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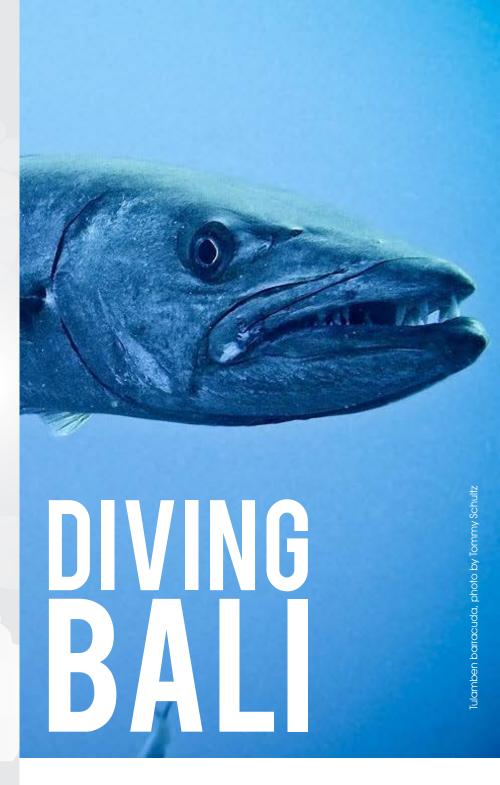
Originally we created this book with our divehappy customers in mind, but soon decided to make it available to everyone, as we found it hard to find a good free guide to all the wonderful diving Bali has to offer.

We both share a passion for Bali and the beautiful islands, unique culture and diverse landscapes. Just as above water, the landscape below the surface of the

Balinese waters is extremely varied and within short distances you can get very different scuba diving experiences.

Just one last note: This is a free E-book and that is the way we like to keep it. If you come across someone charging money for it, please let us know, but feel free to share the book and spread the word. If you have any questions, you are always welcome to contact us through our website www.vilondo.com.

We hope this will inspire you to come and explore the underwater world around Bali and we wish you a good dive, wherever you may be diving.



Swim with giant sunfish in the waters around Nusa Lembongan, explore the 120-meter-long USAT Liberty wreck at Tulamben, be amazed by the diversity in corals at Menjangan Island or explore one of Bali's other excellent dive sites. Bali has plenty of options.

This book was created to give you an overview of all the major dive destinations on Bali and on the nearby Islands of Lembongan, Penida and the Gili islands. We won't guide you through every little overhang or species you might find, but there should be plenty of information to help you to pick a destination or two that matches your experience and interest.

WHERE TO DIVE IN BALI?

Most of the dive sites are located on the north coast and the east coast or on some of the islands off those two coasts. Diving in Bali is diverse, so no matter your skill level or your interest you are certain to find a dive site in Bali that suits you.

A good place to start is at the "Diving Bali at glance" table and the map of dive destinations below, where we give you a quick overview of Bali's major dive destinations.

