BALI



BALLISLAND OF GODS AND ONE OF THE FINEST DIVING IN THE WORLD

With more than one million of tourist per year, Bali is often avoided and snubbed for experienced divers who prefer keep away and "off the beaten track" of some diving destinations. Actually, many divers are oblivious to the fact that the dive sites in Bali, "are among the richest and the most exciting in the world", such as the dives sites of the Island of Gods have been defined by awarded photographer and conservationist Michael Aw -best book of the year at the World Underwater Pictures Festival (Festival Mondial de l'Image Sous Marine), for 'Indonesia's Global Treasures'-

DIVING BALI

The many and diverse dive sites of Bali are an exceptional diving experience for all levels of divers and particularly for professional underwater photographer.

The diving is often accessible from shore or short boat ride, and normally at a good price.

In the protected shallow bays, you could find unbeatable opportunities to immortalize macro subjects, most of the times with black sand as high quality background for your digital souvenirs: nudibranchs, sea horses and pygmy seahorses, cuttlefishs, mantis shrimps, octopuses, eels, bobbit worms and other muck creatures, stingrays, scorpionfish, leaf scorpionfish, pipefish, box fish...

And do not forget the wide-angle, at the exciting drift-divings in wild currents with sharks, Mola Mola and manta, you would rather not forget it...

But, please, remember you are in Bali, temple of ritualistic sundowners, then just sip your perfect blended Matini aperitif and laid back... Expecting for the sunset and what the night brings has its rewards. This is time when many of the odd critters come out, and the macro critter hunt starts: frogfish, mimic octopus, harlequin shrimp, squid, scorpionfish...

Some of the most famous shots of the awarded Photo Pro have been doing here... A great digital hunt also for you!

TULAMBEN





Tulamben has become Bali's most famous diving area and, therefore where you can most likely meet international uw photographers and writers. Tulamben Bay like the rest of Bali is situated in the richest marine bio geographic zone in the world, on the north-eastern coast of the island. The bay receives very plankton-rich waters from the major ocean currents that move from the Pacific to the Indian Ocean, this particularity coupled with the fact that the three main dives sites of Tulamben provide totally different physical environments means that Tulamben contains a stunningly diverse underwater eco system.

REEF BASICS 🗯	
Location:	A SMALL VILLAGE ON THE NORTHEAST COAST OF BALI
TYPE OF DIVE	SHORE DIVING, WRECK, WALL, NIGHT AND DEEP DIVING, UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY
VISIBILITY	12-25 M
CURRENTS	ZERO TO MILD CURRENTS
DEPTHS	3-40 m (average depth 18 m)
EXPERIENCE LEVEL	Introductory - Suitable for every level and interest
Highlights	EXTRAORDINARY DIVERSITY OF MARINE LIFE, HUGE SCHOOL OF BIG-EYED TREVALLY. 120M SHIPWRECK, BEAUTIFULLY COLOURED WALL, FULL MOON NIGHT DIVE. GREAT PHOTOGRAPHIC OPPORTUNITIES AND COLOUR CONTRAST WITH THE BLACK SAND. GREAT SNORKELLING SITE

AMED





Amed is also located in the north-eastern coast of Bali, just about 30 minutes south from Tulamben by car. Due to the easy conditions at Amed, it is suitable both for novice and experienced divers. On the outskirts of Amed you can see traditional salt-panning, and buy sea salt as souvenir of your visit. Immediately outside Jemeluk Bay are two dive sites, Amed Wall and Amed Reef, both of which can be done from the shore or a short boat dive ride. The boats are small outriggers or jukungs, the local long and narrow fishing boat widely used in Bali.

REEF BASICS 🗯	
Location:	A QUIET FISHING VILLAGE IN NORTHEAST BALI, A SHORT DISTANCE FROM TULAMBEN
TYPE OF DIVE	Shore and boat diving (outriggers large enough for 2-3 divers). Reef and wall diving
Visibility	15-25 M
Currents	ZERO TO MILD CURRENTS
DEPTHS	5-30 M
EXPERIENCE LEVEL	Introductory
HIGHLIGHTS	FANTASTIC CORAL FORMATIONS, DENSITY AND VARIETY OF FISH. OCCASIONAL SIGHTINGS OF WOBBEGONG SHARK. GREAT SNORKELLING
	SITE.

