



Indonesia

Wakatobi Dive Resort

Unparalleled service makes this Indonesian private-island hideaway a favorite among in-the-know divers.

It's the service of this 24-bungalow, four-villa private-island resort in Indonesia that makes it such a repeat choice for guests. For starters, from the moment you arrive from your quick flight from Bali, you won't handle your dive gear. The staff brings it to the dive center for you, setting it up and breaking it down after each dive. And your other luggage will arrive at your villa or bungalow before you do.

The overall dive experience is about comfort as well as personalization. The 70-foot dive boats give guests ample room, with no more than 12 to 14 guests per boat. In the water, Indonesia is a haven for the small stuff, which most divers can miss unless guides point

out the harlequin pipefish, the frogfish, the mimic octopus — or whatever else their trained eye has just zeroed in on. Moreover, guides are accustomed to photographers' wishes, helping locate as many critters on a wish list as possible.

And because it's the sort of place where staff connect with guests, they'll notice if you, say, stay in your bungalow and miss dinner. Do so, and don't be surprised if someone from the restaurant calls to check if you need anything, from a meal to a tea or cocktail.

It's that level of attention — both underwater and topside — that makes the resort so beloved not only by repeat guests, but also by those tying the knot or honeymooning.



Only Here

Wakatobi offers a private-boat option: You pick the dive sites, you pick the departure time, and you pick the bottom time (within safe-diving limits). For many guests, this is becoming an increasingly smart option — and an extremely good value — for those with special interests, be they photography or snorkeling.



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