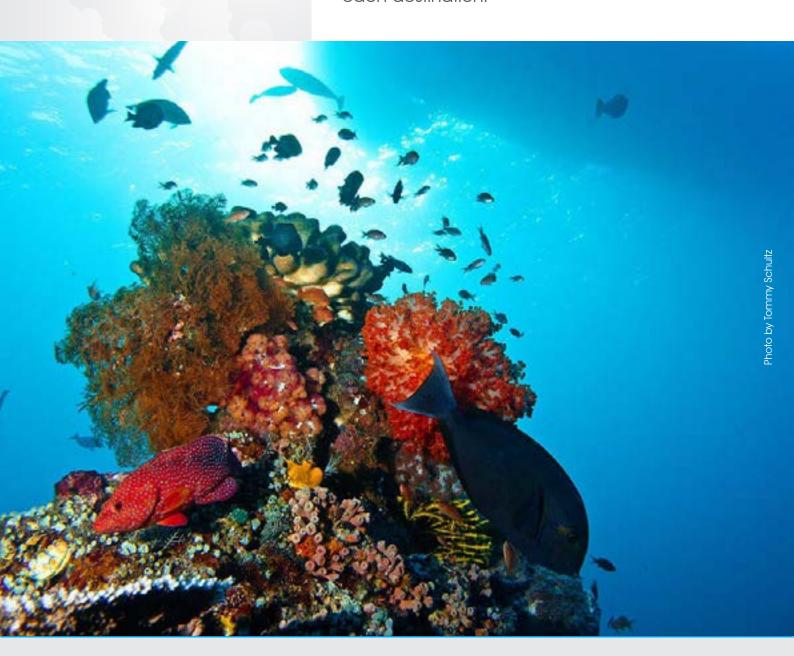


WHEN TO DIVE IN BALI?

You can dive in Bali all year round, but some sites are better to dive at certain times of year.

If you are looking for sunfish, the dry season is the time of the year you should head to Bali, and on the north coast visibility can be a little reduced from December to March.

You can see the specific details for all Bali's destinations in the table below and in the chapter about each destination.



DIVING BALI AT A GLANCE

	In Short	R at in g	Visibi lity (m)	Level	Currents	De pth (m)	Temp (°C)	Highlight s	Dive Sites	Best Time to Dive
Nusa Dua	For beginners and brush up dives	**	5-15	Begin	Gentle	5-15	26-28	Sea snakes, frogfish and batfish	2	All Year
Nusa Lembongan 8 Nusa Penida	A Playground for experience d divers.	****	20-45	Begin- adv	Gentle – very strong	8-40	20-26	Sunfish,sc hools of manta rays	15+	All year. Rough: Jun-Sep. Sunfish: July-Sep
Amuk Bay (Padang Bai- Candi Dasa)	Diversity- something for everyone	****	10-30	Begin- adv	Moderate can be strong near the islands	5- 40+	20-29	Schools of sharks, occasion al sunfish	7	All year. Rough: Jun-Sep. Sunfish: Aug-Sep
Gili Islands	Tropical island diving	***	15-25	Begin- adv	Gentle	3-40	26-30	Sea Turtles, reef sharks	20+	All year. Reduced visibility Dec-Jan
Amed to Gili Selang	Wreck and beautiful corals	***	10-25	Begin- adv	Gentle- very strong	5- 40+	22-26	Barracud as and reef sharks	8	April-Nov
Tulamben	Bali's best known dive site	****	10-30	Begin- adv	Gentle	5- 40+	22-26	The USAT Liberty wreck	5	All year. Aug can be difficult Dec-Mar
Pemuteran	Calm waters and recovering coral	***	10-25	Begin- intermed	Gentle	5-30	26-29	Marcel, tuna, barracud a	5	All year. Aug can be rough
Menjangan Island	Amazing vivibility and diversity	****	20-50	Begin- adv	Moderate	5- 40+	26-28	Colorful walls and 19 th century wreck	9	All year. Aug can be little rough
Gilimanuk Ba (secret bay)	Great for muck divers	***	5-10	Intermed -adv	Very gentle	3-10	23-26	Frog fish, nudie branch, macro life	1	All Year

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To give you a quick overview we have made this short table with the most important facts about Bali's top dive destinations. You can read about the destinations in the table in further detail in the rest of this book.



MAP OF BALI'S DIVE SITES

Above an overview of the location of the dive destinations (marked with a dark blue dot) de-scribed in this book.



S NUSA DUA

ABOUT NUSA DUA

Nusa Dua is an upscale resort town located on the east coast of the Bukit Peninsula in the southern part of Bali.

The main attractions in the Nusa Dua area are the white sanded Geger beach (which is among Bali's best beaches), the 5 star luxury resorts and the world-class breaks off the coast, that attract surfers from all over the world



Nusa Dua isn't among Bali's top dive sites, but if you stay in the South, it can be a convenient site to learn to dive or for brushing up your diving skills before heading to some of Bali's better dive sites.

The currents are gentle and the reef at Nusa Dua is shallow and easily accessible -- just a few minutes by boat -- making it good site for first-time divers.

