 2000 different types of fish. Expect to find colourful soft and hard corals on pretty much every dive you do. Day boats departing Hurghada and Marsa Alam will visit the local sites such as Shaab Samadi or Giftun Islands.

If you want to get out to the beautiful wrecks of Abu Nuhas, SS Thistlegorm, Rosalie Moller, Dunraven and Ulysses then you will want to jump aboard one of the many liveboard boats available. Deep south expeditions to Daedalus and Rocky usually depart from Port Ghalib near Marsa Alam and can offer excellent shark sightings during the seasonal months. If you are tempted by a fantastic house reef then we can recommend visiting one of the southern Red Sea resorts, this is also an outstanding place to learn to dive.



Legend

Water Temperature

Air Temperature

Rainfall

Off season: No off season.

Good time to visit: Scuba diving in the Red Sea is available year-round but during the summer months temperatures reach uncomfortable levels to be able to take part on any outside activity.

Best time to visit: Spring and Autumn months in the Red Sea with air and water temperatures both moderately warm, offering a great balance. This is also the high season and dive sites can sometimes be a little crowded.



## KEY FACTS

- Whalesharks (Feb-Mar)
- Schooling fish and big pelagics
- Non-diving activities and cultural experiences

## SAMPLE ITINERARY

- Day 1-7 Depart the UK for Marsa Alam  
Transfer to Port Ghalib  
Board the Emperor Elite  
7 nights exploring the South and St. Johns
- Day 8 Disembark the Emperor Elite  
Transfer to Marsa Shagra for 6 nights
- Day 9-12 Daily diving in the Red Sea  
2 boat dives a day, various reef dive sites
- Day 13 Depart on a 2 day road trip to Luxor  
Visit the Karnak and Luxor Temples  
Sound and Light Show at Karnak Temple
- Day 14 Historical trip to the West Bank  
Tour to Hatshepsut Temple  
Tour the Valley of the Kings  
Road transfer to Marsa Alam  
1 night at the Marsa Shagra
- Day 15 Depart Marsa Alam for the UK

## MALDIVES &amp; DUBAI



Dubai



13 Hours

Advanced  
DiversReefs &  
Pelagic

## DESTINATION INFORMATION

Lying southwest of India, the Maldives covers around 35k square miles and hosts over a thousand islands across 26 natural coral atolls. The scenery topside offers some of the most beautiful landscape images and the underwater experience will not disappoint.

This is the ideal destination for a romantic diving holiday with your loved one. Shack up in a beach bure or lounge in your private water villa and watch the sunset sipping a cocktail discussing your days diving encounters. You may opt to jump aboard one of our liveaboards to experience some of the most adrenaline fuelled diving on the planet.

## DIVING HIGHLIGHTS

Whale sharks, mantas, dolphins, turtles and much more awaits those lucky enough to embark on a diving trip to the Maldives. The reefs are home to big schools of fish patrolling the colourful soft and hard corals. Thilas (channels) are rich with plankton and nutrients that flow through from the ocean with the strong currents that run between the atolls. In turn, divers are blessed with an array of beautiful corals and a high density of marine life. Cleaning stations are home to mantas flying above creating huge shadows as they pass leaving a feeling hard to put into words. Seasonal whale shark sightings are most unique from a liveaboard and we offer a range of options for solos, groups and couples. The Maldives is a place you could visit many times and never visit the same place twice. Male Atoll departures are perfect for first timers looking for a varied experience. Couples can check out the Four Seasons Explorer and for groups we offer free places with many fleets.



## OUR EXPERT RESORT SELECTION IN THE MALDIVES

Our extensive experience arranging holidays for over 15 years to the Maldives has allowed us to develop a vast knowledge, not only around the diving locations, but also about the many resorts spread across the various atolls. Choosing the right resort and time of year is key to ensuring your holiday experience is as you expect. We help clients navigate the selection process ensuring key needs are met such as, house reef diving and level of expected current and rainfall, these things have great impact on your holiday and we make sure you get the best from your trip. This is especially important for families, ensuring everyone can maximise their enjoyment and all boxes are ticked, for both divers and non-divers. Speak to one of the team to discuss your tropical escape to Maldivian paradise. We will work with you to find the right resort to suit your exact needs and budget.



