

# Scuba Diving

## Worldwide Scuba Diving Directory

Scuba Diving Directory was founded by divers who understand your need for a comprehensive information resource for scuba diving and watersports services. Searching for what you want on the swarming internet space can be a tiresome experience. Hence, they intend to be your one-stop portal for all your diving needs.

Scuba Diving Directory is all about every kinds of watersports worldwide. The main focus is of course like the name suggests, scuba diving. Apart from which, they also bring you wide-ranging information on dive travels and destinations; snorkeling; surfing; freediving; sailing and boating; kayak and the list goes on.

Destinations are worldwide - just click on your areas of interest.

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### Fiji

Fiji conjures up images of white sandy beaches fringed with coconut trees, romantic moonlit walks along the shore, and the beaming smiles of locals as you join in their fireside songs. For years Fiji has epitomised South Pacific island charm.

Now the islands are well established as a great destination for divers too, with locations such as the Somosomo Strait, Taveuni, Kadavu and Bligh Water all growing in stature among the diving community. While Fiji promises a variety of dive attractions including pelagics, sharks, barrier reefs and wall diving, it is for the spectacular colour of the reefs that Fiji is known as 'The Soft Coral Capital of the World'.

### Dive the World

Dive the World Travel Website

+66 (0)83 5057794

### Cozumel

Island Dreams began in the scuba travel business, more than twenty-five years ago, by providing value and quality scuba diving travel to Cozumel, Mexico. Cozumel is simply a great dive spot and scuba travel vacation destination. Enjoy this excellent new oceanfront 5-star, luxury hotel. The Fiesta Americana is five miles south of town, therefore much closer to the dive sites. This property features multiple swimming pools, restaurants, a beautiful beach club, even an exercise room and jogging trail. The in-house dive operation is Juan Leca's Dive House. The quality of their boats, equipment, and personnel is second to none. Check out the closest hotel to Palancar Reef, and one of the best values in Cozumel. This hotel has been completely renovated subsequent to Hurricane Wilma.

### Island Dreams

Island Dreams Travel Website

800-346-6116

### Belize

Ambergris Cay (pronounced Key) is at the heart of Belize's dive tourism, the largest of the out islands, and a bustling resort and fishing community. Ambergris is just 20 minutes by air from Belize City or an hour and 15 minutes by ferry. With dirt roads, beachside cafes and dive shacks lining the shore, Ambergris Cay is rustic and charming. There are several restaurants and tourists shops in San Pedro, Ambergris's largest town. A few yards off the coast of San Pedro is the Hol Chan Marine Preserve, the northernmost point of the Barrier Reef. The dive sites are so near shore that diving is just a matter of suiting-up. The only exceptions to the rule are the day-long Blue Hole and Half Moon Caye trips that several local dive shops operate.

The Blue Hole, Belize's most famous dive spot, is a spectacular sinkhole near the center of Lighthouse Reef. The Blue Hole is best seen from the air where you can see the almost perfect circle, 1000 feet in diameter, changing from the cobalt blue of the Caribbean to a deep azure blue circle then to a deep indigo blue in the center of the circle. At 140 feet you reach an awesome underwater 'cathedral' with alcoves, archways and columns. The cathedral is a huge submerged cave with stalactites that are 12 feet wide suspended 20 to 60 feet from the cavern ceiling. Best Diving Months: March through May or August.

### Dive Travel

Dive Travel Website

866-445-3483

## Hawaii

Ocean Concepts is located on Oahu, the third largest and most populated island in the Hawaiian Archipelago. Nicknamed "The Gathering Place," Oahu is the center of Hawaiian commerce, education, culture and tourism.

We are family friendly and offer the full array of PADI programs and services from basic snorkeling to advanced instructor training and beyond. Extreme action, adventure, fun and great value for everyone. One of our most popular programs is the PADI Discover Scuba Diving experience which offers everyone (ages 10 up) an opportunity to discover the underwater realm. Although not a certification class, most people participating in this program sign up for further training. In a short class you are taught basic diving skills, then Ocean Concepts' Instructors escort first time divers on an underwater experience of a lifetime.

Whether its daily boat or beach diving, private or group, we have scuba programs and schedules for you while on Oahu. We have the best reef and wreck dives that Oahu and Hawaii have to offer. Tanks, weights, hotel transportation, soft beverages, fresh fruit, light lunch and snacks are included on every boat diving excursion.

