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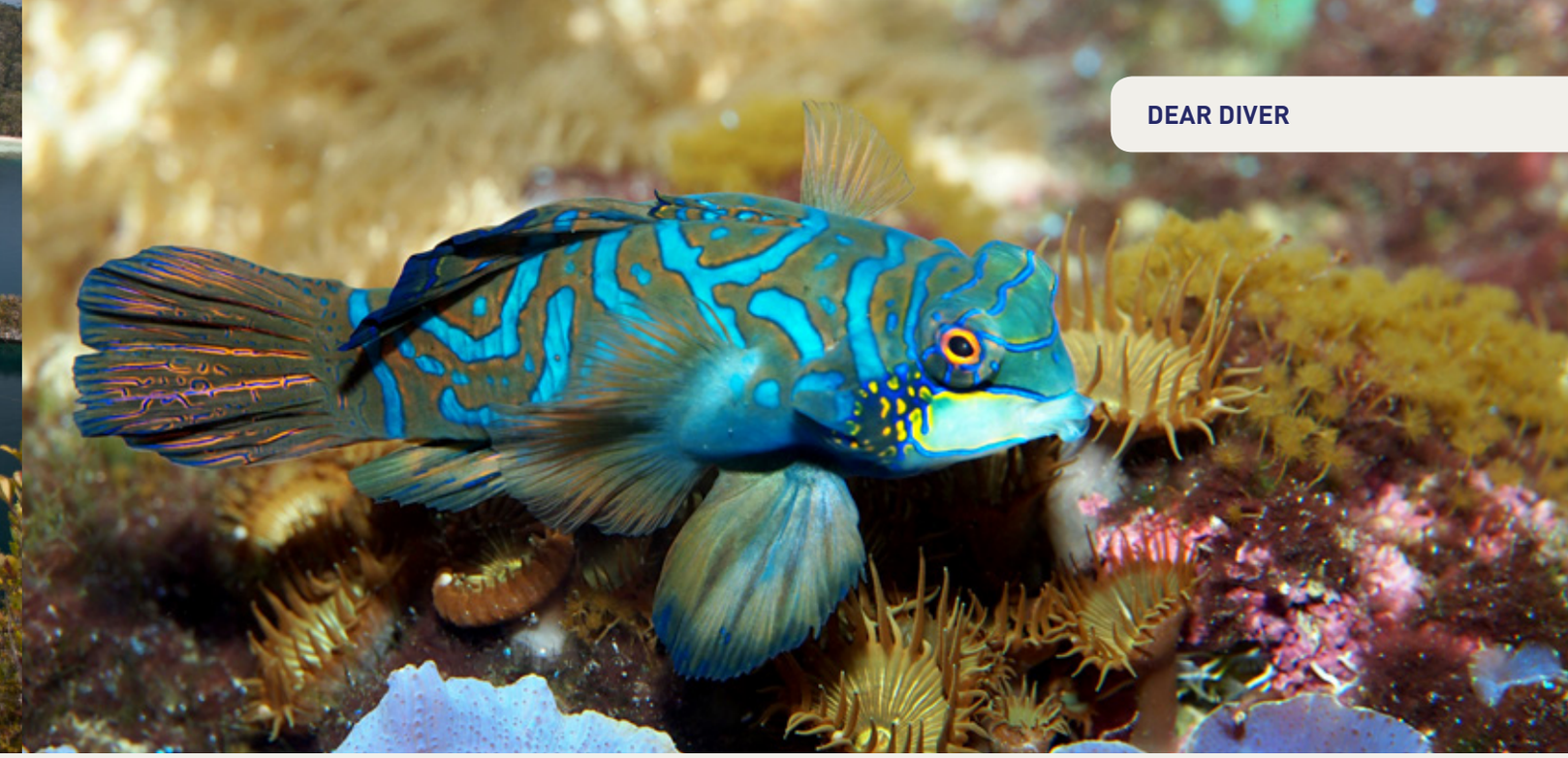


DEAR DIVER,

Welcome to the 2nd edition of the Ultimate Diving brochure. We have visited new destinations this year and are very pleased to introduce three new tailor-made itineraries and a load of personalised add-ons to create your special trip.

Whether you look at spending your diving holiday cruising on-board a luxurious high quality liveaboard, doing as many dives as possible or staying at one of our carefully chosen resorts where you will be close to the water as well as having all the comforts of a resort, we can provide you with the perfect diving holiday. Our travel experts have great knowledge and experience, speak to one of the them to discuss your ideas.

Our hotels, liveaboards, experiences and itinerariles are handpicked by our travel experts. You can have peace of mind when booking through us. We also have relationships with diving associations such as PADI and BSAC and support their group holidays.

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 quick facts to enable you to compare and contrast the diving destinations.

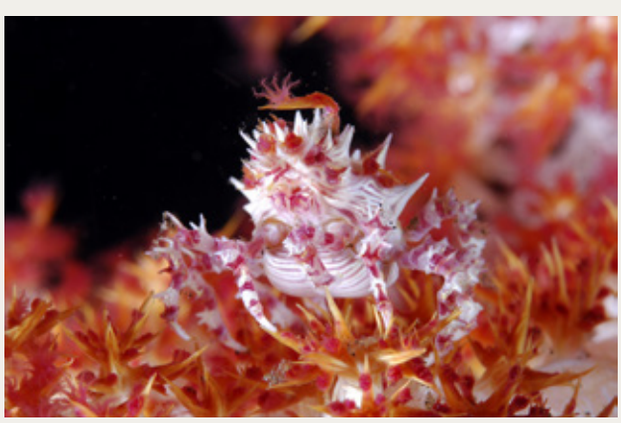
STAY IN TOUCH WITH US...

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 Soft Coral Crab or (Candy Crab) as it is called is a rare treat to find on a dive. See them in the Philippines with Atlantis Dive Resorts our partner in the area.



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 Blake

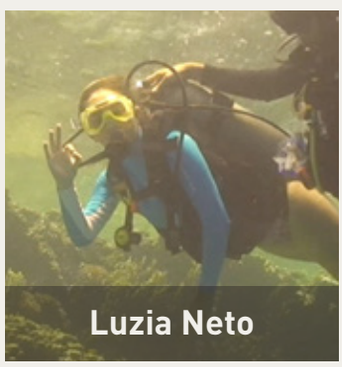
I have been an avid diver now for over 18 years. I have around 3000 dives amassed visiting around 25 different countries during my diving career. I decided to create Ultimate Diving around 12 years ago after a year long diving holiday. I wanted to bring my business skills together with my love of diving 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.

Marcelina (MJ)

I was born in Madeira where I had a very close relationship with the ocean. I joined Ultimate Diving in 2006. It has been the perfect job for me as I can talk to people about two of my passions, travel and the ocean. My first task was to learn to dive and discover what lies beneath the waves, and as they say, the rest is history! I am still here, very fortunate to have dived many of the destinations we feature, offering over 10 years of diving and travel experience. My diving highlights include being up close and personal with blue sherks in the Azores, tiger sharks and mantas in Fiji and whale sharks in the Philippines.

Gail Herd

I have been working in diving travel for 13 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 worldwide 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 ideas.



Luzia Neto

I am the team newbie and super excited having just completed my discover scuba diving course, I will be open water qualified in no time! I absolutely love the sea, I am at my happiest and feel on top of the world with life when I am close to the ocean. I am looking forward to starting to share some of my experiences with you all. I take care of the boring but very important aspects of your diving holiday by managing all the admin behind the scenes and financial accounts, ensuring all our travel partners get paid on time and you have all the necessary documentation before heading on your adventure.

OUR MISSION...

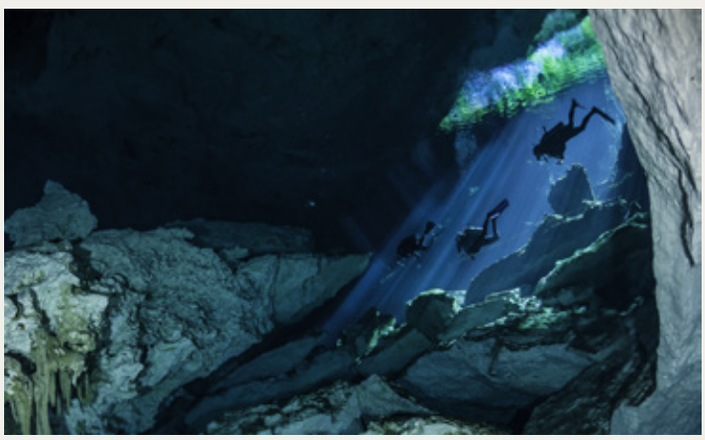
Nobody knows whats best for your diving trip better than one of our expert team. Their skills in creating bespoke diving holidays and often much more, means your holiday starts when you begin creating your itinerary. From the biggest decisions to the tiniest details, they'll make sure your days are filled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

2020 NEW DESTINATIONS

Our team has been busy scuba diving this year, checking out new locations, and revisiting some of our existing destinations. We are pround to launch three new itinerary based destinations; Belize, Bahamas and Mexico. We have created some outstanding itineraries full of diving and culture.

BAHAMAS

During our trip to the Bahamas we particularly enjoyed the Hammerhead diving in Bimini. The ability to be so close to the creatures in their natural environment was mind-blowing. We spent three weeks exploring and also included a stay at the Atlantis resort in Nassau and a week in the south aboard the Aquacat liveaboard. This is a large catamaran with three decks one of which is dedicated to their on-tap beer. Expect to dive wrecks in Nassau and see many Carribean reef sharks in the south. We also offer resorts in the south cays which have picture postcard coral sand beaches.



MEXICO

Based on our research we would recommend a mixed diving trip in Mexico between the Cenotes, Playa Del Carmen and or Cozumel depending on your time and budget. The Cenotes are caves where the ceilings have collapsed exposing the water beneath the ground, dive into this unique environment to see its true natural beauty. In season you can also see Whalesharks on the Isla Mujeres, the numbers are vast. Cozumel has outstanding reefs with good fish-life, a dive not to miss is Canyons, a deep tunnel from 5-25m with views through the crevasses in the reef wall.

BELIZE

Our trip gave us the opportunity to dive Turneffe Atoll and Glover's Reef. The check dive was so full of action, turtles, sharks, groupers, jacks, barracuda, eagle rays, moray eels and more. A highlight dive on Lighthouse Reef was the Great Blue Hole. At around 30m we found the great stone cathedrals and breeding stalactites and stalagmites. To the south of the islands lies Glover's Reef, a UNESCO heritage site offering diving opportunities with bull and whale sharks. They gather here between March and June after the full moon when snappers, groupers and other fish spawn.

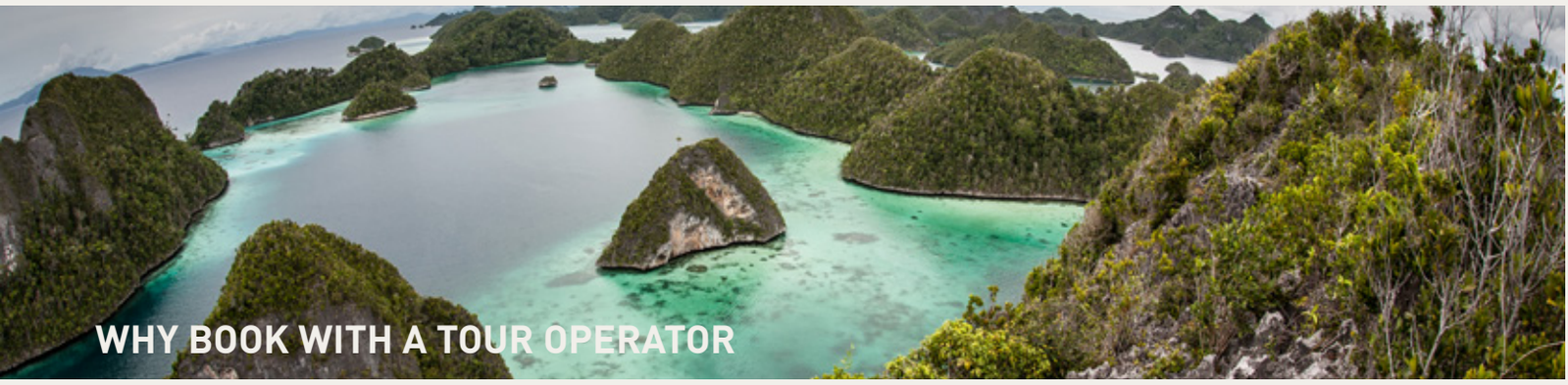
WILDLIFE CHARTS

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	Schoolling 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

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 work out 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 Marcelina.

