

# BALI




Bali's many and diverse dive sites offer an exceptional diving experience for all levels of divers. From protected shallow bays with exotic scorpionfish, octopus and nudibranchs, to exciting drift-diving in wild currents with sharks, Mola Mola and manta rays, Bali has it all.

## TULAMBEN




Tulamben has become Bali's most famous diving area and therefore where you are most likely to meet International photographers and writers. Tulamben Bay like the rest of Bali is situated in the richest marine biogeographic zone in the world. Tulamben is on the north-east coast; The bay receives very plankton-rich waters from the major ocean currents that moves from the Pacific to the Indian Oceans. This, coupled with the fact that the three main dives sites provides totally different physical environment mean that Tulamben contains a stunningly diverse under water 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 located in the North-eastern coast of Bali. By car about 15 minutes south from Tulamben on the main road, and then 15 minutes in local road, so Amed is much prettier than Tulamben. 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 as a shore or boat dives. The boats are small outriggers (Jukung) long and narrow fishing boat.

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 WOBEGONG SHARK. GREAT SNORKELLING SITE.

## SECRET BAY



While Bali offers great diversity of dive sites, Gilimanuk Bay (or Secret Bay as it is known locally) is unique within Bali. 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-photographer subject that includes nudibranches, 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

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
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## 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 walls offer the greatest diversity of gorgonian fans in Bali. They generally start at 10m, with the flat coral reefs offering gentle conditions and lots of sunlight. These are full of medium and small fish. The walls are full of small nooks and crannies, overhangs and bigger cavellottes, crevasses etc. They are covered with gorgonian fans, soft corals and sponges.

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 M
CURRENTS	MILD CURRENTS
DEPTHS	5-40 M
EXPERIENCE LEVEL	OPEN WATER
HIGHLIGHTS	CORAL WALLS AND GROTTOS. TURTLES, BARRACUDA, BIG-EYED TREVALLY, BATFISH. GARDEN EEL POINT. ANKER WRECK (A SMALL 19TH-CENTURY WOODEN BOAT)

## PADANGBAI



Amuk Bay with the villages of Padangbai to the south and Candidasa to the north, is about 6 Km across and located 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 3 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). CUTTLFISH, LEAF SCORPION FISH, CROCODILE FISH (BLUE LAGOON). TEPEKONG'S CANYON AND WALL. MANY BIG PELAGICS.

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## NUSA PENIDA



Nusa Penida is the largest of 3 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). We offer 9 dive sites 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 M
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

## THE VILLAS OF BALI A VERY SPECIAL STAY

Cruising Indonesia does not own accommodation but has contracts with hotels locally, near all the dive sites and around the island for non-diving portions of holidays here. Cruising Indonesia can organize a safari to suit all personal requirements. Combine any Bali dive sites, any number of diving days and include land-tours in your holiday. If you have a special interest, a group, or special requirements, just contact us and we will work with you to construct an itinerary to meet your desires. We can accommodate our guests in hotels with various price ranges, from backpacker to 5-star luxury hotels or private villas.



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