### Ocean Concepts

[www.oceanconcepts.com](http://www.oceanconcepts.com)  
800-808-3483

## Key Largo, Florida

A major draw for the Key Largo reefs is the shallow depths, where a diver can get a full hour of bottom time studying the largest variety of fish species anywhere in the Caribbean. Divers can video tape or take underwater photography of the abundance of sea life in Key Largo. For the novice diver there is no better place in the world to polish scuba dive skills, while enjoying the beauty and splendor of Key Largo's reefs and shallow wrecks. For the more intrepid tech diver, Key Largo Florida offers the USCG Cutters Duane & Bibb, and the USS Spiegel Grove. At the intermediate depths of 60ft to 140ft, these wrecks will definitely satisfy that mystical "lust for rust". Horizon Divers is in the heart of Key Largo, Florida. We are a short boat cruise to Key Largo's 100 beautiful dive sites. That means you're in the water more than in the car or on the boat. We are a full service PADI and IANTD dive center providing an array of standard and unique amenities, not just exceptional Upper Florida Key scuba diving and Key Largo snorkeling. Those amenities begin with iced fruit juices and water on every Key Largo dive trip; freshwater rinse stations on board; spacious, clean and air conditioned scuba dive classroom; wireless internet access; special rates on Key Largo lodging; guest gear pick-up/storage/shipping service; shoreside barbecues; Key Largo party cruises and more.

### Horizon Divers

<http://www.horizondivers.com/>  
800-984-3483

## Bahamas

Dolphins, sharks, wrecks, and reefs. A wide variety of tropical diving adventures await you at UNEXSO, the only place in the world where you can dive in the open ocean with dolphins, dive with sharks, and explore the mystery of sunken ships on a single dive vacation. Shallow Reefs Starting at approximately 20 feet of water, shallow dives are perfect for beginning divers and snorkelers. These reefs offer great color, marine life, and coral. Medium Reefs Located in 40 to 60 feet of water, these reefs are typically scattered coral heads growing into more solid formations. Deep Reefs In 65 to 80 feet of water, high profile corals are seen in tongue-and-groove formations. Also, sharks, turtles, and pelagic species are most likely to be seen on these reefs. They also offer shark diving.

UNEXSO pioneered this exciting dive almost 20 years ago and was the first to offer shark diving on Grand Bahama Island. Our staff are considered experts in shark behavior and conservation and will organize an up close and personal experience with the sharks at

### UNEXSO's Shark Junction.

Unexso/Grand Bahama  
<http://www.unexso.com>  
800-992-3483

## Honduras

With a reputation for world-class coral reef diving, it is no wonder divers from around the world come to Utila. Utila is connected to the Belize Barrier Reef, the second largest barrier reef in the world. Surrounded by spectacular turquoise

water, abundant sea-life and outstanding coral reefs, Utila boasts endless opportunities for boat, wall and shore diving. On the north side, we often snorkel with whale sharks feeding at the surface &mdash; the largest fish in the sea! Utila Lodge guests dive from our 41-foot dive boat, the Sea Sprite. Our PADI-certified Divemasters will set up your gear for you and take all the hassle out of diving. Guests generally enjoy three dives per day including two dives in the morning and one afternoon or night dive. Utila Lodge is a full service resort with a relaxed atmosphere and modern amenities. Our facility is complete with cozy accommodations, first class restaurant, fully equipped waterfront bar and billiards table.

Utila Lodge  
[www.utilalodge.com](http://www.utilalodge.com)  
800-282-8932

#### Galapagos Islands

The Galapagos Islands are located 600 miles west of Ecuador and offer some of the most spectacular wildlife found anywhere in the world. Nowhere else on this planet will you find penguins which live on the equator (The Galapagos Penguin) or iguanas which swim and feed in the ocean (The Marine Iguanas)! Because these islands have only recently been invaded by man, the literally 1000s of animals that inhabit these islands have never learned to fear us. This means that you can literally walk right up to hundreds of blue-footed boobie birds, red-footed boobie birds, masked boobie birds, albatrosses, penguins, land iguanas, marine iguanas, lava lizards, sea lions, fur seals, red-chested frigate birds, flamingos, finches, tropic birds, lava gulls, giant tortoises, and flightless cormorants. The diving all over Galapagos is world class and the land is as fantastic as the diving and every island is very different than every other island with different types of animals. The land animals evolved without predation so they have no fear of man. You can literally walk right up to any animal in Galapagos and it will not move away. The islands are all covered with thousands of animals so the land excursions are awesome.

Shark Diving International  
[www.seesharks.com](http://www.seesharks.com)  
888-814-8256

#### Maya

Nestled between the jungles of the Yucatan Peninsula and the Caribbean Sea lies a seemingly endless white sand beach dotted with quaint villages and stunning resorts. The same reef system that lies off Cozumel runs parallel to this shore while the famous &ldquo;cenotes&rdquo; (caves and caverns) of this region are found in its jungle-thick interior. This 120-mile stretch of coastline offers a multitude of unique activities from exploring Maya ruins, drifting through cenotes and underground rivers, mountain biking and trekking through the jungle and dolphin encounters. Caradonna Dive Adventures has over 20 years of experience in selling dive travel to the world's top scuba diving destinations at great values suitable for every budget. From secluded island bungalows to live-aboards and 5-star all-inclusive resorts, we have the perfect escape for divers and non-divers alike.