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

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

MALDIVES

COSTA RICA

PHILIPPINES

MICRONESIA

SOUTH AFRICA & MOZAMBIQUE

FIJI

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.

SOLO DIVERS

The main aim of our solo diver trips is to get divers enjoying the sport without paying twice the price. We pioneered this growing trend in 2012 and are now able to offer a great selection of resorts around the world that will waive single supplements for solo travellers.

GROUPS & CLUBS

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.

LEARN TO DIVE

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.

LIVEABOARDS

Going on a liveaboard 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. Liveaboards can be good option for solo divers who want to have a bit more social activity.

RESORT BASED

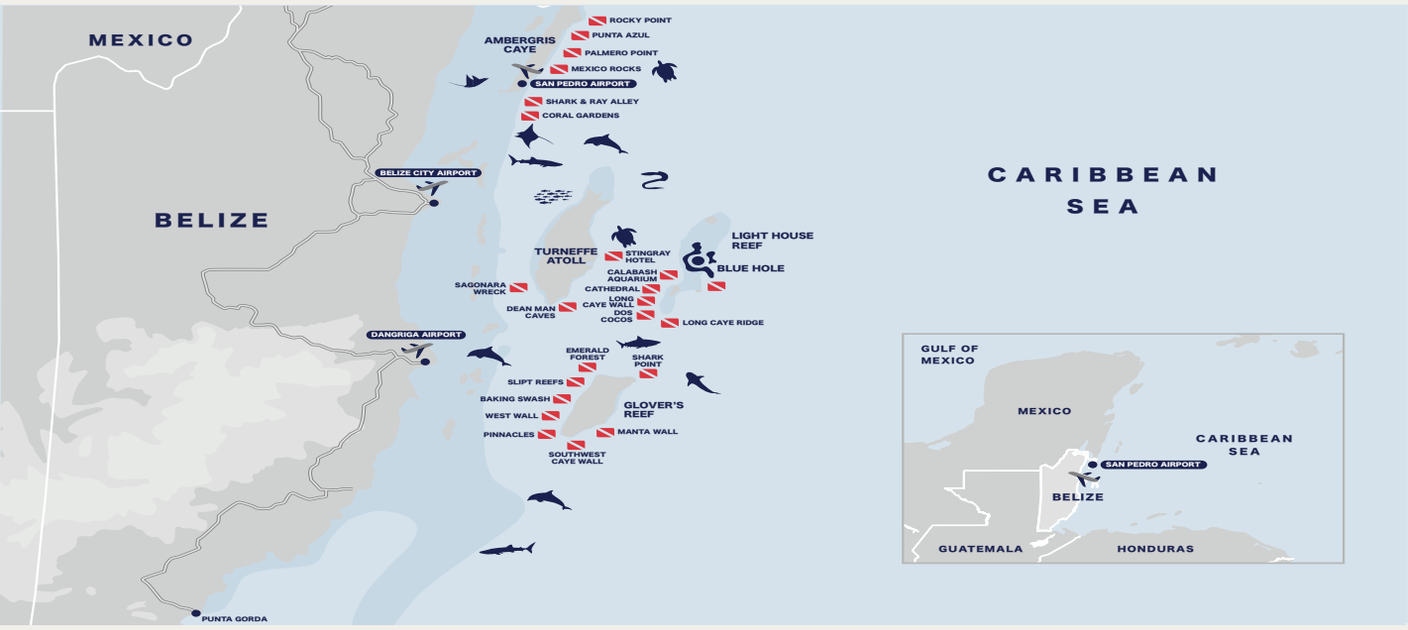
Staying ashore gives you the flexibility to explore two worlds in just one holiday. In the mornings you will go off and explore the ocean and after diving you can choose to relax by the pool or visit some of the top attractions at the destination.

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.

BELIZE

Belize City | 17 Hours | All Diver Levels | Reefs & Pelagic



DESTINATION INFORMATION

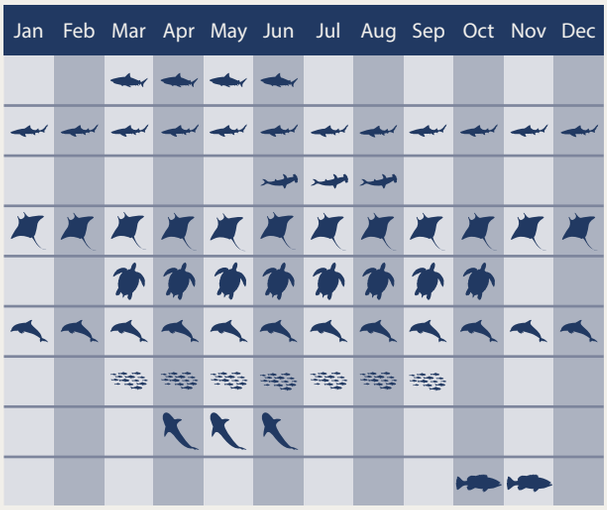
Belize is the perfect destination for a good mix of diving, rainforest and cultural exploration. Situated on the eastern coast of Central America, with the Caribbean Sea shore lining to the east and dense jungle to the west.

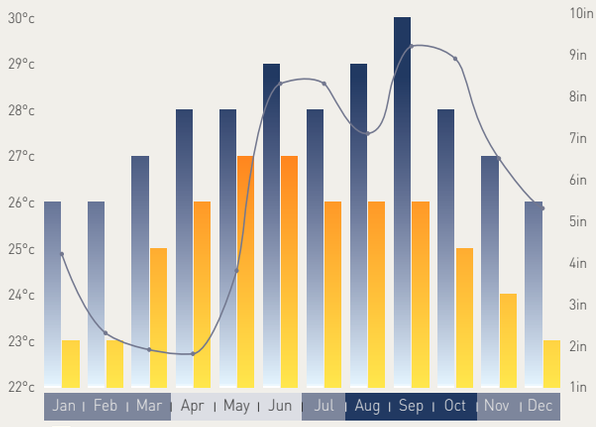
Our itineraries will take you on an adventure of a lifetime. Experience the other side of this diverse and beautiful country by visiting the rainforests where you will find numerous exotic birds and incredible wildlife. If you are feeling more adventurous then a trip to the Mayan ruins is not to be missed, emerge yourself in the sites of what was once the heartland of the ancient Maya Empire.

DIVING HIGHLIGHTS

Belize is undisputedly a diver's paradise! Home to three of the four living atolls in the Western Hemisphere including Turneffe Atoll, Glover's Reef where you can dive with bull and whale sharks between April and June and Lighthouse Reef the base for the iconic Jacques Cousteau's world-famous Blue Hole.

The Meso-American Barrier Reef is the world's second largest barrier reef at 186 miles it runs along Belize's coast and has more than 50 species of coral, over 500 species of fish and hundreds of mollusk types. A check dive here can include up close and personal encounters with eagle rays, black tips, moray eels, turtles, schools of jacks, friendly groupers, ponges, fans and much more.





Legend

Water Temperature | Air Temperature | Rainfall

Off season: Rainy season.

Good time to visit: Dry season with lightly cooler temperatures above and below the water.

Best time to visit: Whale shark season in Placencia in the south. This is also the high season and some of the dive sites like the Blue Hole can be a little crowded.

KEY FACTS

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

SAMPLE ITINERARY

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. 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 & Pelagic

DESTINATION INFORMATION

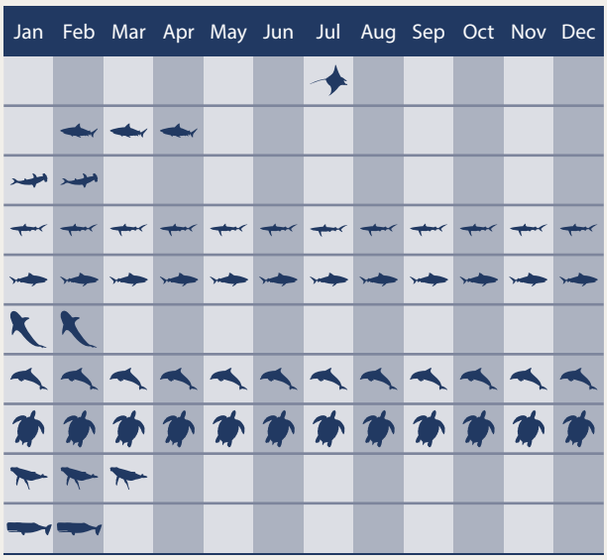
The archipelago of the Bahamas is scattered over 1,500 square miles of clear tropical sea at the top of the Caribbean Sea. This chain of 700 islands, uninhabited cays and large rocks is a diver's paradise. The islands are formed of flat coral, with just a few gently rounded hills. The nature of each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

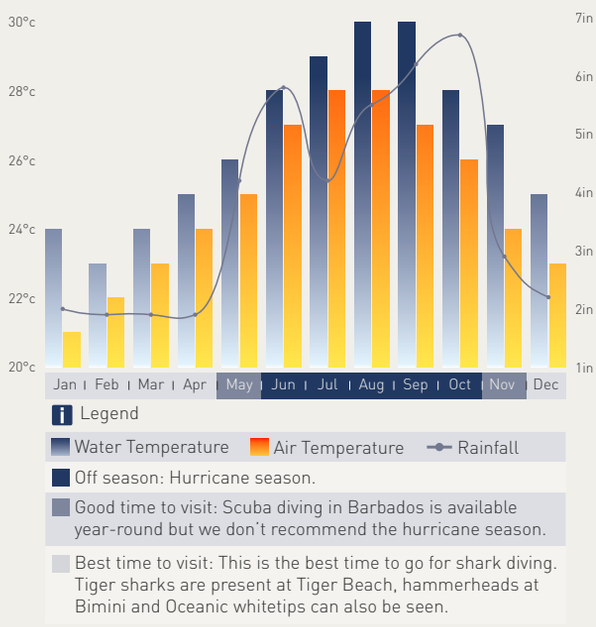
Immerse yourself even deeper and you will find the islands have a rich history of piracy and rum running that will keep you busy during your dry days. If you just want to relax then the Bahamas beach landscapes are some of the most beautiful on the planet.

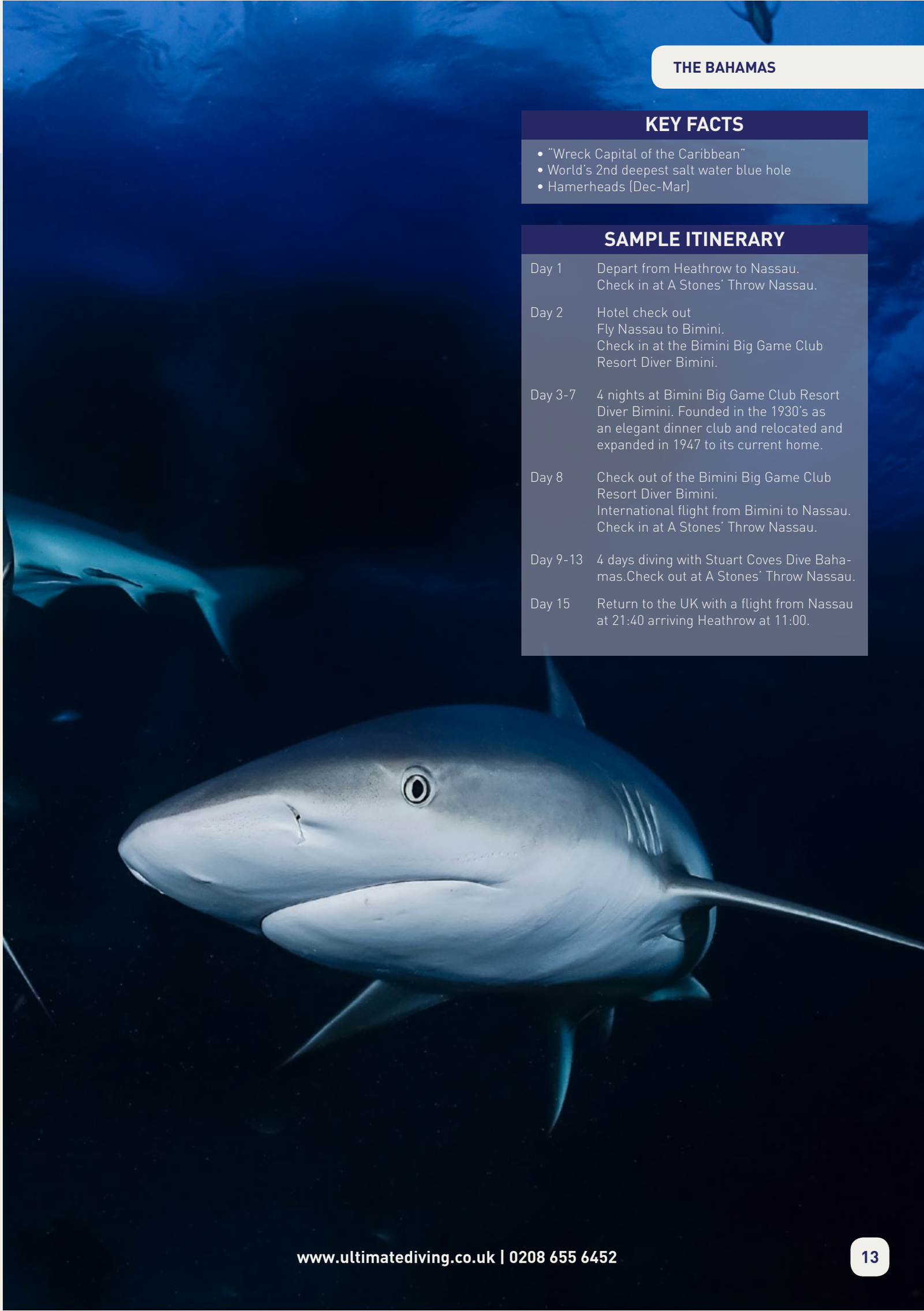
DIVING HIGHLIGHTS

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, 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
- Hamerheads (Dec-Mar)