## ENJOY SOME LUXURY OR FAMILY FUN IN DUBAI WITH TOURS INCLUDED



### BURJ KHALIFA

Boasting the accolade of Tallest Building in The World, standing (very!) tall at 828 metres, Dubai's most iconic skyscraper is not to be missed. More than twice the height of the Empire State Building, take a breathtaking visit to extraordinary heights and spectacular views.



### ATLANTIS WATERPARK

Home to over 105 record-breaking slides, enjoy the thrills and spills of Dubai's Aquaventure Waterpark, the largest waterpark in the Middle East for endless fun for the whole family.



### DUBAI DESERT SAFARI

Red dunes, camel rides and traditional culture all await on a desert safari experience, where you can enjoy an exquisite dinner under a canopy of stars.



## RANGE OF HOTELS AVAILABLE

### DOUBLE TREE by HILTON, DUBAI

- Go on a desert safari
- Visit the Burj Al Arab Jumeirah
- Go shopping in Dubai malls
- Attend the Dubai Fountain show



2-7 Nights



Jan- Dec



Dubai



3 Stars



City Tours

## CARPE VITA

Explore the Maldives in style on-board this beautiful and luxurious safari yacht.

Sail in luxurious comfort and discover truly-iconic diving aboard the MV Carpe Vita with an impressive 38-metre span of contemporary style, high-end amenities and first-class service.



- Maximum 20 guests
- Diving from a traditional "dhoni"
- Dive Male, Ari Raa & Baa Atoll
- Up to 4 dives a day
- BBQ on a desert island
- Hot tub on the sun-deck



Advanced



Reefs & Sharks



Jan - Dec



Male, Ari, Baa Atoll

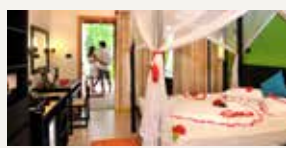


UD rating - 4 Stars

## VILAMENDHOO ISLAND RESORT AND SPA

The perfect place to take advantage of the most beautiful house reef in South Ari Atoll.

The Vilamendhoo Island Resort and Spa surrounded by a beautiful lagoon offers you an enticing blend of fun, relaxation and luxury in a setting of extraordinary natural magnificence.



- Located on south Ari Atoll
- Euro Divers on-site
- 180 Beach and water villas
- Beautiful house reef
- Private island resort
- Choice of restaurants and bars



4 Stars



Jan - Dec



13 Hours



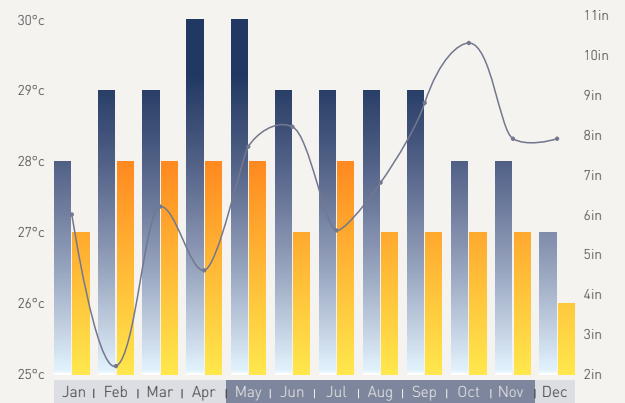
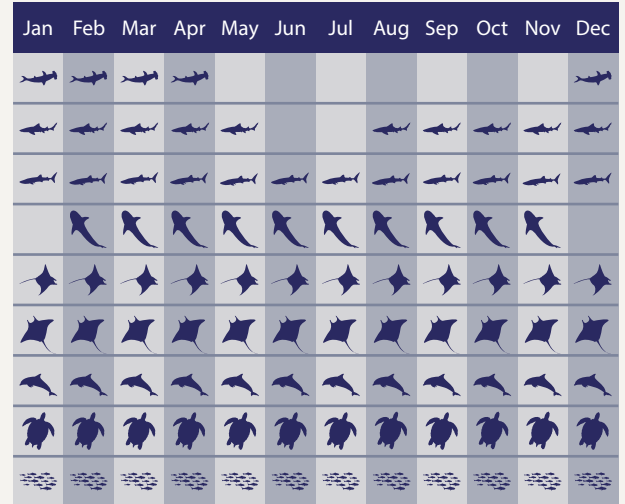
Advanced Divers

