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# THE DANCE OF THE HAMMERHEADS



SCUBA editor, Simon Rogerson reveals his hammerhead encounters at Wolf Island in the Galapagos

**I**t is a sunny afternoon at Wolf Island in the northern Galapagos; the surface of the water is mirror calm and the only sounds are the calls of the frigate birds in the high cliffs overlooking us. The divers, still a bit sleepy after the traditional post-lunch nap, are helped down from the Galapagos Sky liveaboard to the waiting Zodiacs, which ferry them along the wall to an area known as 'Landslide', where the volcanic cliff has broken and tumbled into the Pacific.

On the count of three we lean backwards and fall into the ocean, the brightness of the afternoon replaced with the muted hues of the underwater world. Following the pre-dive brief, we do not pause to collect ourselves, but descend without hesitating to 12 metres, at which depth we recheck our equipment, turn on cameras and ensure we are ready for everything Wolf has to throw at us.

Underwater, Wolf has many attractions. The mid-water zone is dominated by one species in particular, the creole fish, which occur in such great numbers there are times when they seem to block out the sun. Also high up in the water column are sleek predators such as tuna and trevally; they dart around the fallen boulders along the reef slope, looking to spook a reef fish into breaking cover.

We continue the descent, finally coming to rest at 25 metres, where dive guide Max Castillo – resplendent in a bright orange 'Finding Nemo' hood – signals that we should form a line and crouch low on the reef. I feel a surge of cool water and a chill runs – literally – along my spine as the water ingress registers along my wetsuit zip. We are in the zone of the thermocline,

where layers of warm surface water meet cool, nutrient-rich upwellings from below. It is a border land between the creatures of the darkness, and those associated with the daylight shift of the reef. This is the place where scalloped hammerheads come to be cleaned.

During the night, the hammerheads are busy hunting squid at abyssal depths. No-one knows quite how it is played out, but somehow they pick up parasitic copepods, which attach themselves to mating scars around the sharks' gills. Hammerheads are sensitive animals, and they make frequent visits to cleaning stations 'staffed' by king angelfish and barberfish, which billow out from the safety of the reef to peck the copepods from the sharks' silvery flanks.

It is a fascinating ritual, one of the classic examples of symbiotic mutualism – the shark is relieved of its irritating parasites, and the cleaner fish enjoy a nourishing meal. However, when it comes to scalloped hammerheads nothing is easy. To get a good clear photograph you have to be within two metres, and getting that close is difficult with a super fast, super-sensitised animal that happens to loathe bubbles.

I watch the blue as the sharks steam by in vast schools on the

# WELCOME

A warm welcome to our latest seasonal dive brochure. We know you are always on the look out for new and enthralling dive adventures. Our friendly Dive team are only too happy to oblige, and in this issue we introduce some exciting additions to whet your appetite.

Be one of the first to dive the pristine waters around St Helena Island; head to Norway for some fabulous wreck diving, and learn about our new trips, dive resorts and liveaboards in Mexico and Indonesia.

Following the success of our first Dumaguete Dive Festival, photographer and marine biologist Dr Richard Smith will be returning to the Philippines to rediscover all that is wonderful about this special region.

Plus, we bring you our range of exclusive liveaboard departures as part of the Global Dive Alliance, shine a spotlight on Tobago and Fiji, and showcase a wealth of fabulous dive holidays to inspire.

So that you can keep up-to-date with new trips, events and offers throughout the year, don't forget to visit our website and sign-up to receive our 'What's Bubbling' e-newsletters.

We look forward to welcoming you on your next dive adventure.

*Phil and the team*

## DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT...

"Many thanks to Mat for arranging one of the best holidays we have ever had. We appreciated the level and quality of the communication, the detailed documentation, the quality of accommodation and - most of all - the quality of the dive centres. I would recommend Dive Worldwide to anyone looking for a great diving experience."

***Anna B travelled to Malta & Gozo***

"The holiday was truly excellent. The dive centre was amazing. Everyone without exception was friendly, helpful and very professional. Loved the personal attention each diver was given."

***Shanti S travelled to Grenada***

"Loved the holiday. Anthony's Key was a great resort with great accommodation, good food, friendly people, great service. Dive boats and captains were great, equipment great. Did our Rescue Diver course and cannot praise our instructor enough."

***Georgina S travelled to Honduras***

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limits of visibility. The water around the thermocline is hazy, it's hard to make out the shifting shapes. At times it seems as if the hammerheads are conducting some strange dance, as the water swirls around them like Picasso's *Starry Night*.

Finally, I see a group of sharks breaking from the school. They head towards the reef, swinging their great heads from side to side, searching for an active cleaning station away from the column of bubbles. I position myself behind a rock a few metres from a cleaning station. Sure enough, one of the sharks peels away and heads right towards my rock, slowing down to a gentle cruise as it nears the barberfish. They stream up into the water and set to work as the shark does its best to slow down (the only time hammerheads actually come to a halt is during mating).

