



WAKATOBI DIVE RESORT, INDONESIA

THIS LUXURY PRIVATE ISLAND HIDEAWAY IN SOUTHEAST SULAWESI PACKS A HEFTY BIODIVERSITY PUNCH

Divers come to Wakatobi when they're ready for sanctuary — and the utmost service both underwater and topside at one of the most luxurious private-island escapes on the planet.

Each of the 28 stand-alone bungalows and villas offers the utmost in tranquility. Choose from five categories: the highest end offered is the ultimate two-bedroom-plus category, a pool villa that includes butler service, as well as a daily private dive boat for true diving freedom.

From the house reef to the 40 nearby sites, all located within a UNESCO Marine Biosphere Reserve, guests will be wowed by the biodiversity, including harlequin pipefish, frogfish and the mimic octopus. Guides, each with at least 3,000 logged dives, are extremely adept at pointing out every

hard-to-see critter on the reef to all guests. Plus, the resort is unique in that it offers a taxi service so guests can explore the House Reef up to 500 meters from the jetty. Note that divers with solo diver certifications are welcome to forgo buddies here.

Also, Wakatobi accommodates Nitrox and rebreather divers. Underwater photographers will appreciate the climate-controlled camera room offering large work tables; instruction is available for intro to intensive five-day courses.

At Wakatobi, 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. Plus, this past year, the resort added a new custom-built private dive boat. Guests

can enjoy a mini liveaboard experience, choosing to stay onboard after a full day of diving with dinner al fresco and unobstructed top-deck views of the Milky Way.

One final note: Snorkelers receive as much attention



The incredible villas (top) and coral reefs at Wakatobi ranked highly with readers.

as divers. Whether you are a snorkeler or are traveling with one, know that they receive full briefings and snorkel guides during outings on the dive boats.

It's just one more way every guest feels pampered throughout every moment of their stay at Wakatobi.

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2019 READERS CHOICE AWARDS

Wakatobi Dive Resort was named one of the world's best dive resorts and its on-site dive operation was named one of the world's best dive operators in the 2019 Readers Choice survey.