



# Wakatobi by land and sea

WAKATOBI RESORT gives divers and snorkellers a unique opportunity to discover Indonesia's best coral reefs while also enjoying beach time, fine dining and five-star service.

And by combining a stay at the resort in South East Sulawesi with a one-week cruise on the luxury dive yacht *Pelagian*, they can add a memorable additional dimension to the holiday experience.

All Wakatobi guests are brought by private air charter from Bali to the resort's own airstrip on the adjacent island. A short ride to the resort brings guests to a collection of beachfront bungalows and villas overlooking the waters of a private marine reserve.

The resort's fleet of custom-built boats provides daily excursions to more than 40 sites that showcase pristine reefs, dramatic underwater walls and an intriguing collection of marine life.

Both divers and snorkellers can enjoy these sites, as many underwater formations rise to within a few metres of the surface, creating ideal conditions for snorkellers to view from the surface, and chances for divers to perform long multi-level profiles.

Experienced guides are on hand to provide assistance, or point out rare and

hard-to-find creatures such as pygmy seahorses and hairy squat lobster.

Guests also have day-and-night access to the House Reef, which has been called the world's best shore dive.

With critter-filled grass beds and colourful coral formations beginning just metres from shore, this famous site offers endless hours of exploration.

In addition to diving and snorkelling, guests can try water sports such as kayaking and paddle boarding, relax with indulgent spa treatments and broaden their interests with cultural events and programs such as Indonesian cooking classes.

The Wakatobi staff takes pride in delivering the highest levels of personal service by not just meeting requests, but by making the extra effort to learn and anticipate each guest's needs.

Many visitors comment on the exceptional quality and variety of the food created by the resort's culinary team.

In addition to serving ever-changing offerings of international and Indonesian dishes, the chefs are able to accommodate special requests and dietary requirements.

The second half of the Wakatobi land and

sea experience takes place aboard the dive yacht *Pelagian*. This 35-metre vessel departs from the resort for week-long cruises to the outer reefs of the Wakatobi Regency, as well as the critter-rich muck diving sites of Buton Island's Pasarwajo Bay.

To ensure the highest levels of personal comfort and service, *Pelagian* accommodates just 10 guests, who are attended to by a crew of 12. The yacht's spacious staterooms are more reminiscent of an upscale hotel room than a ship's cabin complete with full ensuite private showers.

Daily diving activities are conducted from two fast launches that visit a wide range of sites from shallow coral gardens to dramatic underwater pinnacles.

For many, the highlight of the trip is a visit to Pasarwajo Bay, where otherwise unremarkable shallows hold treasured finds such as playful coconut octopus and enigmatic ghost pipefish.

The bay's most famous residents are mandarin fish, which stage nightly courtship rituals to the delight of divers and underwater photographers. *Pelagian* cruises can be added before or after stays at the resort.

■ [wakatobi.com](http://wakatobi.com)



## An experience without equal

At Wakatobi, we take great pride in providing the ultimate in exclusive and personalised service. Our dive staff and private guides ensure your in-water experiences are perfectly matched to your abilities and interests. While at the resort, or on board our luxury dive yacht *Pelagian*, you need only ask and we will gladly provide any service or facility within our power. For all these reasons and more, Wakatobi takes top honors among discerning divers and snorkellers.

*"Simply put you can't have a better experience! Everything is about service and maximizing your diving and snorkelling. The dives were amazing, and all the staff are first class. At Wakatobi they will accommodate any request, but you hardly need to make any since they have thought of essentially everything."*

Dr. Jim and Laurie Benjamin



Luxury dive yacht *Pelagian*



Wakatobi Villa One.



Mandarin fish