The spectacle has all the urgency of a Formula One car on a pit stop; in a matter of seconds, the barberfish complete their business and head back down to the reef, while the shark gives a final shrug of its head and heads off to re-join the dance of the hammerheads, out there in the infinite blue of the eastern Pacific.

***Join a Galapagos liveaboard from £5,545***

# What's BUBBLING

We are continually adding new destinations, resorts and liveaboards to our expanding portfolio. To keep up-to-date make sure that you visit our website and sign up to 'What's Bubbling', our regular e-newsletter.



## Sognefjord, Norway

An ideal short break for dive clubs or groups, Norway's stunning Sognefjord is punctuated by historic shipwrecks, and home to an array of vibrant marine life. Of vital strategic importance during World War II, fabulous shipwrecks lie waiting to be discovered, each with a story that will fascinate all those with an ear for history. The area's most famous wreck is the German freighter, the Frankenweld. This region also boasts exceptional marine life among the kelp forests, including thornail stingrays, wolf fish, monk fish, cephalopods and dog sharks.

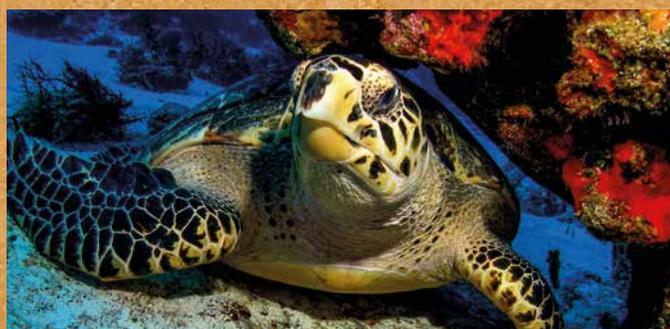
**5 days from £1,595**



## St Helena Island

This extraordinary, remote rocky outcrop in the South Atlantic Ocean is steeped in history and boasts an incredible biodiversity including several endemic species. Expect plenty of colour and marine life at sites such as Long Ledge and Billy Meyes Revenge. The leeward side of the island is also home to eight shipwrecks to explore. Seasonal visitors include humpback whales, hawksbill turtles and a unique aggregation of both male and female whale sharks. Diving in the subtropical waters is possible throughout the year and flights start operating in the autumn.

**11 days from £2,795**



## Cozumel, Mexico

The thrill of a drift dive is a tempting prospect for most divers. Cozumel is one of the best places in the world to get your fix as you fly along the coral walls of the protected reef such as Punta Tunich and Santa Rosa. World-renowned for its coral gardens, swim-throughs, marine biodiversity, glorious sunshine and white sand beaches, it's a popular destination for divers around the world. We recommend a week here but you can also twin-centre your stay on the mainland to discover the incredible fresh water Cenotes.

**9 days from £1,475**



## Lanzarote, Canary Islands

Blessed with year round sunshine and a subtropical climate, the Canary Islands offer a multitude of diving experiences and spectacular volcanic scenery; only four hours flight from the UK. The 30+ dive sites in the resort area of Playa Blanca feature swim-throughs, caverns, ledges, wrecks and an underwater sculpture museum. Amongst the unusual topography octopus, moray eels, several species of ray, colourful reef fish, grouper and angel sharks are regularly seen. Lanzarote is suitable for those looking to learn and experienced divers.

**8 days from £1,195**

All holiday prices in this brochure are based on two persons sharing, including flights from the UK, accommodation, transfers and diving except where specified. For full details call our expert Dive team. Prices correct at time of going to print (October 2017).



### **Bull Shark Adventure, Mexico**

Diving in Mexico's Riviera Maya region is an intriguing, adrenaline fuelled experience. This trip idea includes close encounters with bull sharks during their annual aggregation, diving with turtles, rays and barracuda along the reef and time in the unique fresh water cave system of the Cenotes. Based in Playa del Carmen for a week there will be time to explore the town and immerse yourself in the local culture. Diving encounters with bull sharks are seasonal and participants must have a minimum of 25 logged dives to participate.

**9 days from £2,245**



### **Kalimaya Dive Resort, Indonesia**

Located on the eastern shores of Sumbawa, this unique dive resort was pioneered and built by divers offering quality accommodation, exquisite diving, and plenty of relaxation. Explore the famous sites on the fringe of Komodo one of the most famous marine parks in the world such as Sangeang Volcano and Gili Banta. Three types of dives are offered here: coral, muck and current dives. Discover rare and unusual marine life on the extensive house reef or search for larger marine life on the current-fuelled dive sites. The rewards are incredible.

**12 days from £2,895**



### **MV Valentina, Mexico**

Discover Mexico's Sea of Cortez from July to October each year on this liveaboard, offering exceptional diving and the chance to encounter a huge range of marine life. This warm body of nutrient-rich water basks in sunshine throughout the year and is home to many endemic species. Highlights include pods of pilot whales, playful sea lions, dolphin, schools of jumping mobula rays, whale sharks, hammerhead sharks and turtles. Up to twenty guests are accommodated in ten cabins with private facilities. Three to four dives are generally offered each day.

