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Dive Travel



Whether you're a world traveler or stay-at-home dreamer, these trips are sure to entice

Love Story

As the sun sets on the Wakatobi Marine National Park, shy, vibrantly colored mandarinfish have one thing on their minds: reproduction. The mating ritual of the small — about 2 inches long — but stunning *Synchiropus splendidus* is short-lived, and you'll need perfect timing to get the shot. Belly to belly, the male and female rise like hummingbirds about 3 feet above the reef, and release up to 200 eggs into the water before quickly swimming away. Have your cameras ready to snap the spectacle — mandarinfish are a beautiful sight if you don't scare them off. — *Andy Zunz*

When to go:
Year-round

Where to go:
Wakatobi Dive Resort
wakatobi.com



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Easy on the Eyes Use a red light like Light & Motion's Sola Photo 1200 (which can switch between red and normal white light) for shooting mandarinfish; red light is invisible to them. Another option: Attach Backscatter's Inon Red Filter LE to your focus light or torch. lightandmotion.com; backscatter.com