Caradonna Dive Adventures  
[www.caradonna.com](http://www.caradonna.com)  
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#### Green Island, Taiwan

Green Island, once known as "Fire Island", is a small island located 33 kilometers in the Asian Pacific Ocean off the coast of South Eastern Taiwan. Having a population of 2000 on an area of 16,2 square kilometers, the island was formed by volcanic action which left a curved and complex coastline. Coastal beach terraces and cliffs drop to colorful coral reefs where schools of tropical fish make their abode. Along the shoreline, white coral beaches can be found and numerous coves which lead into warm tropical waters.

Guests from all over the world are always pleasantly surprised by the excellent diving here at Green Island - a little known diving paradise in East Asia off the south east coast of Taiwan. Coral reefs abound around the island are very easy to access (over 205 different kinds of hard and soft coral are to be found including Mountain coral - only to be found in the warm Japanese current). Snorkeling and scuba diving excursions are well organized and first timers can enjoy guided, supervised snorkeling with lifejackets and lifebuoys. Optical diving masks are also provided which is particularly welcome for those wearing glasses and contact lenses.

Green Island Adventure-Diving  
<http://greenislanddiving.com/>  
886 972 065 479

#### Bali

Bali Scuba gives the highest priority to safety. All our diving staff are PADI Instructors or PADI Divemasters, and we carry oxygen and a complete diving first aid kit on all trips. Our diving boat is equipped with a full complement of life jackets, and boat to shore communication equipment is always on board. We choose dive sites based on both the level and experience of the diver, and the conditions on the day.

Our PADI Instructors teach from introductory Discover Scuba Diving up to Divemaster level. Our intention is not only to ensure our divers have a fun time and meet all criteria to succeed on their courses, but also that they experience the best diving Bali has to offer whilst doing so.

At Bali Scuba we strongly believe safaris to be the best way to see the best diving Bali has to offer. Being basically circular and of a manageable size, Bali is very well suited to extended trips of between 2 - 9 days. As with day trips, everything is taken care of for the divers so they don't need to worry about arranging equipment, tanks, accommodation, food or transport.

Bali Scuba  
<http://www.baliscuba.com/>  
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## Oman

With 3,165 Km of coastline and clean unpolluted waters, Oman is one of the best kept secrets in the diving world.

The diving available in Oman provides adventure and enjoyment with dramatic wall drop-offs to scenic coral lined fjords, ranging in depth from 6-40 meters. Oman enjoys good sea conditions with an average visibility of 20-30 meters. Several superb dive sites encircle the Capital Area, including Fahal Island, Dimaniyyat Islands and Cemetery Bay. Night dives are popular and divers are often astounded by the amount of phosphorescence found in Oman's night-time waters. During winter months, the sea temperature drops to 20-25 C° and one may require a 5 mm wetsuit. In summer, as the sea temperature rises, a 3 mm wetsuit will suffice.

Sea-life is abundant regardless of chosen site, with a variety of hard and soft corals present, and shoals of fish everywhere. The diving is easy diving with good intact corals and a spectacular range of fish, with a possibility to see dolphins on the way to the dive sites.

A number of Diving Agents do operate in the Sultanate, and can arrange trips to the numerous diving sites surrounding the Sultanate at convenient conditions.

Oman Ministry of Tourism  
[www.omantourism.gov.om](http://www.omantourism.gov.om)  
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## Vietnam

Since 1995 : Blue Diving Club is the first dive center in Vietnam. Blue Diving Club is managed by a couple of French whose names are André & Chrystel. Discover the most beautiful dive sites in Vietnam, with a professional team to serve you. We offer high experience dives, our best high quality equipment is checked once a year by professional. The main words of the club are : professionalism and quality of service for customers's satisfaction. Best and safety dive center with professional team.

Andre and Chrystel's team of scuba diving professionals will be delighted to take you on a scuba diving adventure in Vietnam with Blue Diving Club whatever your scuba diving experience or level. We will cater for your scuba diving needs and desires, whether you are interested in a "Discovery scuba diving" or a scuba diving course. We are a PADI licensed and SSI, Centre for scuba diving with fully experienced and certified scuba diving staff. Our scuba diving team speaks fluently English, French, Spanish, Dutch, Russian, Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese of course. Our scuba diving club has international scuba diving insurance for all our customers and each instructor carries additional scuba diving insurance.

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