**10 days from £2,845**



### **Calico Jack, Indonesia**

This classic phinisi cruises some of the most ecologically abundant and remote regions on the planet offering divers exceptional opportunities to discover Komodo and Raja Ampat as well as exploring lesser known areas in between. The spacious yet intimate boat features five cabins and all diving is from the accompanying tenders. Expect to visit the famous spots as well as having the freedom to discover more as you're led on an adventure by an eclectic, passionate and experienced crew from around the world.

**12 days from £3,345 (Komodo itinerary)**

# SCUBA FIESTA

## Mexico 2017



Product Manager Sarah Wight recounts her recent adventures in Mexico, as she attended the fifth annual Cozumel Scuba Fest, and fulfilled a life long ambition to come face to face with an ocean giant...

**I**t's almost dawn and we've just checked in at the luxurious Grand Velas Riviera Maya, a welcome indulgence after our long journey via Mexico City. This beautiful all inclusive resort sits between the jungle and white sands of the Caribbean coast. Our short stay here was an incredible treat and full of exceptional experiences.

Have you ever thought about diving in a fresh water underground river and cave system? Possibly not, but you definitely should. After all the research and feedback from colleagues and clients over the years, it's something that's been on my mind and now I'm left wanting more! Yes, it is a little odd, but adventurous, unique and totally captivating. We visited Cenote Dos Ojos, renowned for its crystal clear waters and rock formations, especially spectacular on a sunny day as the light beams cut through the water. Typically, it rained. Nonetheless the experience of both sites, the Barbie Line and Bat Cave Line was amazing and on ending the dive my buddy and I couldn't stop grinning, a moment shared that would be remembered forever.

Now in its fifth year, Cozumel Scuba Fest has become an important platform for divers and ocean lovers to express their passion for the sea, through keynote presentations, video, exhibitions, art and music. Having seen the programme of events, the variety of subjects and those who were to receive the coveted 'El Buzo de Oro' (Golden Diver Award) in person I was excited about heading to Cozumel, a half hour ferry journey from the mainland.

Each morning we headed out with our host, Pepe Scuba, to dive the route of the Scuba Fest, a tribute to the Cousteau family comprising of nine dive sites along the most beautiful reefs of Cozumel. Yes, we did fly along at great speeds on Tormentos reef, poke out into the blue on Santa Rosa Wall and see turtles, angel fish, nurse sharks and large schools of grunts and pork

fish at Paso De Cedral. We even found the endemic splendid toad fish and a snapping shrimp. Again, extremely happy divers!

Over the course of the week, both out diving and at the expo, we rubbed shoulders with a host of ocean advocates, all extremely passionate and knowledgeable in their fields, all out to influence the next generation and educate the world, including us divers!