## KEY FACTS

- Whale sharks and manta rays
- Variety of island resorts and liveaboards
- Perfect romantic getaway

## SAMPLE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Depart the UK to Male
- Day 2-8 Transfer to the Port  
Board the Carpe Vita for 7 nights  
Explore dive sites around Male & Ari Atoll
- Day 9 Disembark the Carpe Vita  
Transfer to Vilamendhoo by sea plane  
Check in at the resort
- Day 10-16 Enjoy the private island resort experience  
Dive the beautiful house reef  
Embark on off-shore dives at your leisure  
Enjoy quality time with your loved ones
- Day 17 Check out from the resort  
Transfer to Male by sea plane  
Fly Male to Dubai  
Check in at a resort of your choice
- Day 18-20 Enjoy the Dubai experience with various tour options to suit your choice
- Day 21 Check out from your resort and fly to the UK



### Legend

Water Temperature Air Temperature Rainfall

Off season: No off season.

Good time to visit: May to August is considered the rainy season and this can sometimes reduce the visibility, but diving is still good.

Best time to visit: November to April is considered the dry season with January to April being the ideal months to visit the Maldives. Visibility is very good.



## PHILIPPINES &amp; HONG KONG



Dubai



15 Hours



All Levels

Reefs, Pelagic  
Wrecks & Muck

## DESTINATION INFORMATION

The Philippines is located in the “Coral Triangle” and is an archipelago of 7,107 islands, 2,000 of which are inhabited. This beautiful expanse is covered with stunning tropical rainforests, caves, waterfalls, gorgeous beaches, pristine reefs and a very diverse marine eco-system. The sheer size of this country can be overwhelming and we are experts in this destination. We can guide you through your regional location choices and how best to split up your time and budget on your trip. The limestone formations and coral sand beaches are as good as you would expect in any paradise setting. The muck diving locations have black sand beaches and emerald green bays. Tubbataha is only accessible Mar-Jun and offers pristine reef diving. Unique experiences created by our experts coupled with carefully organised seasonal itineraries have lead to outstanding feedback from our clients.

## DIVING HIGHLIGHTS

Palawan offers dugong sightings at Dimakya Island, while Malapascua is one of the only places in the world to do daily dives with thresher sharks. Moalboal diving includes Pescador Island and its own mini sardine ball. Coron is the place to be for wreck enthusiasts with eight Japanese WWII wrecks making this a diving opportunity only second to that of Truk Lagoon. Puerto Galera has a range of options including Verde Island, plus local drifts, muck, reef and one wreck dive. In the south, Dumaguete, offers divers a beach based resort experience with some of the best critter diving in the country. Finally, Tubbataha can only be dived by liveaboard and in our opinion is a once in a lifetime trip, see a massive range of pelagic creatures on these remote submerged islands.



## 3 DESTINATIONS, 1 HOLIDAY

The Philippines is one of our favourite destinations. The Ultimate Diving team has visited this destination over a dozen times underpinning our experts knowledge to plan your holiday and ensure it is memorable and exciting. After time exploring the underwater delights of Malapascua and Puerto Galera, or a different diving location of your choice, we recommend you take a few extra days to enjoy the sites of this beautiful country. Experience volcanos, waterfalls, rice fields, chocolate hills, island hopping trips, cultural and city tours, more than enough to fill your special trip.

Why not try a little of the city life Hong Kong has to offer? Stopping for two nights here is a must as this vibrant city has so much to do. Enjoy a night cruise through markets and walk by the shops and explore the city sites.



## EXPERIENCES



### ISLAND ESCAPADES

Spend time with friends or a loved one on a beautiful uninhabited island. Take a pick from 3 romantic island destinations. Each has its own kind of enchantment.



### BITES AND HEIGHTS OF LUZON

Cultural tour of Manila, Banaue and Bicol. Manila, also known as the Pearl of the Orient, the largest of the three and the capital city of the Philippines. Banaue is the gateway to the UNESCO World Heritage listed Ifugao rice terraces of northern Luzon.



### CORON ISLAND TOUR

Be enchanted by the beauty of the picturesque Kayangan Lake or take a dip at the invigorating Maquinit Hot Springs as our whole day tour brings you to Coron Town and Coron Island.