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1	Depart from Heathrow to Nassau. Check in at A Stones' Throw Nassau.
Day 2	Hotel check out Fly Nassau to Bimini. Check in at the Bimini Big Game Club Resort Diver Bimini.
Day 3-7	4 nights at Bimini Big Game Club Resort Diver Bimini. Founded in the 1930's as an elegant dinner club and relocated and expanded in 1947 to its current home.
Day 8	Check out of the Bimini Big Game Club Resort Diver Bimini. International flight from Bimini to Nassau. Check in at A Stones' Throw Nassau.
Day 9-13	4 days diving with Stuart Coves Dive Bahamas.Check out at A Stones' Throw Nassau.
Day 15	Return to the UK with a flight from Nassau at 21:40 arriving Heathrow at 11:00.

MEXICO

Mexico City | 10 Hours | Advanced Divers | Reefs, Caves & Pelagic

DESTINATION INFORMATION

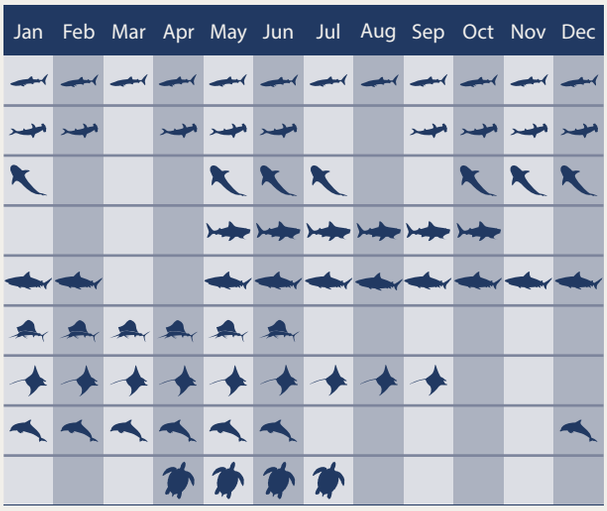
Mexico's Western Coast and Yucatan Peninsula are two dynamic and popular destinations offering the perfect mix of diving opportunities, shopping, cultural experiences and adventure.

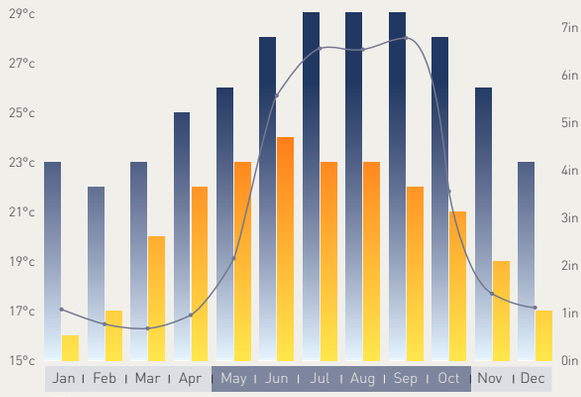
The rich history and culture will have you immersing yourself with the rest of the family in the historical world of the Mayan culture with a visit to the local museums and Mayan ruins. Non-divers will love the range of adventures they can take part in while diving partners are submerged including underground 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 room 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

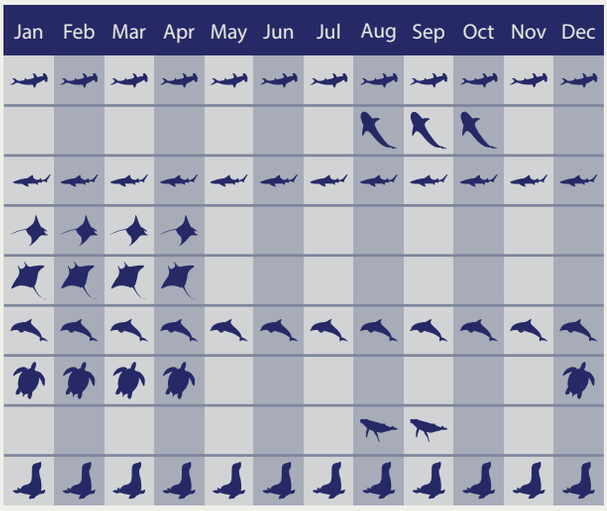
Day 1	Depart from Heathrow to Belize via USA. Transfer to Belize Aggressor.
Day 2-8	6 days diving on luxurious Belize Aggressor III, casts off from the Radisson Ft. George dock, located in the heart of downtown Belize City for a week of hassle-free diving
Day 9	Fly from Belize to Cancun. Transfer to Allegro Playacar Hotel where you will be staying for 7 nights.
Day 10-15	5 days diving with Pro Divers
Day 16	Check out from your hotel Fly from Cancun to Bogota. Overnight at the Hotel De La Opera
Day 17	You will have a day tour to some of the most iconic places in Bogota's historic centre. You will have the change to admire the world's largest collection of pre-Hispanic gold at the Gold Museum and see the artistic work of Fernando Botero, Colombia's most famous painter and sculptor at the Botero Museum
Day 18	Day trip to Zipaquira and countryside.
Day 19	Return home

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Guayaquil | 16 Hours | Advanced Diver | Pelagic

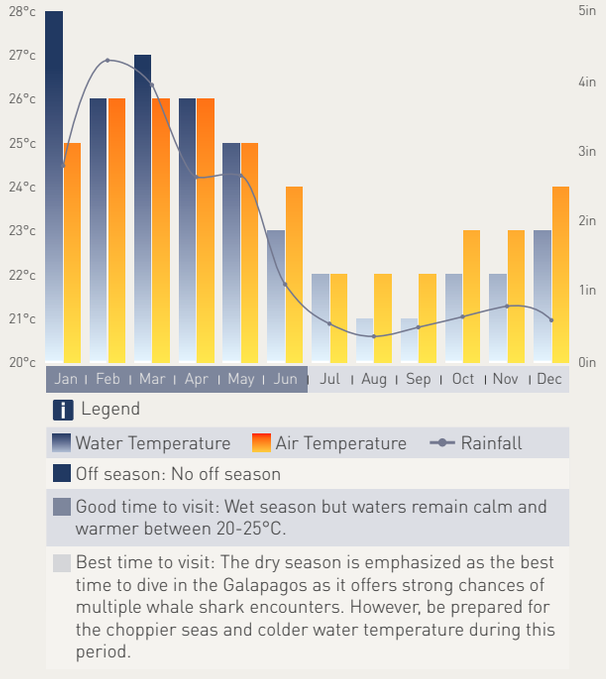
DESTINATION INFORMATION

The islands are of volcanic origin, unconnected 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.



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 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) Red Mangrove 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 Bay and Tortuga Bay
Day 13	Red Mangrove Eco Luxury Hotel Check out Transfer to Baltra Airport Fly Baltra to Guayaquil Fly Guayaquil to Heathrow
Day 14	Arrival at Heathrow

COSTA RICA

San Jose | 19 Hours | Advanced Divers | Pelagic

DESTINATION INFORMATION

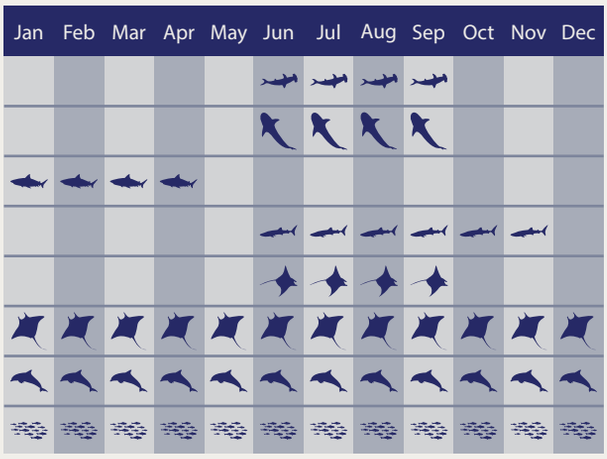
Costa Rica is the perfect destination for a mix of pelagic diving and rainforest exploration. Situated in the Golden Triangle, 550 km off the mainland of Costa Rica, the converging nutrient-rich currents from nearby deep water attract multitudes of pelagic action to Cocos Island. The area has been a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

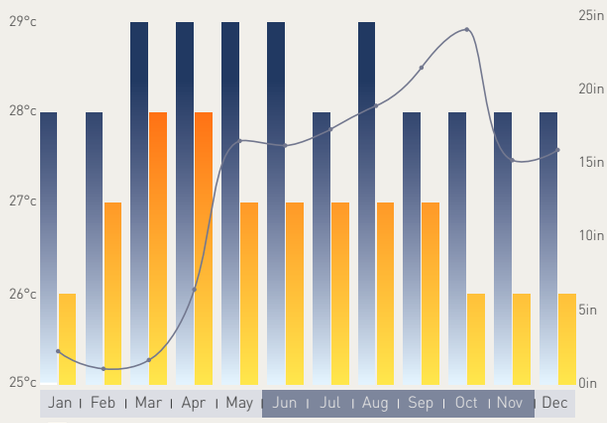
North of San Jose are the cloud forests of Monte Verde and Santa Elena. Spend time walking in the rainforests inhabited by over 100 species of mammal, 490 species of butterfly and 400 species of birds. San Jose itself is well worth a stop. Depending on your trip this may be a base so you may have a few 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 | 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.

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 & Tabacon 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

Amsterdam | 15 Hours | All Diver Levels | Reefs & Shore

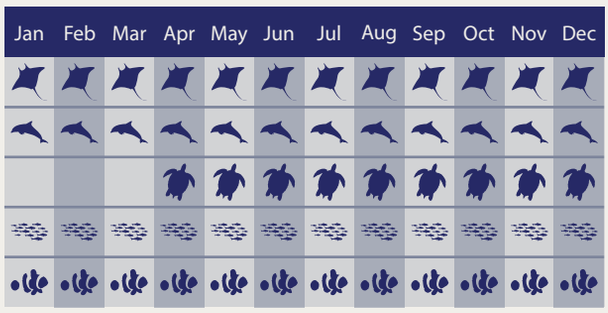
DESTINATION INFORMATION

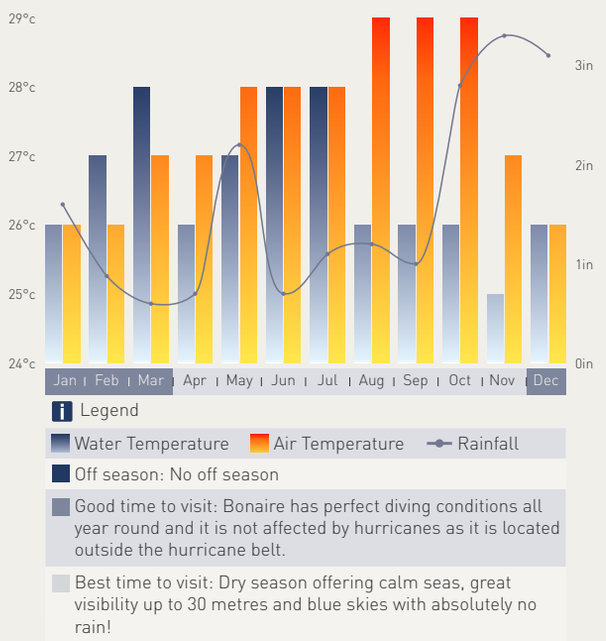
Bonaire, lying 50 miles north of Venezuela, is recognised as one of the Caribbean's best diving destinations due to its unique pristine reefs and diverse marine life. Bonaire has a dry climate with little rainfall. This means the waters are exceptionally calm and clear of silt. Experience visibility 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. Most divers grab a tank and take themselves off in a truck around the island to one of the 86 dive sites that are marked with names on yellow stones. Those whom are not comfortable buddy diving can join groups or do daily diving with dive centres dotted around the island.