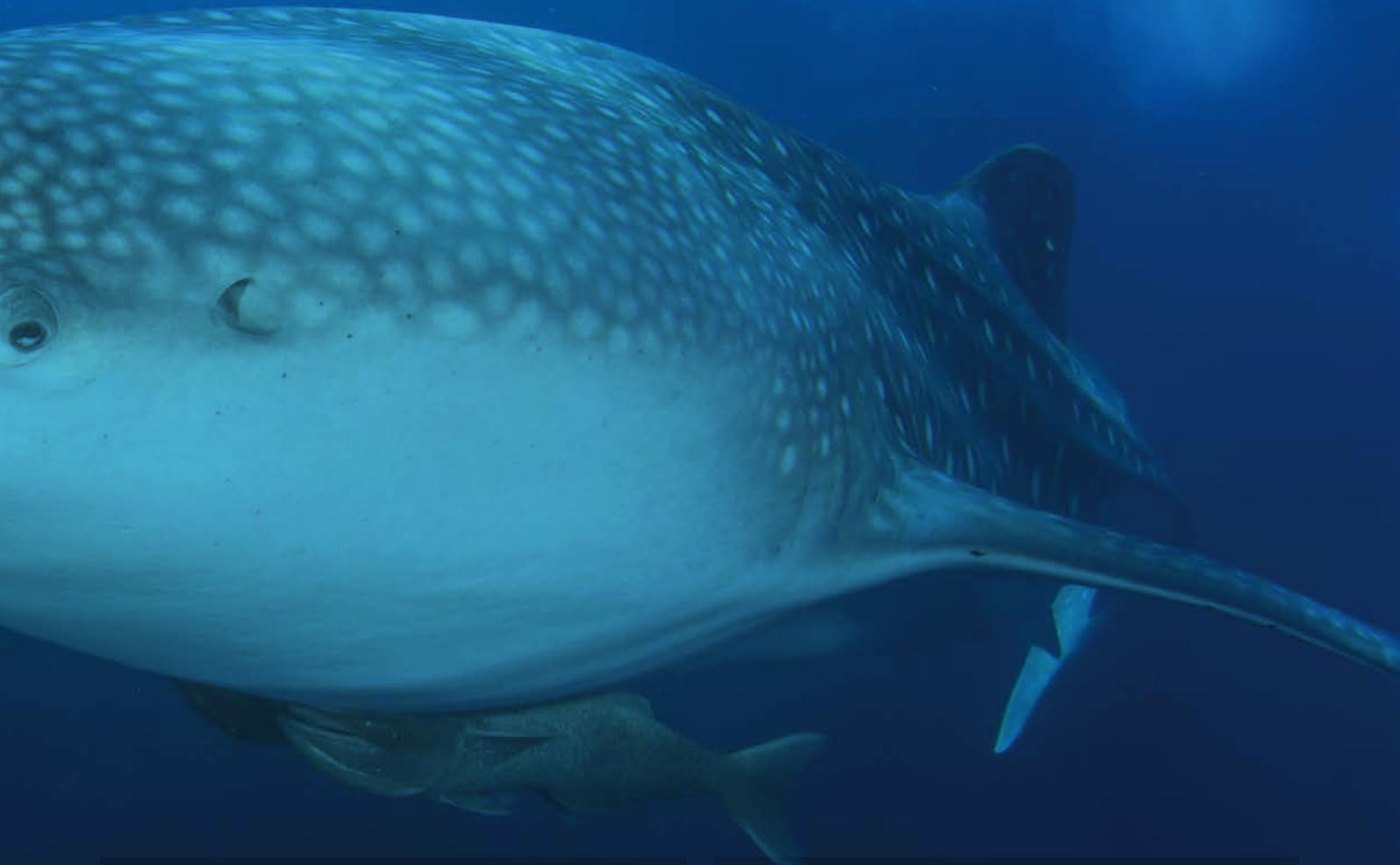
They say great things come along in threes. So far I'd experienced breathtaking dives in the Cenotes and some spectacular sites along the second largest barrier reef in the world. Number three had a lot to live up to! I parted company with my fellow buddies and transferred to Holbox Island in the north of the Yucatan peninsula. Holbox is a small, low key island with a rustic style, white sand beaches and a local population dedicated to fishing and tourism. It's a place to relax and



Sarah visited the Riviera Maya, Cozumel and Holbox on the Yucatan Peninsula. These locations are famed for their variety of diving, beautiful beaches, Mayan culture, amazing culinary delights and adventure for all.

### **Dive Mexico**

**9 days from £1,445**



recharge your batteries. It's also a departure point for whale shark encounters in season. This was it, my dream of coming face-to-face with this magnificent animal was about to come true. Super lucky me!

Uncharacteristically, I was up and ready way before our early start to head out into the blue to find the whale sharks. There are a limited number of licences granted each year and there are strict regulations to adhere to, which ultimately enhances the experience. They had moved further out to sea overnight, but that didn't stop us. When we arrived, there were a few other boats in the area, around 40 whale sharks and some huge manta rays vying for attention. Known as one of the largest aggregation areas in the world, the peak months of July and August often have 300+ individuals.

"Sarah, would you like to go first?" – would I ever! Kitted up for snorkelling, we sat on the side of the boat waiting to be dropped in the water and then it appeared, my first ever whale shark. Wow! I flopped in, GoPro at the ready. I caught a glimpse before my own bubbles wrecked my view and then in a few seconds it was off, gracefully continuing its journey. We tried, but couldn't keep up. My head and my heart were in different places. It was so exciting to be in the water with them, but I wanted more! Everyone gets a second chance and this time it turned out to be a moment I would never forget. My 'first' encounter with a whale shark (identified as MXA-647, a regular visitor since 2010) was captured on camera and my grin lasted for days!

I sincerely hope there are many more adventures to come in Mexico, for all of us.

# EXCLUSIVE

## Liveaboard Adventures

If you are looking for adventure, look no further than our range of exclusive departures to the world's most sought after liveaboard destinations as part of the **Global Dive Alliance**.



### Galapagos Islands

Huge whale sharks, schooling hammerheads, majestic manta rays and much more besides mark the Galapagos as a dive destination without equal.

**7 nights from just £3,995**



### Socorro

One of the world's hottest dive destinations, enjoy classic itineraries, unique ten night adventures in humpback whale season or a Guadalupe combo.

**8 nights from just £2,545**



### Palau

Superb reefs and thrilling shark encounters await in magical Palau. Our trips are timed to coincide with the full moon, bringing spectacular spawning events.

**7 nights from just £2,345**



### Cocos Island

Hammerhead, silky, silvertip, Galapagos and white-tip sharks ensure Cocos' place among the world's most sought-after diving destinations for shark lovers.

**10 nights from just £4,495**



### Raja Ampat

Dive or snorkel the world's most diverse coral reefs in Indonesia, bursting with every kind of life imaginable, from rare critters to majestic manta rays and even whales.