## STOPOVER HOTEL

### IBIS, HONG KONG NORTH POINT

- Dinner cruises in Hong Kong bay
- Visit Lantau Island
- Victoria Peak Mountain
- Visit the malls and markets around the city



2 Nights



Nov - May



Hong Kong



3 Stars



Sightseeing



## EXOTIC DIVE RESORT - MALAPASCUA

**Diverse scuba experiences including Thresher Sharks, Gato Island drifts and a range of reefs.**

Exotic Dive & Beach Resort is the perfect hotel with a variety of rooms, a magnificent beachfront location, out of this world thresher shark diving experiences and a unique man-made house reef.



- Perfect divers resort
- 29 rooms with choice of types
- Choice of BB, HB or FB basis
- Daily thresher shark diving
- Onsite dive centre
- Diving at Gato Island



3 Stars



Nov-May



19 hours



All Divers





## SCANDI DIVERS RESORT - PUERTO GALERA

**A beautifully positioned dive retreat in an idyllic spot within moments of world-class dive sites.**

Scandi Divers Resort is located on the Big La Laguna Beach with its picture-perfect setting and close proximity to over 40 world-class dive sites in one of the most richly diverse marine spots on the planet.



- Tropical beachfront dive resort
- Over 40 rooms and suites
- Onsite dive centre
- Diving at Verde Island
- Beachfront restaurant
- Regular themed evenings



4 Stars



Nov-May



15 hours



All Divers



## ATMOSPHERE RESORTS & SPA - DUMAGUETE

**A first-class oceanfront dive resort only a short trip away from Apo Island.**

Atmosphere Resorts & Spa is a luxurious dive resort nestled in a seven acre coconut plantation with a glorious beachfront location on Negros Island. Dumaguete is accessed via a daily flight of around one hour from Manila.



- Beachfront resort on Dauin
- Day trips to Apo Island
- Award-winning Sanctuary Spa
- Underwater camera facilities
- 5\* PADI CDC dive centre on-site
- Beachside Infinity Pools



4 Stars



Nov-May



19 hours



All Divers

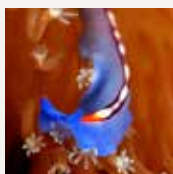































































































## KEY FACTS

- Tubbataha Reef (Mar-Jun)
- Outstanding and varied destination
- World War II Wrecks (Year round)

## SAMPLE ITINERARY

- Day 1 Depart the UK to Cebu via Hong Kong
- Day 2 Transfer to Malapascua  
Check in at Exotic Dive Resort for 8 nights
- Day 3-7 Daily reef diving with two dives per day  
Option to dive with Thresher Sharks
- Day 8 Leisure day
- Day 9 Transfer to Cebu Airport  
Fly Cebu to Manila  
Transfer to Puerto Galera  
Check in at Scandi Divers Resort
- Day 10-15 Daily diving with up to four dives per day  
(reef, muck, macro and Alma Jane wreck)
- Day 16 Day diving trip to Verde Island
- Day 17 Transfer to Manila Airport  
Fly Manila to Hong Kong  
2 nights at the Ibis Hong Kong North Point
- Day 18 Depart Hong Kong for the UK



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## TRUK, PALAU &amp; TOKYO



Tokyo



24 Hours

Advanced  
DiversWrecks, Reefs  
& Pelagic

## DESTINATION INFORMATION

Micronesia is scattered over more than three million square miles of the Pacific Ocean, located north of the equator between Hawaii and the Philippines. The main islands that form Micronesia include Guam, Palau, Yap and Truk. Each island has its own unique culture, language, history and attractions. The islands and atolls are the culmination of volcanic activity that took place millions of years ago. Many of the islands are the summits of huge, underwater mountains or rims of sunken volcano craters, peaking through the surface, forming beautiful tropical lagoons. Nothing can really prepare you for how amazing the islands and turquoise bays look into the horizon. The area is full of WWII history to experience and more recently the American cultural influence due to its on-going connection under the countries protection agreement.