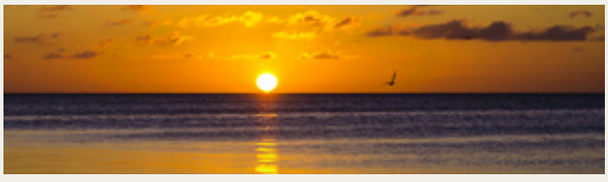
DIVING HIGHLIGHTS

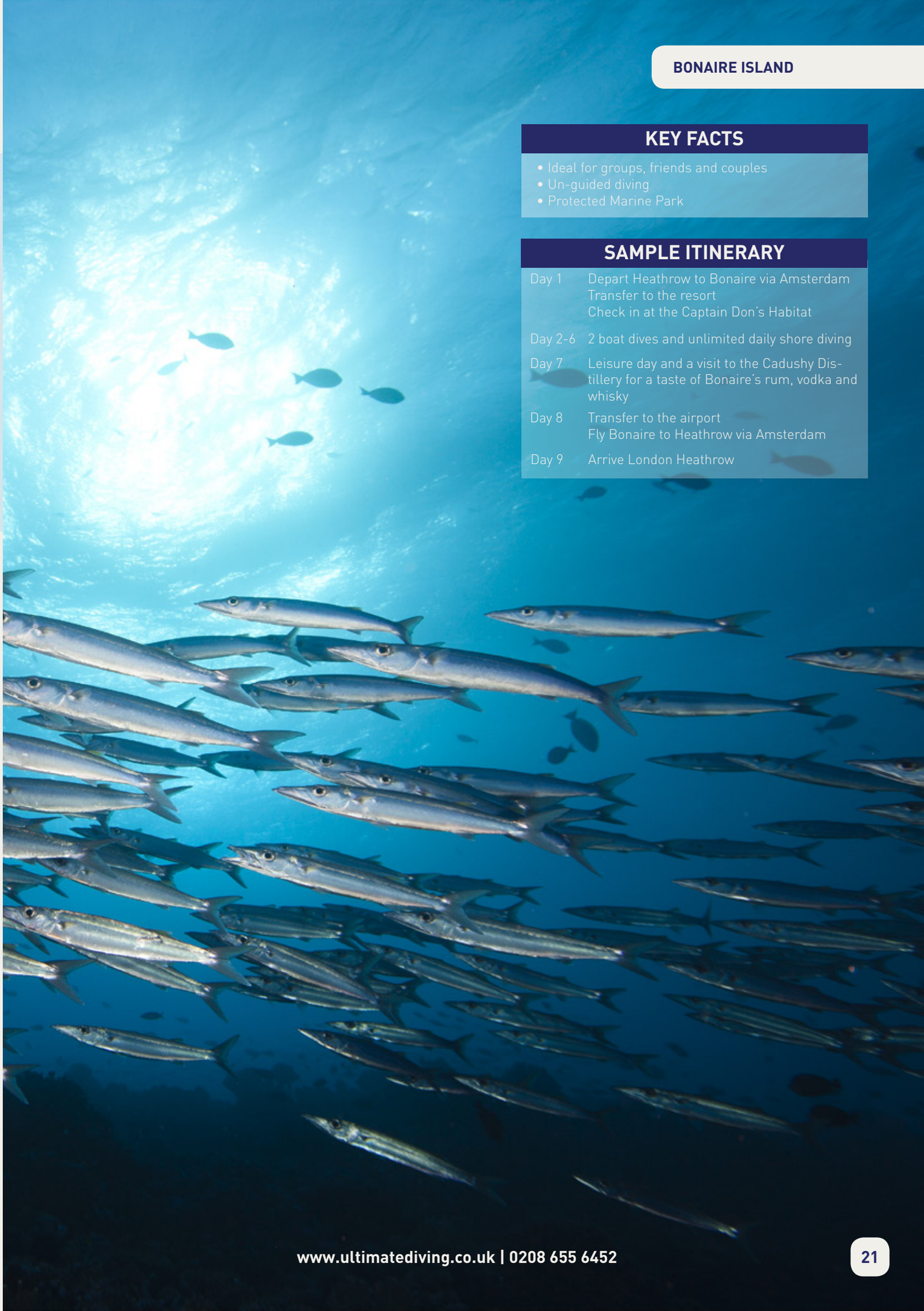
If you like the idea of grabbing a few tanks and driving round the island to your chosen dive site and jumping in from the shore with your buddy, then read on. Bonaire is one of the few Caribbean destinations where you can dive 365 days of the year and yet experience a pristine underwater environment 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 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.









KEY FACTS

- Ideal for groups, friends and couples
- Un-guided diving
- Protected Marine Park

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1	Depart Heathrow to Bonaire via Amsterdam Transfer to the resort Check in at the Captain Don's Habitat
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 & LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles | 24 Hours | All Diver Levels | Reefs & Shore

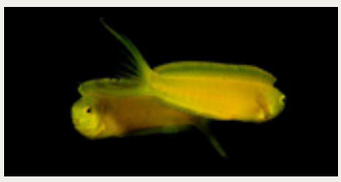
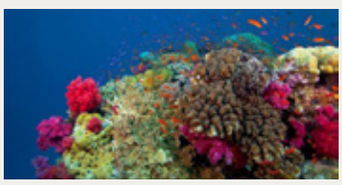
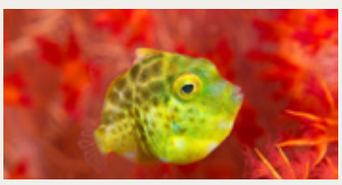
DESTINATION INFORMATION

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.

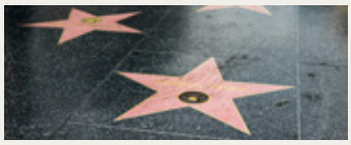
In the south, Beqa Lagoon is where you can get some personal encounters with a large population of sharks. The dive sites are varied with sheer reef walls and pinnacles rising from 900 metres to the surface, shallow sunlit coral gardens and current-flushed channels. This area is accessed from a resort-based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

When Marcelina ventured to Fiji, she was determined to make the most of her trip and tailored her itinerary to include rainforest walks, hiking, visits to the outer islands, cava ceremonies and a visit to Tonga to see the migrating humpback whales that come from their feeding grounds in Antarctica to give birth, nurse, court and mate. On the way back the stop at Los Angeles was inevitable to break the journey and take in the beautiful sites this city has to offer.



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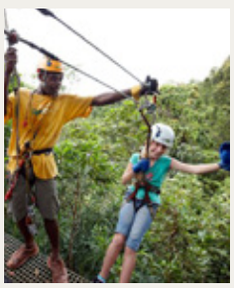
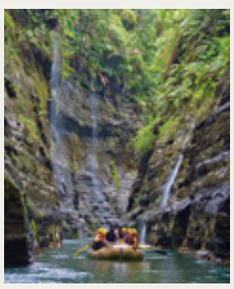
THURSTON GARDENS

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 Wainadoi 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

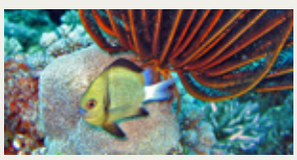
- In the heart of Hollywood
- Close to Madame Tussauds
- Walk of Fame a few minutes away
- Visit Beverly Hills

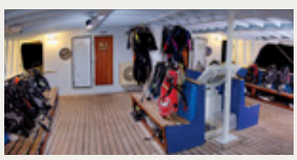
2 Nights | Jul - Dec | USA | 3 Stars | Photography Opportunities

NAI'A

One of the best and most luxurious liveaboards in Fiji.

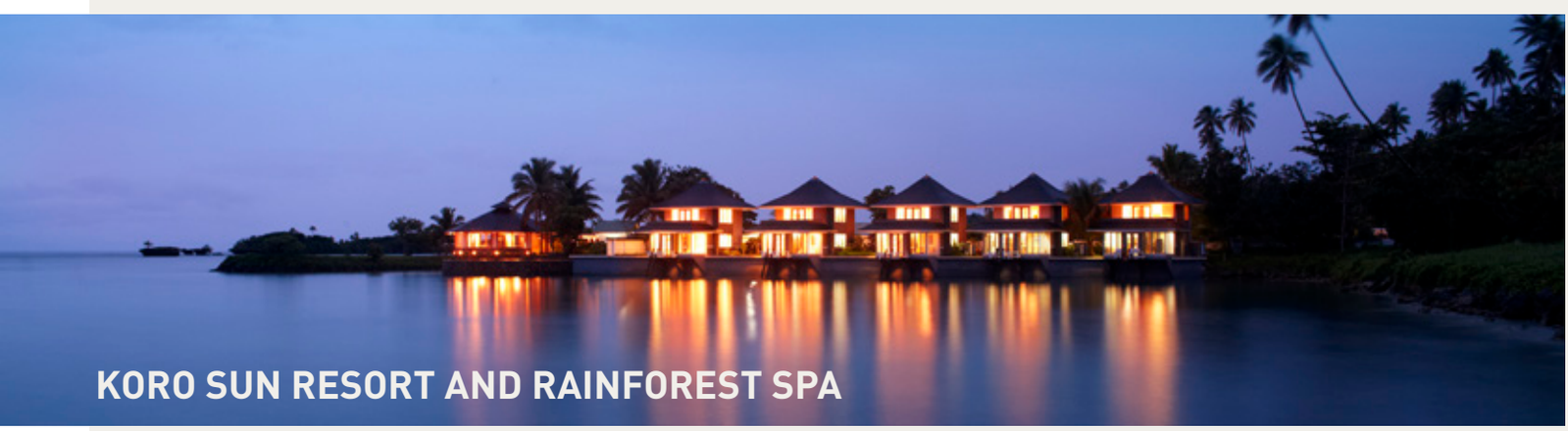
NAI'A offers the best of world class scuba diving in Fiji & Tonga at an unrivalled variety of sites along with all of the finest creature comforts of a quality land-based resort.





- Fiji's 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

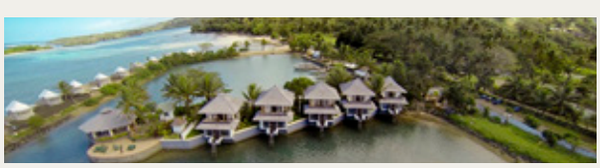
All diver levels | Reefs & Sharks | Apr-Oct | UD rating - 4 Stars

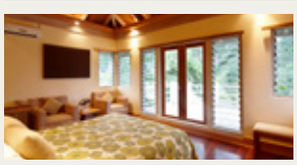


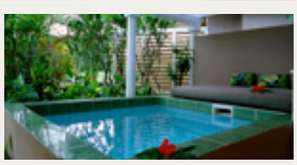
KORO SUN RESORT AND RAINFOREST SPA

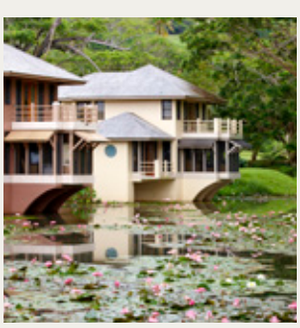
The heart of adventure and romance in Fiji's Northern Island.