**11 nights from just £4,595**



### Maldives

One of the world's premier dive destinations, jump on a Maldives liveaboard to experience manta cleaning stations, whale shark encounters and drift dives.

**7 nights from just £1,045**



### The Bahamas

Thrilling shark encounters await, along with superb reefs and fascinating wrecks on our awesome extended itineraries on the Bahamas Aggressor.

**10 nights from just £2,350**



### Oman

Explore reefs bursting with marine life, undiscovered dive sites and humpback whales in season in the Hallaniyat islands or dive the best of Musandam.

**7 nights from just £1,795**

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We are proud to be a founding member of the Global Dive Alliance. Bringing together six of the most reputable specialist dive tour operators from across Europe & the UK, the Global Dive Alliance offers you exclusive access to the world's finest liveaboard adventures.

Group deals and full charter rates available for dive clubs or groups in 2018 and beyond.

Galapagos Islands, 7 nights from £3,995			
Date	Liveaboard	Nights	Interest
4 Aug 18	Majestic Explorer	7	Whale shark season
13 Aug 18	Humboldt Explorer	7	Whale shark season
13 Oct 18	Majestic Explorer	7	Whale shark season
20 May 19	Humboldt Explorer	7	Manta ray season

Socorro, 8 nights from £2,545*			
Date	Liveaboard	Nights	Interest
15 Apr 18	Nautilus Undersea	8	Humpback whale season
22 Apr 18	Nautilus Belle Amie	8	Humpback whale season
25 Apr 18	Nautilus Explorer	8	Humpback whale season
15 Nov 18	Nautilus Explorer	15	Guadalupe and Socorro special
24 Feb 19	Nautilus Belle Amie	10	Extended humpback whale season special
26 Mar 19	Nautilus Undersea	12	Extended humpback whale season special
31 Mar 19	Nautilus Belle Amie	8	Humpback whale season
7 Apr 19	Nautilus Undersea	10	Extended humpback whale season special
19 Jun 19	Nautilus Explorer	10	Extended bait-ball season special

Palau, 7 nights from £2,345			
Date	Liveaboard	Nights	Interest
19 Nov 18	Palau Aggressor II	7	Full moon spawning special
18 Mar 19	Rock Islands Aggressor	7	Full moon spawning special
1 Apr 19	Palau Aggressor II	7	New moon spawning special
15 Apr 19	Rock Islands Aggressor	7	Full moon spawning special

Cocos Island, 10 nights from £4,495			
Date	Liveaboard	Nights	Interest
18 Oct 18	Sea Hunter	10	Peak hammerhead season

Raja Ampat, 11 nights from £4,595			
Date	Liveaboard	Nights	Interest
28 Jan 19	Pindito	11	Whale and critter special
11 Mar 19	Pindito	11	Snorkelling special

Maldives, 7 nights from £1,045			
Date	Liveaboard	Nights	Interest
7 Apr 18	Emperor Leo	7	Best of Maldives
28 Apr 18	Emperor Leo	7	Best of Maldives
12 May 18	Emperor Leo	7	Best of Maldives
26 May 18	Emperor Leo	7	Best of Maldives
9 Jun 18	Emperor Leo	7	Best of Maldives
23 Jun 18	Emperor Leo	7	Best of Maldives
7 Jul 18	Emperor Leo	7	Best of Maldives
21 Jul 18	Emperor Leo	7	Best of Maldives
5 Aug 18	Emperor Orion	7	Best of Maldives
19 Aug 18	Emperor Orion	7	Best of Maldives
2 Sep 18	Emperor Orion	7	Best of Maldives
16 Sep 18	Emperor Orion	7	Best of Maldives
30 Sep 18	Emperor Orion	7	Best of Maldives
13 Oct 18	Emperor Leo	7	Best of Maldives
20 Oct 18	Emperor Leo	7	Best of Maldives
27 Oct 18	Emperor Leo	7	Best of Maldives
3 Nov 18	Emperor Leo	7	Best of Maldives

The Bahamas, 10 nights from £2,350**			
Date	Liveaboard	Nights	Interest
23 May 18	Bahamas Aggressor	10	Extended shark special
27 April 19	Bahamas Aggressor	10	Extended shark special
8 May 19	Bahamas Aggressor	10	Extended shark special

Oman, 7 nights from £1,795			
Date	Liveaboard	Nights	Interest
19 Apr 18	Saman Explorer	8	Daymaniyat & Musandam special
28 Apr 18	Saman Explorer	7	Best of Musandam New itinerary
5 May 18	Saman Explorer	7	Best of Musandam New itinerary
12 May 18	Saman Explorer	7	Best of Musandam New itinerary
19 May 18	Saman Explorer	7	Best of Musandam New itinerary
26 May 18	Saman Explorer	10	Daymaniyat & Musandam special

**These exclusive departures will book up quickly so reserve your place with the Dive team today!**

All prices are based on boat only in a twin share cabin (unless stated). Flight inclusive prices are available on request.

