

TOGEAN ISLANDS



DUE TO THE LACK OF AIRPORT IN THE REGION, THE TOGEAN ISLANDS DIVE SITES ARE STILL OFF THE BEATEN TOURIST TRACKS. EVEN DIVING CRUISES ARE JUST STARTING TO EXPLORE THIS WONDERFUL PLACE. SCUBA DIVING IN THE TOGIAN ISLANDS IS FANTASTIC, BUT THE CHARM OF THE PLACE EXTENDS WELL BEYOND THE IMPRESSIVE DIVE SITES: PEACEFUL CLEAN SANDY BEACHES SHADED BY PALM TREES, WATER SEAS IN ALL THE SCALE OF BLUE AND GREEN COLORS, BLUE SKIES, QUIET FISHING VILLAGES. IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR AN IDYLIC TROPICAL SETTING, WITH GREAT DIVING, YOU'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE.

DIVING IN TOGEAN ISLANDS

Sheltered by the protective arms of central and north Sulawesi, Tomini Bay is reputedly the calmest deep water bay in the world. There's an awesome array of reefs in exceptional conditions, stunning underwater topography and fish diversity that some of the world's better known dive destinations could only dream of. It is the only place in the world where barrier reefs, atolls and fringing reefs are found together.

UNA-UNA Around the volcanic island of Una-Una, sponges size and shape diversity are astonishing, probably among the biggest in the world. The fish life is very dense: schools of Jack and barracuda, bumphead parrotfish, numerous Napoleon wrasses, snappers, fusiliers, etc. Other dive sites include beautiful drop offs with crevasses and overhangs, canyons, rocks formations, pinnacles, all offering a great variety of spectacular underwater sceneries. The good visibility here means you can spot huge schools of barracudas forming vast shimmering whirlpool walls. Blue marlins have been seen dashing through the water, and if you see one of those you certainly will never forget this place!

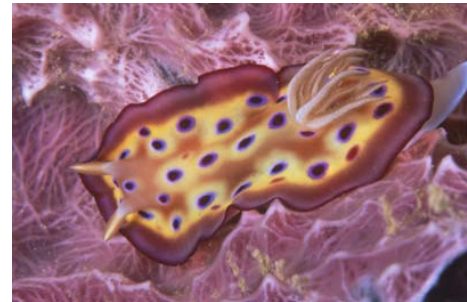
SOUTH TOGIANS, B24 LIBERATOR The wreck, an American B24 bomber from the Second World War, lies almost intact on an 18 meters bottom. The plane was on its way back to its base on Morotai Island (north Moluccas) when an engine went on fire. The pilot managed to alight on the waters of this calm bay. All the crew was safe and went to the land where the local people rescued them. A large school of jacks is always on the spot, shrimps, glass fishes, crocodile fishes. Another good place in South Togan is a pinnacle coming up from a bottom of more than 200 meters, which culminates at 27 meters, is visited by numerous pelagic fishes: tunas, white tips and grey reef sharks, schools of jacks. There is a beautiful coverage of soft corals.



REEF BASICS 	
Diving season	March to December is the best time to dive Togian Islands since it is the dry season, but is possible to dive it all year round in a good time conditions.
Rainy season	January to February.
Water temperature	27-30°C
Visibility	20-40m.
Depth	5 -> 50m.
Currents	Gentle.
Surface conditions	Calm.
Experience level	Beginner – advanced
Dive sites	~30
Length of stay	Recommended 7-14 days on liveaboard cruise

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Airport	Manado. International flight to Manado.
Weather	27-30°C. Indonesia has two seasons: wet and dry. In most of Indonesia the wet season is from October to April and the dry from May to September. Central Sulawesi rainy season runs from December to March, but being in the tropics, the rain is only intermittent rather than torrential.

PASIR TENGAH ATOLL You dive straight down along an absolutely vertical wall that goes down to abyssal depth. The deep and transparent blue of the water -the visibility is generally excellent- gives to this dive a special fantasy ambient. This the archetype of the "wall", where hang huge tubes and barrel sponges, black corals, where are cruising tunas, eagle rays, ascending and descending schools of Platax and Trevally. The wall also presents beautiful overhangs and crevasses. This is also a typical dive profile of the tropics where you slowly get up along the wall and finish your tanks at the top of the reef looking at the aquarium. There is another wall, with a lot of overhangs and horizontal faults. It's a very good site for photographers, with a good coverage of soft corals. There is a large swim through at 40 feet deep, with walls and ceiling covered by bright yellow siphonogorgias. The wall between 6 and 3 meters is colonized by an amazing quantity of various kinds of nudibranchs.



KADIDIRI It is a rocky formation outside the barrier reef (the barrier reef runs along almost all the north coast of Togian Islands). We leave the bottom of the reef wall at a depth of 55 feet and follow the sandy bottom in between massive rocks, where we frequently spot giant groupers. The last rock, at 100 feet depth, makes a wall on its outside part falling in the deep blue, from where are coming up tunas and schools of Jacks. We then follow the top of this rock that forms a flat platform covered with colorful soft corals, sponges and splendid huge gorgonians.



BATU GILA It's a special spot for pelagics outside the barrier reef of Kadidiri. It's a reef with a top at 27m on a sandy bottom of about 70m. When the currents are strong at certain periods of the tide, the fish life is very dense: schools of jacks, barracudas, white tips, grey reef sharks and sometime hammerheads. Due to the strong currents, this dive is only offered to experienced divers.

OTHERS ACTIVITIES 其他	
Climbing:	Manado Tua Volcano in Bunaken National Marine Park.
Hiking:	Tangkoko Nature Reserve. Lore Lindu National Park.
Tour:	Visiting Tanah Toraja and discovering Torajan people, the animist highlanders of Sulawesi, a distinct ethnic group with ancestral traditions.
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