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

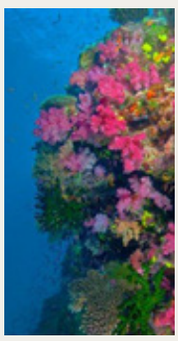
4 Stars | Apr - Oct | 26 Hours + Transit | All diver levels

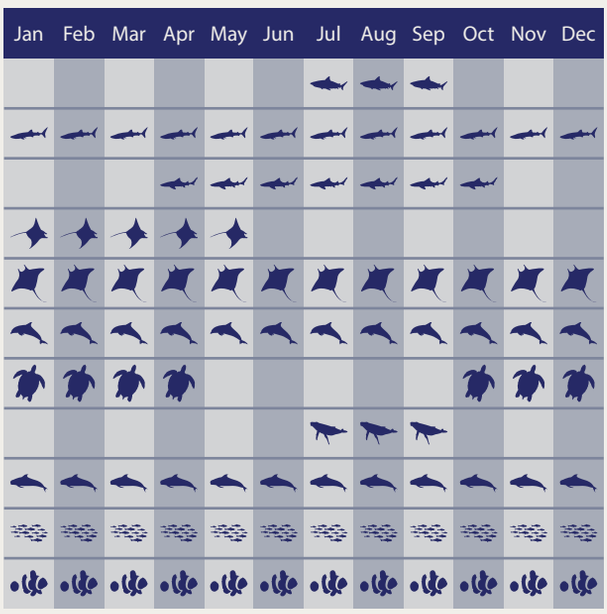
KEY FACTS

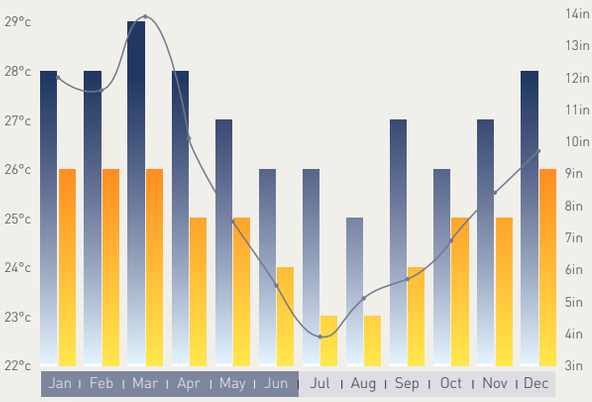
- Colourful soft coral reef eco-systems
- Humpback whales (Jul – Sep)
- Great pelagic dives

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1	Depart Heathrow to Los Angeles Fly Los Angeles to Suva via Nadi
Day 3	Check in at the Novatel, Suva
Day 4	Board the Fiji Aggressor for a week of diving
Day 11	Disembark the Fiji Aggressor Transfer to Suva airport Fly Suva to Tonga via Nadi Transfer and boarding the NAI'A Enjoy a week of action with Humpback whales
Day 18	Disembark the NAI'A Fly Tonga to Los Angeles via Nadi Transfer to hotel Check in at the Rodeway Inn Hollywood for 2 nights Enjoy the Los Angeles City delights
Day 20	Fly Los Angeles to Heathrow
Day 21	Arrival at Heathrow







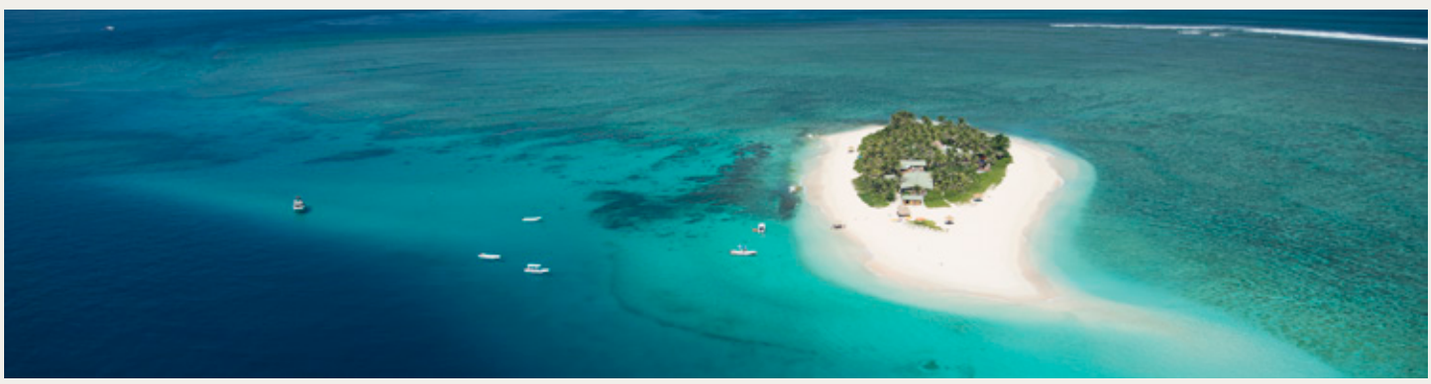
Legend

Water Temperature | Air Temperature | Rainfall

Off season: No off season.

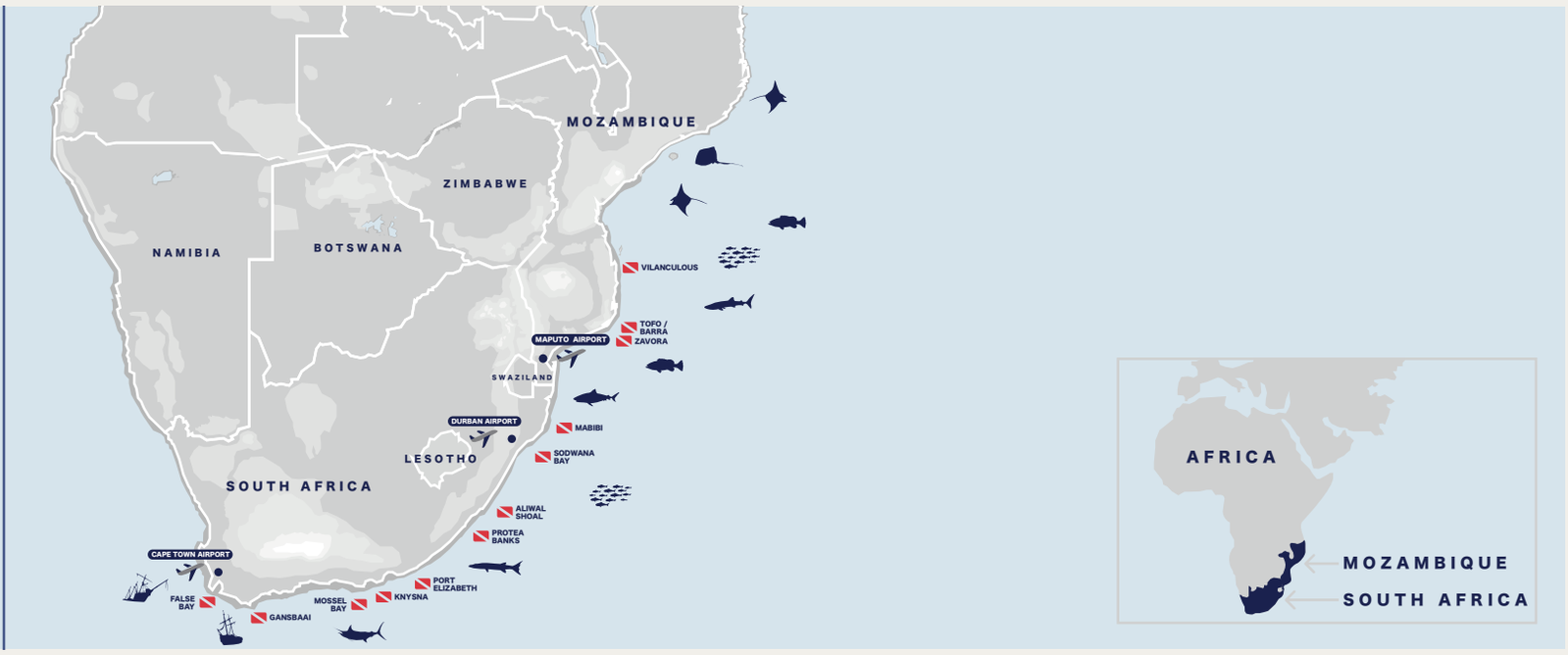
Good time to visit: Fiji has perfect diving conditions all year round with April and May offering warmer temperatures.

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 & MOZAMBIQUE

Dubai | 16 Hours | All Diver Levels | Pelagic



DESTINATION INFORMATION

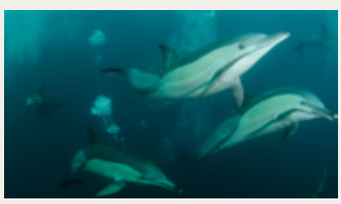
South Africa is located on the southernmost tip of Africa. Our holidays generally start off in Durban and are fully guided. The tours will take you on a journey through a game reserve some 96,000 hectares in size where you can see elephants, lions, giraffes, hippos, zebra and more. We are also able to 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.

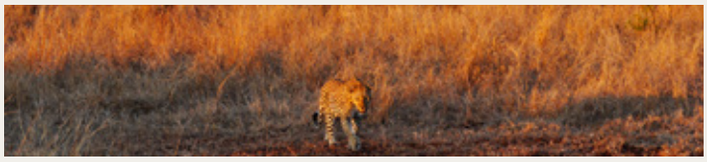
Ponta Do Ouro in Mozambique offers up excellent reef diving as well some slightly different shark diving to South Africa. In contrast, here, you can see tiger, bull, silver and hammerhead sharks. The dives are a mix of drifts, blue water and deeper dives around 30 metres.

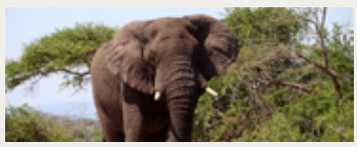


3 DESTINATIONS, 1 HOLIDAY

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! Our fully guided diving adventure will get you exploring the eastern reefs of South Africa and Mozambique allowing you to bring home many memorable shark encounters.

At the end of the trip, when you have had numerous interactions with the various types of sharks, we suggest you head inland and explore the beautiful parks these two countries have to offer. We can extend your stay and have you join one of our experiences. A favourite of ours is the Big-5 Safari in the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Reserve and a river cruise where you can find hippos and crocodiles on the St Lucia Estuary in South Africa. We also love the beautiful Kruger National Park home to an impressive number of species.





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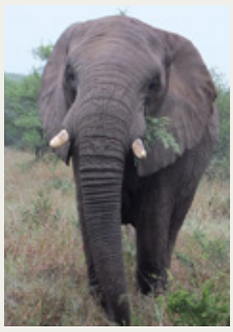
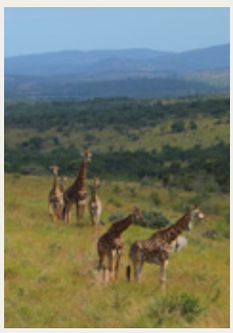


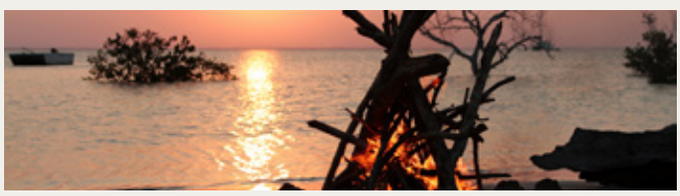
KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Where nearly 2 million hectares of unrivalled diversity of life forms fuses with historical and archaeological sites - this is real Africa. The world-renowned Kruger National Park offers a wildlife experience that ranks within the best in Africa



BIG-5 SAFARI

The Big-5 Safari will let you experience an open vehicle safari in the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Reserve and a river cruise with the hippos and crocodiles on the St Lucia Estuary in South Africa. Along the way you will see a great range of wildlife.