\* Based on triple share cabin \*\* Based on quad share cabin

# Liming it in TOBAGO

THE ISLAND OF  
*Tobago*



Dive Worldwide travel consultant Mat Howell recalls fond memories of his first Caribbean adventure to the little island of Tobago.



**I**'d never visited the Caribbean before and so I jumped at the chance to pack my bags for Tobago. Our itinerary began in the south of the island and our dives included a purposefully sunken wreck known as the **Maverick** that teardrop snappers and spiny lobsters have made their home. Inside the main car deck we found a large school of bait fish that have also taken up residence.

Although the reef diving in the south of the island is typically calm we also made our way to a site known as 'The Flying Reef'. This drift dive is at the south end of the island facing the southern Atlantic where the prevailing currents carry you along the reef from east to west. Southern stingrays and the smaller electric rays can often be seen resting in the sand on the edge of the reef, and nurse sharks are generally seen too.

Tobago's colourful reefs are also known for regular sightings of turtles. In fact, the island is a crucial habitat for hawksbill, green and leatherback turtles. The leatherback nesting season is from April through to September, and these amazing animals, one of the ocean's true wanderers, can be observed clambering up Tobago's beaches to lay their eggs.

Our time in the north of Tobago was an entirely different

experience both above and below the waves. Crown Point in the south attracts the majority of visitors with a range of curios shops and restaurants while Speyside in the north is the sleepy side of the island. Speyside typically has the best visibility of all the dive areas and most of the dives are drift. The strength of the current varies from site to site; Japanese Gardens, Cathedral, Book Ends, Angel Reef ... with over 15 sites in the area, there are dives to suit every experience level and interest.

After a whirlwind seven days hopping from one place to the next, I'd encourage would-be visitors to this charming Caribbean island to stay a while longer and enjoy the gentle pace of life. *Liming* means relaxing in the local lingo, and no trip to Tobago would be complete without joining the locals for a time in their favourite activity. When you're on dry land gentle hikes through the rainforest can be easily arranged and I'd highly recommend a bite to eat at Jemma's Seaview Restaurant in Speyside, and the Blue Crab near Scarborough in the south.

To plan your dive adventure to the little island of Tobago contact Mat and the team.

**Visit Tobago**

**9 days from £1,195**

# Say 'Bula' to FIJI

The beautiful islands of Fiji in the South Pacific are famously known amongst divers as the soft coral capital of the world. Fiji's dazzling reefs ensure that title is richly deserved, but there is so much more for divers than the wonderful coral vistas.



A dive holiday to Fiji is to experience shark diving without equal; to dance with majestic manta rays, to marvel at deep sea pinnacles patrolled by schooling hammerheads, and to be overwhelmed by the incredible biodiversity. For scuba divers, Fiji really does have it all.

Above the water, Fiji's 333 Pacific islands boast beautiful beaches, wonderful nature, and some of the most friendly people on earth.

Fiji enjoys a tropical climate throughout the year with a gentle trade wind keeping the temperatures comfortable. Generally, the better diving conditions are found from April to October.

"Bula means welcome in Fijian, and that is certainly true in my experience. The friendly Fijians made me feel at home from the moment I stepped off the plane."  
**Charlie Munns, Dive Worldwide**

Here, we showcase some of the best of Fiji for divers... To plan your dive adventure to Fiji contact Charlie and the team.

## **Dive Great Astrolabe & Beqa Lagoon**

This itinerary offers spectacular soft coral diving and manta ray encounters at the world's fourth largest barrier reef, Great Astrolabe, followed by some exhilarating shark dives at Beqa Lagoon. Expect up to eight species of shark, including bull and tiger sharks. A true dive adventure!

**14 days from £3,795**

## **Dive Beqa Lagoon & Somosomo Strait**

This trip includes a week in Beqa Lagoon and a week exploring the soft coral sites of Somosomo Strait from Taveuni Island. Highlights include thrilling shark encounters, the White Wall, and wonderful Rainbow Reef.

**18 days from £3,995**

## **Fiji Liveaboard**

The focal point of any Fiji liveaboard is the rich body of water that separates the two main islands, known as Bligh Water. Here, divers can experience thrilling drift diving along walls, pinnacles that act as a magnet for sharks and manta rays, not to mention wonderful coral gardens.

**12 days from £4,875**

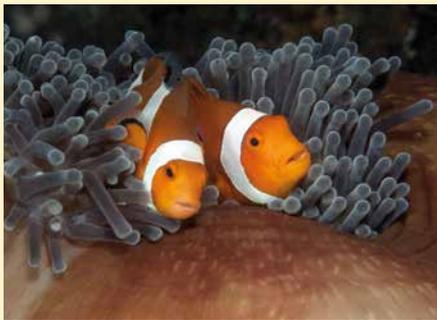
## **Dive Rainbow & Great Astrolabe Reefs**

A great itinerary for divers who enjoy a mix of colourful reefs and pelagic encounters. Discover one of the world's greatest displays of soft coral at Taveuni's Rainbow Reef, then encounter critters and manta rays at Kadavu.