SECRET BAY





While Bali offers great diversity of dive sites, Gilimanuk Bay -or Secret Bay as it is locally known-, is unique within Bali, because it is the very definition of muck-diving. No rich coral reef, no depth to speak of, it is in basically a site for macro-photographers and for the occasional recreational divers looking for something different from the norm. Secret Bay contain many rare macro subjects that includes nudibranchs, dragonets - including both the colorful mandarinfish and picture dragonet-, abundant seahorse, pipefish, unusual scorpionfish, frogfish, eels, and many, many other organisms.

REEF BASICS 🗯	
LOCATION:	On the northwest tip of Bali, located where the ferries to and from Java dock
Type of dive	SHORE DIVING, MACRO PHOTOGRAPHY
VISIBILITY	4-10 M
Currents	ZERO TO MEDIUM CURRENTS
DEPTHS	3-10 M
Experience Level	OPEN WATER, BUT MAINLY FOR MACRO PHOTOGRAPHERS
Highlights	RARE MARINE SPECIES, MANY JUVENILES, ESPECIALLY FOR MACRO-PHOTOGRAPHERS

MENJANGAN ISLAND





It was in 1978 that Menjangan became the first internationally known dive location. Consequently in older dive guidebooks, Menjangan is described as having beautiful reef flats. Unfortunately that is no longer true. On a more positive note, Menjangan is actually now famous for the wall-diving. The wall descends to varying depth, the shallowest being 26m, the deepest 60m+. The wall offers the greatest diversity of gorgonian fans in Bali. They generally start at 10m with the flat coral reefs offering gentle conditions and lot of sunlight. These are full of medium and small fish. The walls are full of small nooks and crannies, overhangs and bigger cavellettes, crevasses etc. They are covered with gorgonian fans, soft corals and sponges. And the Kooperasi Pemuteran is doing a good job for caring the reef here...

REEF BASICS 🗯	
Location:	A SMALL ISLAND OFF NORTHWEST BALI, PART OF WEST BALI NATIONAL PARK
Type of dive	BOAT DIVING, WALL AND DRIFT DIVING
Visibility	15-30 м
Currents	MILD CURRENTS
DEPTHS	5-40 M
EXPERIENCE LEVEL	Open Water
Highlights	CORAL WALLS AND GROTTOES. TURTLES, BARRACUDA, BIG-EYED TREVALLY, BATFISH. GARDEN EEL POINT. ANKER WRECK (A SMALL 19TH-CENTURY WOODEN BOAT)
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PADANGBAI





Amuk Bay with the villages of Padangbai in the south and Candidasa in the north, is located about 6 km across along the south side of Bali's eastern point. Just north of Padangbai is the Blue Lagoon, a treasure-trove of marine life. Two islands, Tepekong and Mimpang, outside the bay, and Biaha a little to the north, offer some of the most breath-taking diving in Bali. However, due to the conditions, these three dive sites need to be treated with care and respect.

REEF BASICS 🗯	
Location:	Blue Lagoon, Mimpang, Tepekong, Biaha & Gili Selang 5 sites located off Bali's east coast
Type of dive	Boat diving, reef, wall and drift diving
VISIBILITY	15-30 M
CURRENTS	ZERO (THE BLUE LAGOON), ELSEWHERE STRONG AND UNPREDICTABLE
DEPTHS	10-40 M
EXPERIENCE LEVEL	BEGINNER (THE BLUE LAGOON) - ELSEWHERE ADVANCED AND EXPERIENCED
HIGHLIGHTS	SHARKS (MIMPANG, TEPEKONG, BIAHA AND GILI SELANG). CUTTLEFISH, LEAF SCORPION FISH, CROCODILE FISH (BLUE LAGOON).
	TEPEKONG'S CANYON AND WALL. MANY BIG PELAGICS.

NUSA PENIDA





Nusa Penida is the largest of three islands off the southeastern coast of Bali. The water here is fairly cold but often startlingly clear, with gorgeous corals and prolific fish, with some turtle, shark and in season Mola-Mola the weird and wonderful Sunfish. Are nine dive sites known at Nusa Penida. The majority of diving at Nusa Penida is drift-diving, and the currents are not always predictable.

REEF BASICS 🗯	
Location:	A 17km long island, off the southeast coast of Bali
Type of dive	Boat diving, drift diving
VISIBILITY	15-40 м
CURRENTS	MILD TO STRONG
DEPTHS	6-40 M
EXPERIENCE LEVEL	Open Water with some experience
HIGHLIGHTS	MOLA-MOLA (OCEANIC SUNFISH) IN SEASON, EAGLE AND MANTA RAYS, SHARKS. LARGE SCHOOLS OF SWEETLIPS, TURTLES

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