STOPOVER HOTEL

AMAZULU LODGE, ST LUCIA

- Lions, elephants, leopards and black and white rhinos
- Visit the Hluhluwe Imfolozi game reserve
- River cruise on the St. Lucia estuary
- Visit the local restaurants

3 Nights | Jan - Dec | St. Lucia | 3 Stars | Wildlife

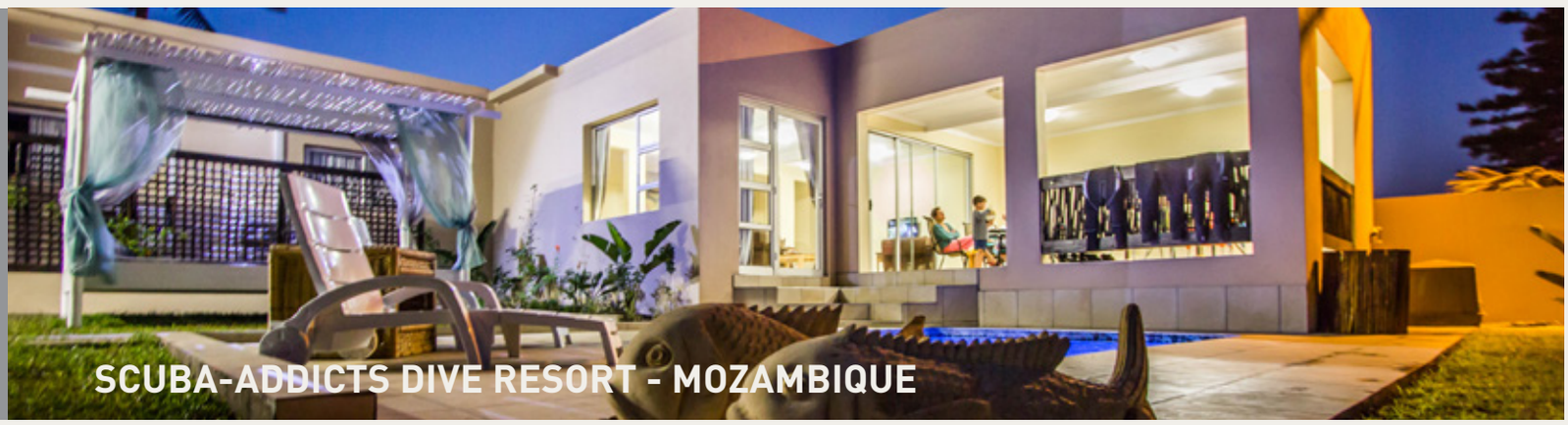
SCUBA-ADDICTS DIVE RESORT - SOUTH AFRICA

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

The ScubaAddicts Dive Resort is located on a hill within a quiet residential area of Umkomaas overlooking the Aliwal Shoal with a family atmosphere feel.

- Honesty bar
- Air-con sea view rooms
- Sandy beach 5 minutes walk
- Local restaurants close by
- Swimming pool with a jacuzzi
- Open air dining

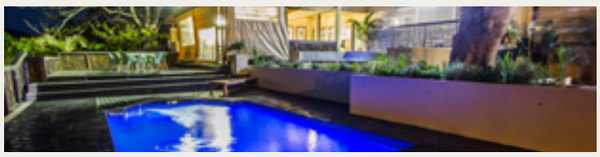
3 Stars | May-Nov | 16 Hours | All diver levels

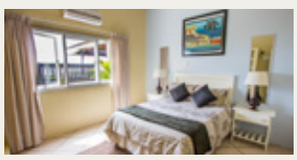


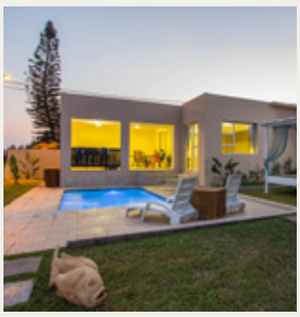
SCUBA-ADDICTS DIVE RESORT - MOZAMBIQUE

Primarily positioned to offer awesome shark and reef diving in Mozambique.

Situated centrally with awe-inspiring views overlooking the ocean is perfectly situated for scuba diving with sharks and on the reefs of Ponta Do Ouro, Ponta Molangane and Ponta Mamoli.







- Open air dining
- Honesty bar
- On-site dive centre
- Air con rooms
- Two small swimming pools
- Club atmosphere

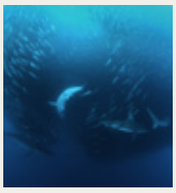
3 Stars | May-Nov | 14 Hours | All diver levels

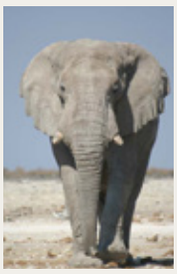
KEY FACTS

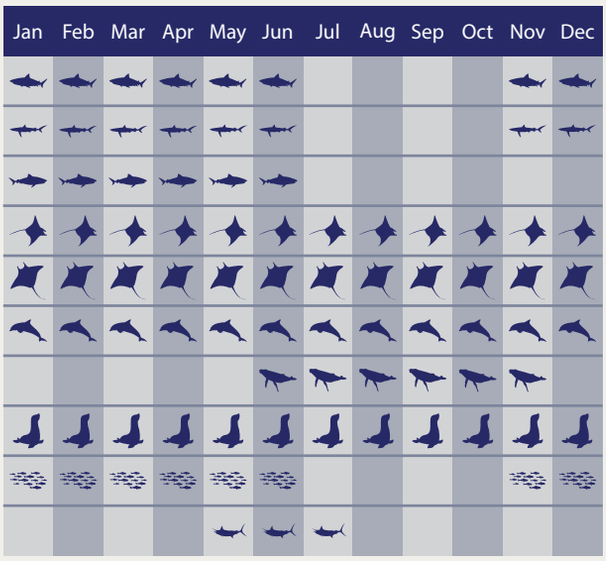
- Huge variety of pelagic animals
- Humpback whales (May – Nov)
- Schooling sardines (Jun-Jul)

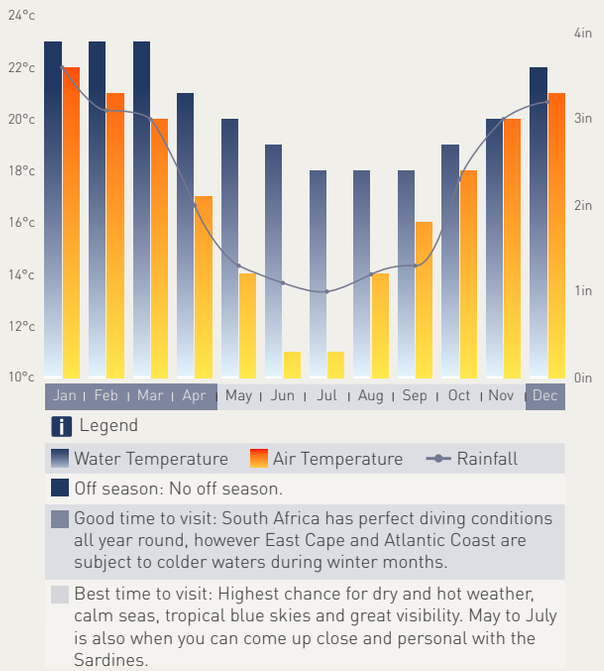
SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1	Depart Heathrow to Durban via Dubai
Day 2	Arrive Durban airport Transfer to Umkomaas Overnight ScubaAddicts Dive Resort
Day 3	Two shark dives at Aliwal Shoal
Day 4-5	Two shark dives at Aliwal Shoal (One dive is baited)
Day 6	4x4 transfer to Mozambique
Day 7-10	Two shark dives at Ponta Do Ouro
Day 11-12	Game Safari in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi
Day 13	Hippo and crocodile cruise Transfer to the airport Fly Durban to Heathrow via Dubai
Day 14	Morning arrival at Heathrow









RED SEA & LUXOR

Luxor City | 5 Hours | All Diver Levels | Reefs & Pelagic

DESTINATION INFORMATION

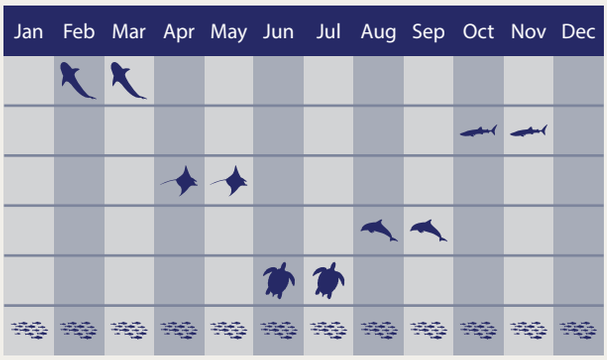
The Red Sea is a popular place for UK divers due to its close proximity and range of diving and cultural experiences. Whether it be a land based resort, liveaboard or tailor-made itinerary, we have a variety of options to choose from. Visit the ancient Pyramids and Sphinx in Cairo or the beautiful temples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

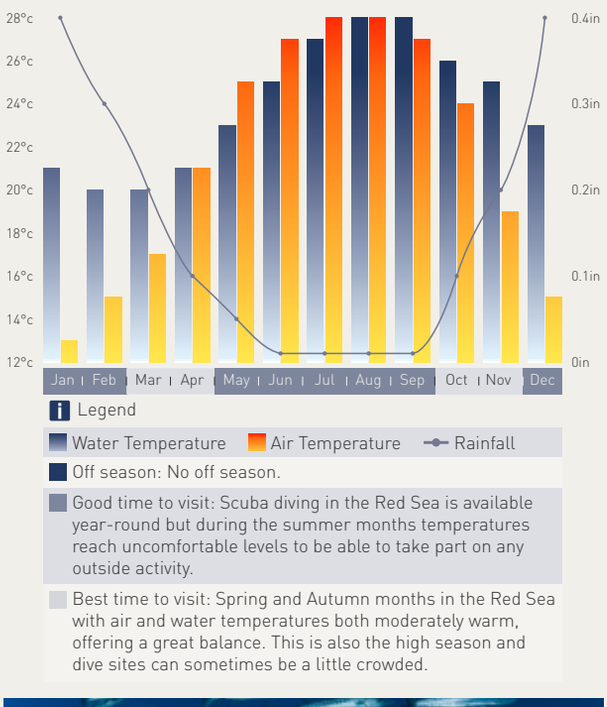
Hurghada and Marsa Alam are hotspots for liveaboard embarkation to the south and offer good evening entertainment options for the last night in port. El Gouna is perfect for those wanting an all-inclusive style approach. We have a number of resorts and liveaboards we partner with to create your itinerary.

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 Deadalus 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.





KEY FACTS

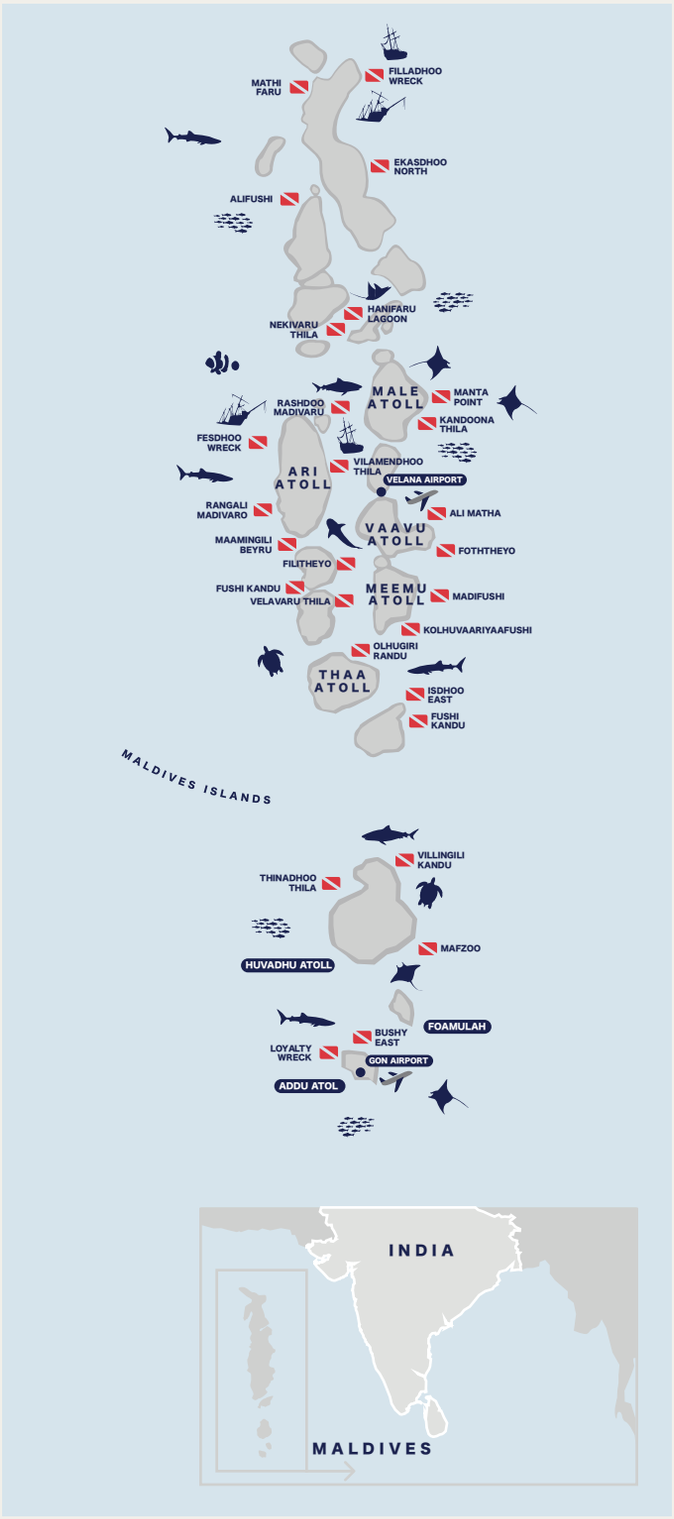
- Whalesharks (Feb-Mar)
- Schooling fish and big pelagics
- Non-diving activities and cultural experiences

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1-7	Depart the UK for Marsa Alam Transfer to Port Ghalib Board the Emperor Asmaa 7 nights exploring the South and St. Johns
Day 8	Disembark the Emperor Asmaa Transfer to the Oasis Dive Resort
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 Oasis Dive Resort
Day 15	Depart Marsa Alam for the UK

MALDIVES, SRI LANKA & DUBAI

Dubai | 13 Hours | Advanced Divers | Reefs & 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.