## DIVING HIGHLIGHTS

Palau is famous for its sharks, schooling jacks and bump head parrot fish. Dive sites such as the Blue Corner with deep drop offs to over 2km which provide the perfect place to hook-in and watch the show of schooling fish. Truk Lagoon is a wreck diver's paradise, suitable for both advanced and expert divers. The lagoon floor holds an entire Japanese fleet frozen in time, where it sank in February 1944. Complete with sake cups and skeletons, jeeps and tanks tied on board, and fighter planes still waiting in their holds, the wrecks have been declared an underwater museum. Yap is the manta ray capital of the world and also one of the most preserved reef diving destinations on the planet. Often overlooked when visiting the area, we highly recommend extending your trip there with less than 2000 divers each year visiting the destination



## 3 DESTINATIONS, 1 HOLIDAY

Any serious and adventurous diver will want to dive this part of the world. Our tailor-made itineraries will ensure you get the most out of your time here. You can easily spend three weeks on a trip to this area. Your first week can be spent exploring the wrecks in Truk, and the island itself to see some of the WWII relics. Then, head to Palau and enjoy some adrenaline fuelled drifts and hook-in shark dives. Then, en-route home we recommend a stopover in Tokyo, Japan's colourful capital, which offers a unique experience perfectly blending the old and the new with historical landmarks meeting the towering skyscrapers, delicious food to sample and an innovative culture to explore. We have been creating itineraries to Micronesia for 10 years and pride ourselves on high quality services and value for money. We work with many liveaboard and resorts in the area and can provide excellent group rates and complex trips for technical divers.



## EXPERIENCES



### TRUK LAND TOUR

Many wartime relics and structures remain today including Armament and Defensive "Pillboxes". Pill-boxes are a concrete structure usually used as a guard post.



### ROCK ISLANDS TOUR

Enjoy a full day with the cool breeze against you as you cruise through a labyrinth of mushroom-shaped rock islands of Palau. You will also visit some WWII strong holds.



### BELAU NATIONAL MUSEUM

Belau National Museum offers insights into the local history and still continues to further develop its programs and activities with its new building facility.



## STOPOVER HOTEL

### HILTON, TOKYO BAY

- Visit the Tokyo Skytree
- Senso-ji – Tokyo's oldest temple
- Walk through Shinjuku Gyoen Park
- Visit the local restaurants



2 Nights



Jan - Dec



Tokyo



4 Stars



City Tours

## TRUK ODYSSEY

**Dive deeper into Truk's WWII wreck history in complete style on-board the Truk Odyssey.**

Truk's finest liveaboard offering 7 night itineraries covering the top dives sites around Truk Lagoon. She comfortably accommodates 16 guests in a variety of cabins providing lots of personal space for all guests.



- Maximum 16 guests
- 7 and 10 night itineraries
- Nitrox available
- Up to 4 dives per day
- Land tours available
- Dive Truk Lagoon WWII wrecks



Advanced



World War II Wrecks



Jan-Dec



UD rating - 5 Stars

## PALAU PACIFIC RESORT

**Nestled in a small bay, this luxurious resort with over-water bungalows is a top choice.**

The Palau Pacific Resort is located on a pristine white sand private beach on the island of Koror just 30 minutes' drive from Palau international airport. Enjoy outstanding cuisine at this resort.



- Beautiful private sandy beach
- Dive centre on-site
- Jacuzzi/spa/gym/internet
- 128 guest rooms and 32 suites
- Great for all types of diver
- BB and HB board available



UD Rating - 5 Stars



Oct-May



23 Hours



Advanced Divers

## KEY FACTS

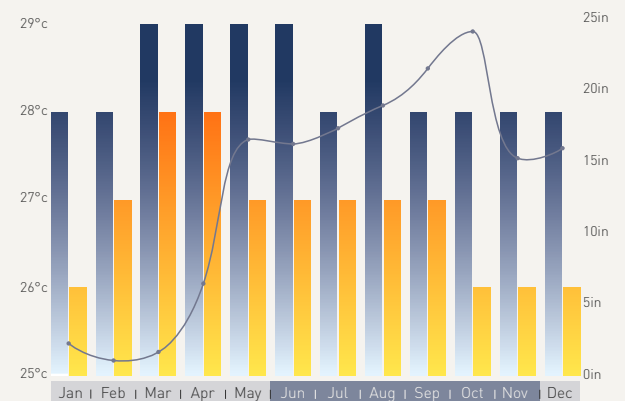
- WWII Fleet of wrecks in Truk Lagoon
- Jellyfish lake and large shark population in Palau
- Manta rays and outstanding reefs in Yap