**18 days from £4,845**

# Inspirational DIVE ESCAPES

## SOUTHEAST ASIA



### A Visit to Bali, Indonesia

Often overlooked as a dive destination, the island of Bali offers exceptional diving for all, from superb macro life to exciting drift dives, encounters with mantas and the wreck of the USS Liberty at Tulamben. Immerse yourself in the local culture and enjoy plenty of topside experiences.

*12 days from £1,395*



### Dive Coron Bay, Philippines

Enjoy an adventure filled trip to this secluded area of the Philippines. Recommended for wreck enthusiasts, this is a destination to remember. From Sangat Island, spend your days diving the wrecks and reefs of Coron Bay where an entire Japanese fleet met its demise during World War II.

*12 days, from £2,295*



### West Coast Explorer, Thailand

Dive Richelleu Rock and Koh Bon, famous for their whale shark and manta ray encounters, as you explore the west coast by liveaboard around Similan and Surin islands. Continue exploring with a few days relaxing in tropical surroundings from a resort in the 'Land of Smiles'.

*13 days from £2,045*



### Diving Adventure in Alor, Indonesia

The allure of Alor is its eclectic mix of marine life and diving experiences, where you can explore reefs, marvel at critters and enjoy thrilling big fish encounters. Based in resort, this trip is ideal for photographers. This remote location is undeniably enchanting and a team favourite.

*14 days from £3,395*



### Layang Layang Island, Malaysia

Rising from the depths the atoll attracts schools of hammerheads in season as well as several other shark species. The fabulous reefs are home to a wealth of creatures and turtles. We recommend you extend this world-class experience with time in a Borneo rainforest lodge, the perfect wildlife combination.

*9 days, from £3,095*



### Dive into Atlantis, Philippines

Combine two premier resorts for an unforgettable dive experience in the Philippines. Enjoy the diverse sites of Puerto Galera and search for unusual critters in Dauin from these welcoming dive resorts. Ideal for individuals and group travel, all you have to do is decide how long to stay.

*13 days from £3,845*

Isn't it time you escaped on an exceptional diving holiday? Here we showcase some of our favourite trip ideas around the world to keep the winter blues at bay.

With years of experience arranging successful diving holidays, our team of friendly experts are on hand to give you first hand advice. Contact a dedicated Dive consultant today to start planning your perfect dive adventure.

## SOUTH PACIFIC



### Dive Kalimantan, Indonesia

Now easier to reach than ever, with a new local airport, this remote area of Indonesia promises much for the adventurous diver. Big Fish Country offers bountiful pelagic marine life, Kakaban is home to a lake of non-stinging jellyfish and Sangalaki boasts turtles and feeding manta rays.

*15 days from £2,395*



### Discover Christmas Island, Australia

Marine life encounters around this rarely visited island in the Indian Ocean are spectacular year round, but it's the wet season when the red crab migration begins and the plankton levels increase, attracting whale sharks and manta rays. A diving holiday experience like no other!

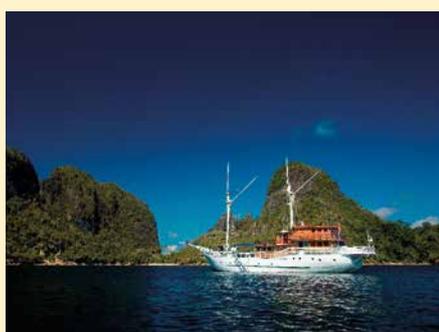
*12 days from £2,145*



### Truk – Wreck Extravaganza

High on most divers' bucket list, spend eight nights at the ultimate wreck diving destination in the world; Truk Lagoon. Staying at the Blue Lagoon Resort on Weno Island, two boat dives a day will take you to explore the underwater museum of an entire Japanese fleet sunk in WWII.

*12 days from £2,895*



### Raja Ampat Liveaboard, Indonesia

Join a liveaboard adventure in Raja Ampat, the most bio-diverse marine region on earth. Choose from a variety of vessels and itineraries to discover majestic islands, sharks, manta rays, turtles and reefs bursting with life. Best visited from Nov-Mar; one to tick off the bucket list?

*12 days from £3,895*



### Tahiti Island Hopping Adventure

Spend your time between three of Tahiti's most alluring diving islands. Experience the passes of Fakarava for prolific pelagic action, marvel at the manta rays of Bora Bora and enjoy the colourful marine life around picture perfect Tikehau. It's simply island hopping heaven!

*15 days from £4,295*



### Dive & Discover PNG

Discover the magic in one of the world's last remaining frontiers on this adventure to two exceptional diving areas. The vivid colours and wealth of marine life of Kimbe Bay is a photographer's dream. The sites that surround Lissening offer an incredible biodiversity. It's a trip of a lifetime.