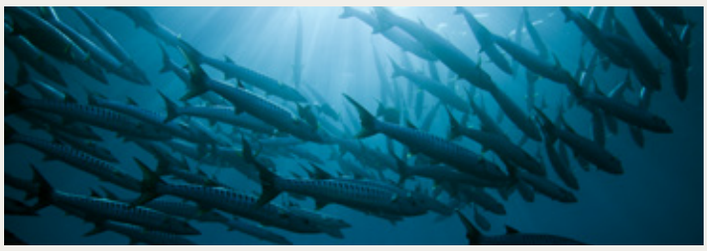
DIVING HIGHLIGHTS

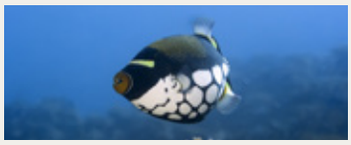
Whale sharks, mantas, dolphins, turtles and much more awaits those lucky enough to embark on a diving trip to the Maldives. The reefs are home to big schools of fish patrolling the colourful soft and hard corals.

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.

3 DESTINATIONS, 1 HOLIDAY

A trip to the Maldives and Sri Lanka will be nothing short of spectacular! The choice of Ultimate Diving multi-centre holidays are endless and guaranteed to deliver a lot of great memories. We pair these two destinations with Dubai to bring you a trip that will leave you excited, inspired and refreshed. Diving in the Maldives for us, is best done from a liveaboard as you can get up to five dives a day and visit some of the outer diving sites that are just not possible when based in a resort. After a week on-board, taking in beautiful encounters with sharks, mantas and turtles, we recommend that you head to the island of Sri Lanka with its ancient temples and white sandy beaches. At the National Parks you will be treated to exciting jeep safaris seeing the large game of Wilpattu plus many other animals and birds. To end the trip on a high, a two night stopover in Dubai will allow you to take in modern city views and relax after your two weeks of luxurious adventure.

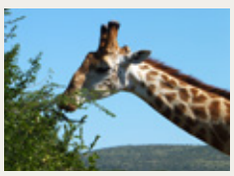


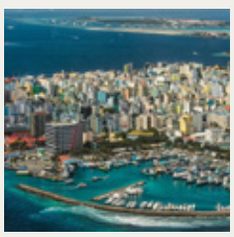


EXPERIENCES

SRI LANKA SAFARI

Our five day safari trip to Sri Lanka with the Aggressor Safari Lodge will treat you to exciting jeep safaris around Wilpattu and Minneriya National Parks where you can see the large game of Wilpattu plus many other animals and birds in their natural jungle habitat.





MALE SIGHTSEEING TRIP

Male, the capital of the Maldives. A very popular luxury holiday or honeymoon destination with many tourist attractions and sights for you to enjoy.

DHANGETHI ISLAND

Morning trip to Dhangethi Island. Experience the culture and explore the local shops.

STOPOVER HOTEL

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, DUBAI

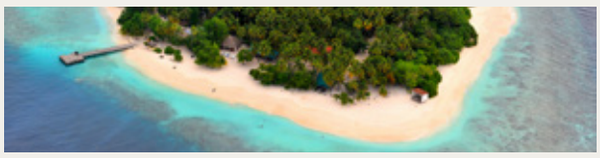
- Go on a desert safari
- Visit the Burj Al Arab Jumeirah
- Go shopping in Dubai malls
- Attend the Dubai Fountain show

2 Nights | Jan- Dec | Dubai | 3 Stars | City Tours

CARPE VITA

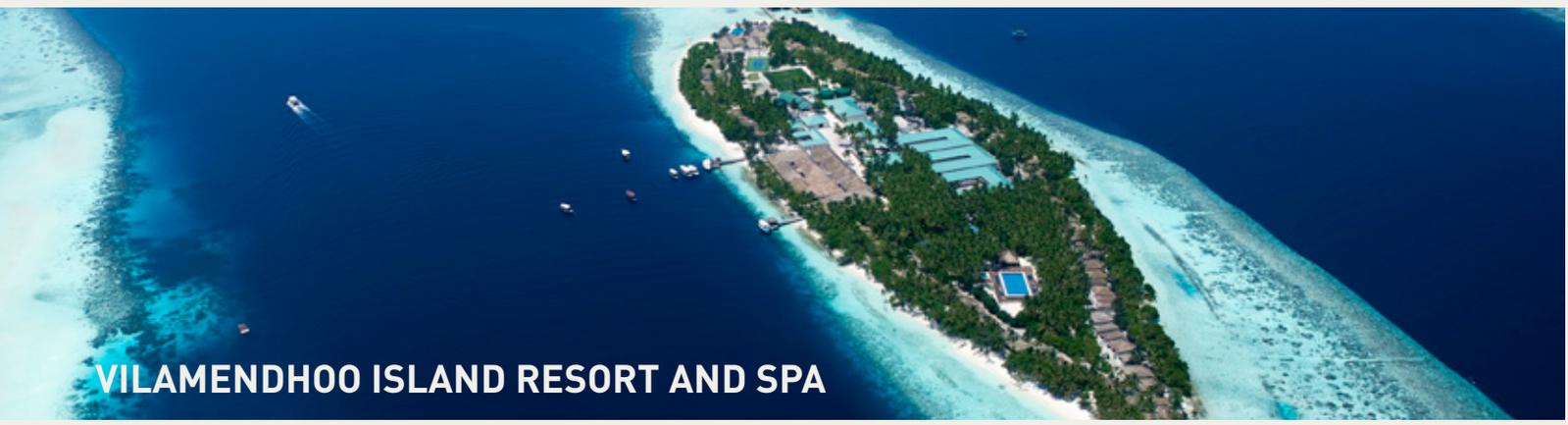
Explore the Maldives in style on-board this beautiful and luxurious safari yacht.

Carpe Vita is the newest addition to the Explorer Ventures Fleet. The Carpe Vita Explorer undertook her maiden voyage in 2011 and allows you to explore a range of differeant atolls in the Maldives.



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

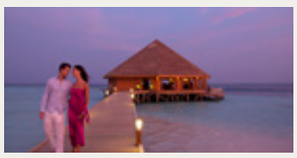
Advanced | Reefs & Sharks | Jan - Dec | Male, Ari, Baa Atoll | UD rating - 4 Stars

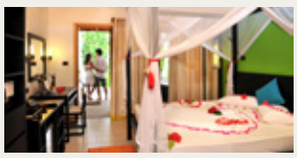


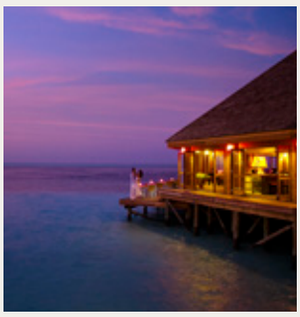
VILAMENDHOO ISLAND RESORT AND SPA

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

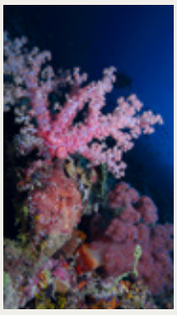
4 Stars | Jan - Dec | 13 Hours | Advanced Divers

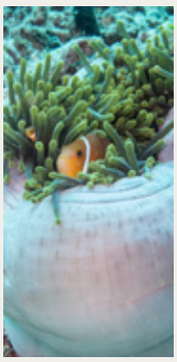
KEY FACTS

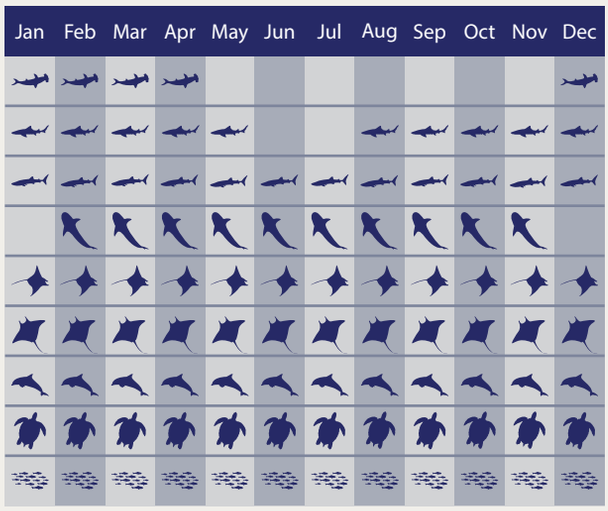
- Whale sharks and manta rays
- Variety of island resorts and liveaboards
- Perfect romantic getaway

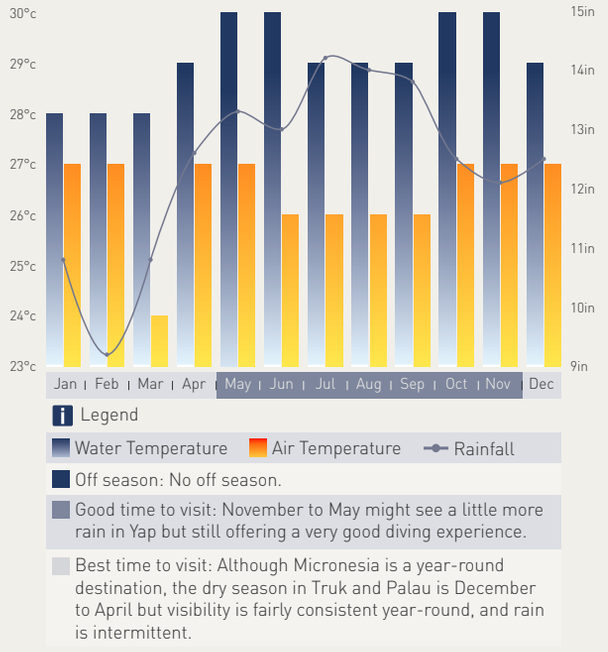
SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1	Depart the UK to Male via Colombo
Day 2	Transfer to the Port Board the Carpe Vita
Day 3-9	Explore the dive sites around Male & Ari Atoll
Day 8	Disembark the Carpe Vita Fly Male to Colombo Transfer to the Lodge Check in at the Aggressor Safari Lodge for 4 nights of wildlife adventures
Day 9-11	Jeep safari around Wilpattu and Minneriya National Parks
Day 12	Transfer to the airport Fly Colombo to Dubai Check in at the Holiday Inn
Day 13	Day at leisure exploring the beautiful Dubai sites
Day 14	Depart Dubai for the UK









PHILIPPINES & HONG KONG

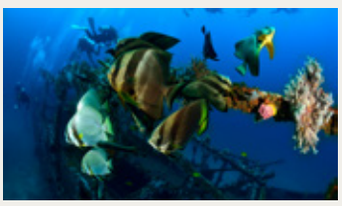
Dubai | 15 Hours | All Levels | Reefs, Pelagic Wrecks & Muck

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 oustanding feedback from our clients.

DIVING HIGHLIGHTS

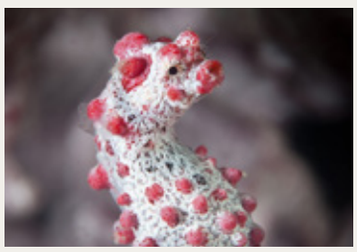
Palawan offers dugong sightings at Dimakya Island, while Malapascua is one of the only places in the world to do daily dives with thresher sharks. Moalboal diving includes Pescador Island and its own mini sardine ball. Coron is the place to be for wreck enthusiasts with eight Japanese WWII wrecks making 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, Tubbatahah 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 have 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.