## SAMPLE ITINERARY

- Day 1-2 Fly from the UK to Guam via Tokyo
- Day 3 Day room in Guam  
Fly Guam to Truk  
Board the Truk Odyssey
- Day 4-8 Daily diving exploring Truk's WWII wrecks
- Day 9 Leisure day
- Day 10 Transfer to the airport  
Fly Truk to Palau via Guam  
Transfer to the Palau Pacific Resort
- Day 11-15 Daily diving exploring the beautiful fringing reefs Palau has to offer
- Day 16 Rock Islands Tour
- Day 17 Fly to Tokyo via Guam  
Check in at the Hilton Tokyo Bay
- Day 18 Enjoy two nights in Tokyo to explore the city and experience the culture
- Day 19 Depart Tokyo for the UK



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### Legend

Water Temperature Air Temperature Rainfall

Off season: No off season

Good time to visit: Rainy season but for some divers a good time to dive as nutrient upwellings attract more hammerheads

Best time to visit: Dry season and the best for divers who suffer from seasickness as the surface is calmest making the long journey a lot smoother.





### How to Book with Ultimate Diving

Call us on 0208 655 6452 or complete the enquiry form on our website or send an email to [info@ultimatediving.co.uk](mailto:info@ultimatediving.co.uk). One of our travel experts will be on hand to assist with your itinerary booking.

### Deposits and Balance Payments

At the time of booking we collect a deposit to secure your booking, the amount will be confirmed during the booking process. Your balance is due 11 weeks prior to departure and a member of the team will drop you an email reminder 7 days before the due date.

### Group Travel and Discounts

We have a dedicated team member dealing with all group travel. You will be dealing with someone who understands your groups needs and who will support you throughout the process. We have discounts available for groups as small as five divers as well as other dive centre incentives. We are also very keen on face-to-face meetings and can provide destination featured presentations with free drinks and nibbles.

### Your Financial Protection

"All our flight inclusive holidays are covered by our ATOL and your money is guaranteed to be protected." UK law requires travel businesses to financially protect their package holidays in the countries in which they are established. Businesses based in the UK provide their protection under the ATOL scheme. ATOL is the UK's financial protection scheme that protects you when you book a holiday with a UK ATOL holder. Our ATOL number is 4032.

### Local Currency and Taxes

Most of our diving, hotel and liveaboard partners will accept USD, EUR and GBP as a form of payment as well as credit card payments. Please note; although in the UK no credit card fees are paid on purchases, this is not the same overseas and you may incur credit card fees when using your card abroad of around 3%. Please also note that most pre-booked items through Ultimate Diving cover local taxes but when opting for local upgrades and products taxes will apply.



## Health and Vaccinations

We advise that you take early health advice to ensure vaccinations and/or preventative measures are taken in good time. You can initiate your checks by visiting [fitfortravel.nhs.uk](http://fitfortravel.nhs.uk) where you will find all the information needed about the destination you are visiting. Other sources of information include the Department of Health's free leaflet 'Health Advice for Travellers' available from your GP or travel clinic.

## Visa Procedures and Information

Most of the destinations we offer allow for tourist visa on arrival and/or using the USA waiver when transiting via a US territory using the ESTA process. We have a handful of destinations such as Sudan, Egypt and Mozambique where we can assist/direct you with the visa requirements and process. Please remember that although assistance can be provided by the Ultimate Diving team, it is your responsibility to ensure that you travel with the correct documentation to enter your diving holiday destination.

## Offers and Discounts

All offers in this brochure are subject to availability.

## Fitness to Dive

All our dive partners, dive centres and liveaboards require all customers to complete a diving medical history form before allowing anybody to participate in recreational diving activities (certified and non-certified). The universal RSTC Medical History Questionnaire is acceptable and a member of the Ultimate Diving team can provide you with one if necessary.

## Diving Insurance

Ensure you have diving insurance as some liveboard operators will not allow you on-board without proof of cover. Visit [divinginsuranceuk.com](http://divinginsuranceuk.com) for more information. We also recommend DAN cover for all divers.

## Foreign Commonwealth Office (FCO) Advice

The Foreign Commonwealth Office provides up-to-date travel information about all the destinations we feature and more, this is to help British travellers make informed decisions about travelling to a specific destination. For more information please visit [www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk).

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