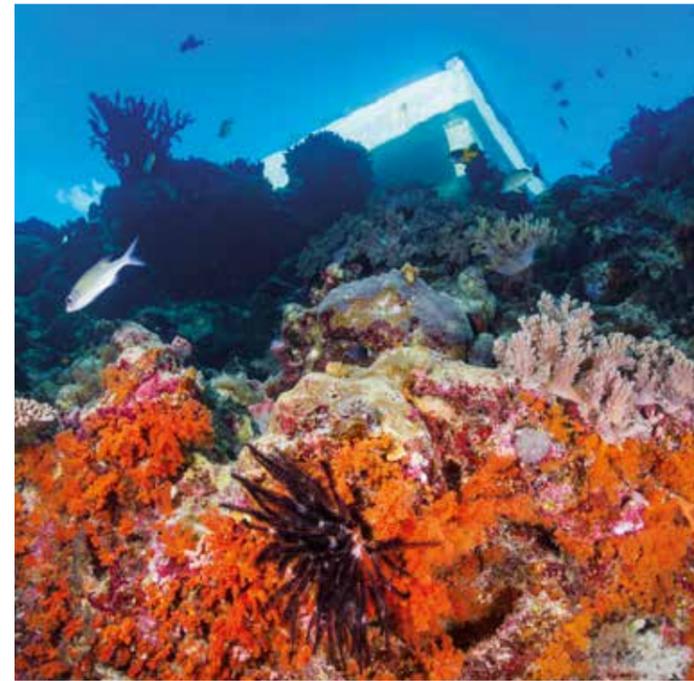


# World-class diving meets first-class service



Divers can enter the House Reef from shore or from the resort jetty, and will discover hundreds of acres of underwater terrain that includes critter-rich grass beds and coral heads and a dramatic drop-off riddled with crevices that shelter an even-greater assortment of marine life. To access an even-wider swath of the House Reef, divers can take advantage of the resort's taxi boat service, which will drop them off at more-distant parts of the site. Add it all up, and the only limits are those set by your dive computer.

Want to ditch the tanks, but not get out of the water? Wakatobi has also earned a reputation as a world-class snorkelling destination. Between the House Reef and dozens of dive sites that include shallow formations, there's literally weeks of snorkelling adventures to discover. Even better, snorkellers aren't treated as second-class citizens, and have equal access to dive boats and snorkeling guides.

Of course, there are plenty of reasons to come up for air at Wakatobi. The beachside setting is stunningly beautiful, with a collection of Indonesian-style bungalows and villas nestled into a waterfront palm grove. If you are into watersports, you might try kiteboarding, or grab a kayak or paddleboard to explore along the shoreline.



Dive vacations take many shapes. For some, it's all about the diving, and less about what happens during surface intervals. For others, resort amenities and relaxation are as important as what takes place under the water. But no matter whether you are a die-hard aquanaut or an easy-living vacation diver, Wakatobi Resort has you covered.

For starters, you'll be diving in a private marine preserve in SE Sulawesi, Indonesia, that nurtures some of the healthiest reefs in the Indo-Pacific. By simply staying at the resort, you'll be part of the solution, as a portion of all guest revenue goes to funding the preserve and supporting local communities. And the payoff isn't just a 'feel-good' thing, as the reefs remain pristine and the marine life is diverse and abundant. This win-win approach to marine conservation ensures that each and every dive or snorkel excursion is a first-class experience.

If you are the type that is always eager for more bottom time, Wakatobi's got you covered. The resort's large, stable dive boats make three daily trips to sites within the marine preserve. With reefs that rise to within a few feet of the surface, multi-level profiles routinely stretch to 70-minutes and beyond. To add to this daily bounty of bottom time, there's the House Reef, which has been called the world's best shore dive. This expansive coral reef is a particular favourite for its easy access and tremendous diversity of scenery and marine life.



*'The best diving we've had in 22 years underwater'*

~ Bill and Dessa Barnes

Relaxation is as close as a shaded verandah, or a chair on the beach. And did we mention the service? Wakatobi is renowned for its warm, attentive and personal take on guest service. It's beyond 'all you need do is ask', because you'll likely find that our team are quite good at anticipating your needs before you even ask. As if all this wasn't reason enough to start packing, there's also mealtime. Dining at Wakatobi isn't just about appeasing hunger. It's a three times a day chance to treat your taste-buds to a world of flavours with everything from familiar favorites to regional and international explorations of the culinary arts.

Though remote, Wakatobi is easy to reach via direct flights from Bali to a private airstrip. Once there, you can leave the world behind, while remaining connected through phone and internet service if need be. We invite you to learn why this unique dive resort is consistently ranked among the world's best. ■

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