*17 days from £5,295*

# Inspirational DIVE ESCAPES

## AMERICAS & CARIBBEAN



### Visit Tobago

Spend a week uncovering the delights of Tobago in the southern Caribbean. Enjoy colourful diving and culture in the south of the island or head to the north for superb coral reefs, exciting drift dives, topside adventure and amazing bird life. Visit from Apr-Sep for the turtle nesting season.

**9 days from £1,195**



### Visit Bonaire

Enjoy a short break to Bonaire, the shore diving capital of the world and a diver's paradise. The entire island is a designated marine park, with 86 sites to explore and fantastic photo opportunities. Island life here is unhurried and it's an ideal destination to unwind and relax.

**9 days from £1,645**



### Cenotes & Reefs, Mexico

A combination of millions of years of geological activity and climate changes have created an incredible and unique eco-system of underwater caves, perfect for diving, in Mexico's Yucatan peninsula. It's a dive like no other and an absolute must experience. Snorkellers welcome.

**9 days from £1,445**



### Great Hammerhead Encounters, Bahamas

Experience world-class shark diving in the Bahamas off the shores of Bimini. The highlight here is the seasonal aggregation of great hammerhead sharks in the shallows – an incredible experience. The season is short, book early to avoid disappointment.

**10 days from £3,195**



### Guatemala & Belize

These two Central American countries combine well to offer a blend of history, culture, nature and diving. Discover extraordinary Mayan ruins, colonial architecture, tropical rainforests and stunning coral reefs. With all this and time relax on the beach, it's a great option for divers and non-diver couples.

**14 days from £3,445**



### Isla Guadalupe - Great White Shark Heaven, Mexico

Discover the world's most exciting great white shark dive site by liveaboard on this week long trip. Enjoy cage diving expeditions in the crystal clear waters of the Pacific and experience great white shark heaven. Don't forget your camera!

**8 days from £3,745**

“One of my best holiday experiences ever! Will do this again in five or ten years. Great friendly staff, fantastic food. Lovely group, lovely experience.”

*Kerry M travelled to South Africa*

## WE CREATE OUTSTANDING DIVING HOLIDAYS

Our website features a choice of over 160 locations worldwide, hand-picked for the finest diving and snorkelling experiences.

# AFRICA, INDIAN OCEAN & BEYOND



### SharkWEEK Adventure, South Africa

An unforgettable adventure especially for shark enthusiasts, some of the world's best shark diving experiences are found along South Africa's epic KwaZulu-Natal coast. Combined with time at Ponta do Ouro in Mozambique, divers can expect to see a huge variety of other species and topside wildlife too!

**12 days from £2,045**



### Visit Oman

Dive the warm waters of Oman and discover new dive sites around Ras Abu Daoud and nearby Fahal Islands. Expect turtles, stingrays, leopard sharks and plenty more. The scenic destination of Jebel Sifah is fringed by white sandy beaches and the Arabian Sea – a perfect getaway from the crowds.

**9 days from £1,575**



### Ari Atoll Diving Experience, Maldives

Discover the sites of the South Ari Atoll for healthy reefs, prolific marine life and the chance to come face to face with turtles, manta rays and whale sharks. With ten entry points, most of your week will be spent on the impressive house reef. This is one of our most popular scuba diving holidays.

**9 days from £2,545**



### Dive Mafia Island, Tanzania

Visit this charming backwater off the coast of Tanzania, home to Africa's finest marine reserve. Expect critters, turtles, rays and plenty of tropical fish amongst the pristine corals in the clear waters of Chole Bay. Time your holiday for whale shark (Nov-Mar), or humpback whale (Aug-Sep) encounters.

**10 days from £1,995**



### Jordanian Highlights

Visit Jordan's cultural and historical sites of Petra, Jerash and Kerak, take a dip in the Dead Sea, dive the uncrowded shores of Aqaba and explore the dramatic desert landscapes of Wadi Rum on this itinerary of adventure and discovery, suited for all the family and groups of friends.

**10 days from £2,095**



### Discover Maldives & Sri Lanka

Choose to dive the Maldives from one of our many liveaboard options. Spend the first week exploring famous sites of the central atolls followed by time in Sri Lanka with its captivating mix of ancient architecture, rich culture and natural beauty. An exciting holiday combination!

**16 days from £3,625**

# DUMAGUETE

## Dive Festival II

Following on from the success of our first festival, Dr Richard Smith returns to the Philippines to discover the magnificent marine biodiversity around Dumaguete. Staying at the luxurious Atmosphere Resort & Spa, experience wonderful critter diving, while benefitting from Richard's expert knowledge.

This expert led group adventure includes boat and shore diving in the marine sanctuaries along the Dumaguete/Dauin coastline, including the exceptional house reef where marine life includes numerous species of frogfish, ghost pipefish, seahorses, octopus and plenty more.

**Dumaguete Dive Festival II – 25 March 2019**

**13 days from £3,645**

Includes flights from the UK, accommodation, half board, diving, transfers and the expert services of Dr Richard Smith.



Contact our Dive experts to book your place.

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