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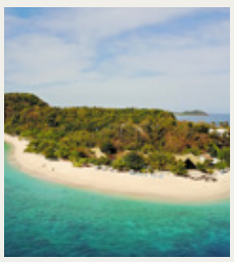
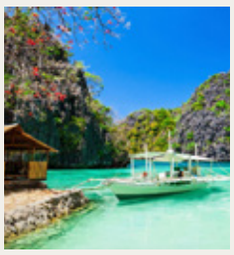


ISLAND ESCAPADES

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

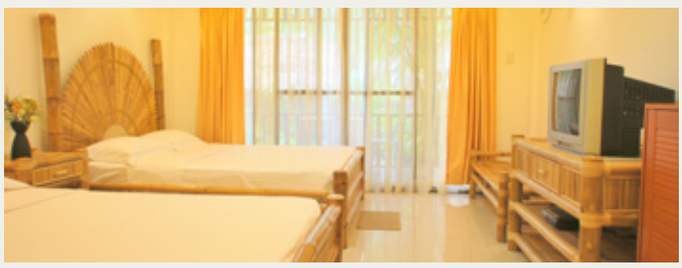
EXOTIC DIVE RESORT - MALAPASCUA

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
- Dive centre on-site
- Diving at Gato Island

3 Stars | Nov-May | 19 hours | All Divers

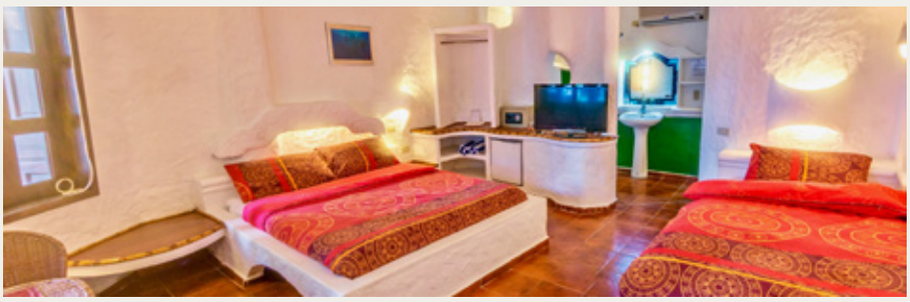


EXCLUSIVE PRODUCT

ATLANTIS RESORT - PUERTO GALERA

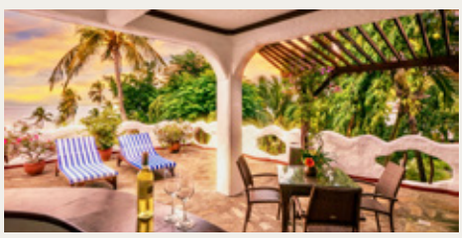
A 'Flintstones' style resort built on the hills of the Sabang Bay.

The resort is a bustling, boutique style hotel located three hours from Manila on the northern tip od Oriental Mindoro Island. The resort is accessed by van to Batangas and then by boat to Sabang Bay in Puerto Galera.



- Up to 5 dives per day
- Camera room facilities
- Spa facilities
- 40 rooms and suites
- 5* PADI CDC dive centre on-site
- Beachfront cocktail bar

4 Stars | Nov-May | 15 hours | All Divers

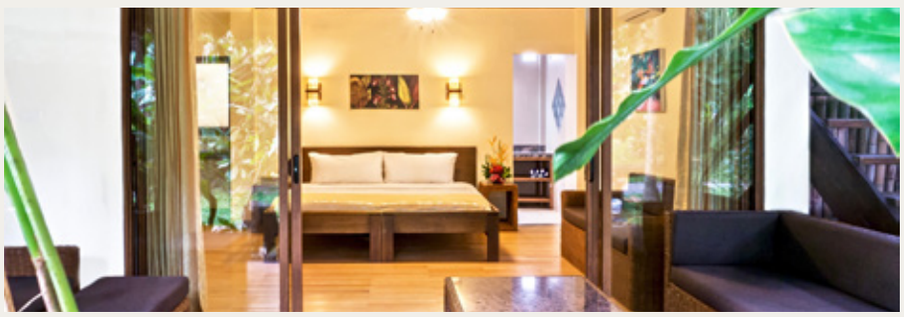


EXCLUSIVE PRODUCT

ATLANTIS RESORT - DUMAGUETE

A first-class eco-resort only a short trip away from Apo Island.

The Atlantis Dumaguete is a luxurious dive resort located ona long stretch of sandy beach on the southern tip of Negros Island. Dumaguete is acessed via a daily flight of around one hour from Manila.



- Beachfront resort on Duain
- Day trips to Apo Island & Oslob
- Spa facilities with sauna
- Underwater camera facilities
- 5* PADI CDC dive centre on-site
- Rooms with balcony or patio

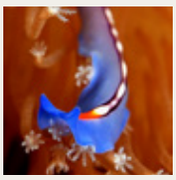
4 Stars | Nov-May | 19 hours | All Divers

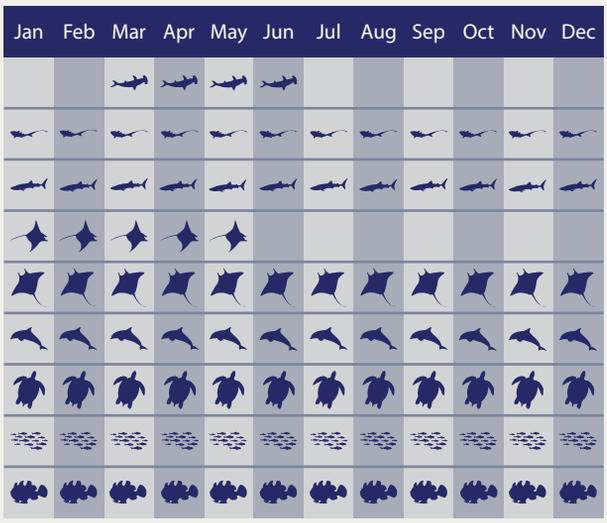
KEY FACTS

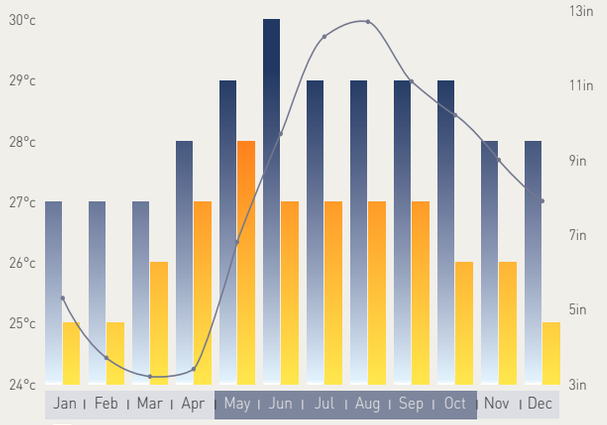
- Tubbataha Reef (Mar-Jun)
- Outstanding and varied destination
- World War II Wrecks (Year round)

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1	Depart the UK to Cebu via Hong Kong
Day 2	Transfer to Malapascua Check in at the Exotic Dive & Beach Resort
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 the Atlantis Resort
Day 10-15	Daily diving with up to five 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







Legend

Water Temperature | Air Temperature | Rainfall

Off season: No off season.

Good time to visit: Scuba diving in Philippines is available year-round but during this period you will need to consider the extra rain and typhoons.

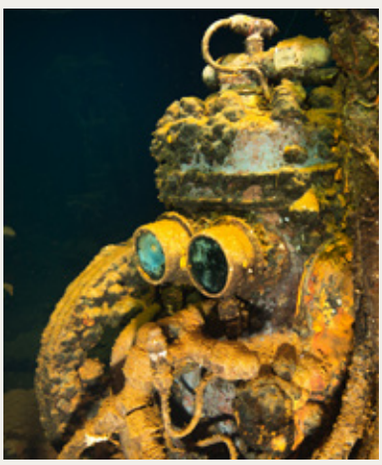
Best time to visit: Highest chance for dry and hot weather, calm seas, tropical blue skies and great visibility especially between March and May.

TRUK, PALAU & TOKYO

Tokyo | 24 Hours | Advanced Divers | Wrecks, 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

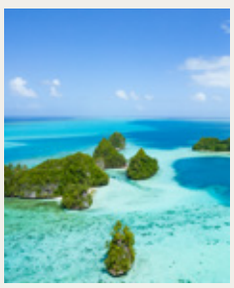
3 DESTINATIONS, 1 HOLIDAY

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, Japans 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 concreate 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 MASTER

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

The Truk Master is the newest liveaboard in the area, previously known as the Astral Star she launched in February 2016 to offer year round diving to world class WWII wrecks in Truk Lagoon.

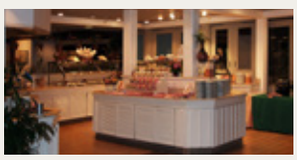
- Maximum 16 guests
- 7 and 10 night itineraries
- Nitrox available
- Up to 4 dives per day
- Land tours available
- Dive Truk Lagoon WWII wrecks

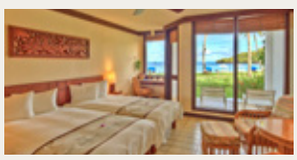
Advanced | World War II Wrecks | Jan-Dec | UD rating - 5 Stars

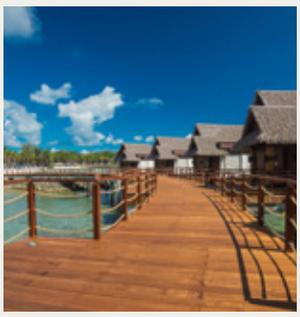
PALAU PACIFIC RESORT

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

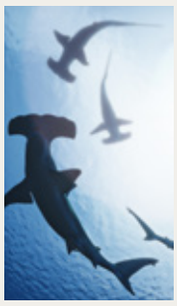
UD Rating - 5 Stars | Oct-May | 23 Hours | Advanced Divers

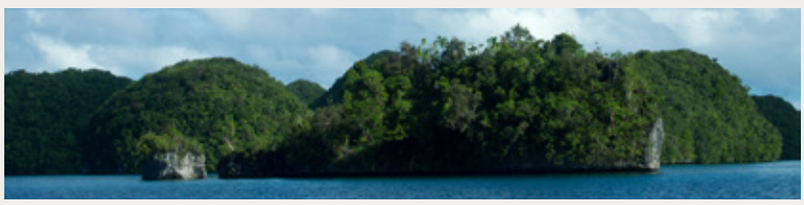
KEY FACTS

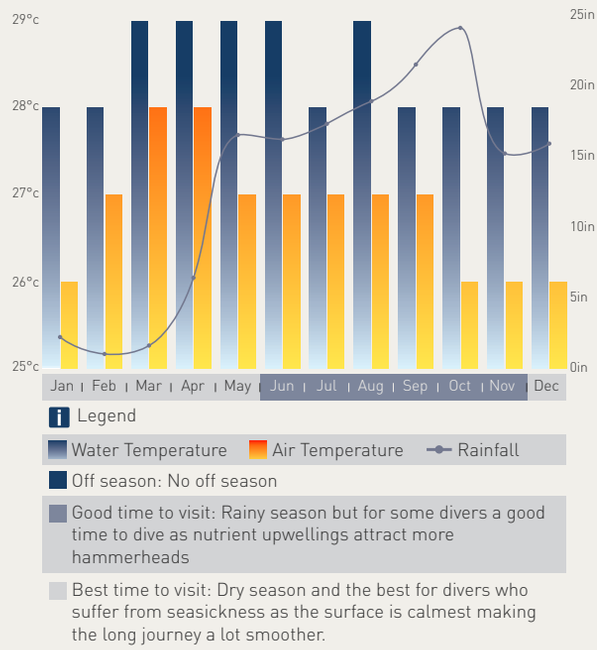
- WWII Fleet of wrecks in Truk Lagoon
- Jellyfish lake and large shark population in Palau
- Manta rays and outstanding reefs in Yap

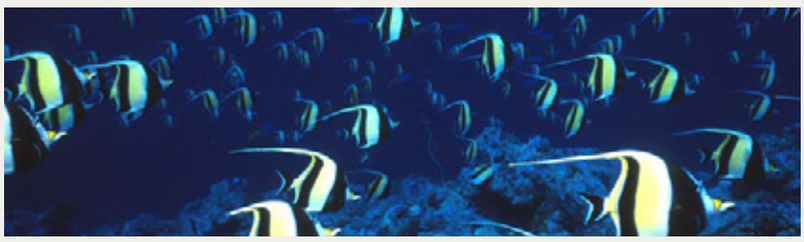
SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1-2	Fly from the UK to Guam via Tokyo
Day 3	Day room in Guam Fly Guam to Truk Board the Truk Master
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









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. 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 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 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 liveaboard operators will not allow you on-board without proof of cover. Visit 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.

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