The visibility is below average because of the nearby harbor and you'll only find a few corals, but the diversity in species is pretty good. Surgeonfish, blue lined snappers, yellowtail fusiliers, soldierfish and damsels are easily spotted. If you look carefully you might be lucky and spot a sea snake, frogfish or a batfish.

If you want to dive at some of Bali's top sites, several dive operators organize dive trips from Nusa Dua to sites further up the east coast to the north coast and to the nearby islands Nusa Lembongan and Nusa Penida.

OVERVIEW: NUSA DUA		
In short	For beginners and brush up dives	
Rating	**	
Visibility	5-15	
Level	Begin	
Currents	Gentle	
Depth (m)	5-15	
Temp (°C)	26-28	
Highlights	Sea snakes, frogfish and batfish	
Dive Sites	2	
Best Time to Dive	All Year	





POPULAR DIVE SITES AROUND NUSA DUA

Nusa Dua Reef stretches from Benoa harbor down to Nusa Dua. There are several places where you can dive in, but none of them are outstanding. The closer you get to the harbor in the North the worse the visibility tends to get. The area is popular for watersports, so be careful when you surface.



ABOUT NUSA LEMBONGAN AND NUSA PENIDA

Nusa Lembongan and Nusa Penida are two islands located about an hour by boat from the Southeast coast of Bali. Nusa Lembongan and Nusa Penida are the perfect island getaways with crystal clear waters and white sanded beaches you can have all to yourself.

Mass tourism has yet to discover these two islands, all though tourism on Lembongan is pick-ing up. Divers have found their way to islands though, due to the many spectacular dive sites around the islands.



DIVING NUSA LEMBONGAN AND NUSA PENIDA

You'll find some of Bali's very best diving on these two islands.

The main attraction of the islands is the rare Sunfish (or Mola Mola), that you'll have a good chance of spotting from July to September. The Sunfish are rarer than they are pretty -- looking like a two-meter-long and one-ton-heavy lump of meat with fins, they are quite a sight.

Currents can get very strong around Nusa Lembongan and Nusa Penida and the water is colder than most places in Bali. Therefore, a lot of the islands' top sites are only for experienced divers.

OVERVIEW: NUSA LEMBONGAN & NUSA PENIDA		
In short	A Playground for experienced divers.	
Rating	****	
Visibility	20-45	
Level	Begin-adv	
Currents	Gentle – very strong	
Depth (m)	8-40	
Temp (°C)	20-26	
Highlights	Sunfish, schools of manta rays	
Dive Sites	15+	
Best Time to Dive	All year. Rough: Jun-Sep. Sunfish: July- Sep	



The islands have more than a dozen good dive sits and new ones are still being discovered.

Crystal Bay

As the name indicates, the visibility at Crystal Bay is spectacular, often better than 30 meters. Crystal Bay is the top site for encountering sunfish, which can be seen from July to the begin-ning of November. The coral is superb and, apart from sunfish, white tip reef sharks and eagle rays are among the top attractions.

Manta Point

Manta Point has gotten its name from the groups of manta rays that often circle the waters. There is not much else to see here and the waters can be very rough, but observing the large groups of Manta rays elegantly swimming above and below you is a sight you won't forget any time soon.

Blue Corner

At Blue Corner you dive down to around 20 meters, where the current will take you on the roller coaster ride of a lifetime. You will be drifting by some of the islands' most interesting marine life. Keep an eye out for marble rays, eagle rays, sharks and sunfish. Due to the wild currents you need experience to dive Blue Corner.



ABOUT AMUK BAY

Amuk Bay is located on Bali's East coast and is about 6 km across. At the Southern end of the bay you'll find the villages of Padang Bai while Candidasa is located on the Northern side of the Bay.

Candidasa is a relaxed costal town on Bali's east coast. Accommodation and restaurants are plenty and ranges from high end to the modest. The vibe in is much more laid back than in the tourist hotspots further south.

On the other side of Amuk Bay, at Padang Bai, the atmosphere is even more relaxed. Padang Bai is a classic backpacker beach town and accommodation and eating is fairly cheap. If you are planning a trip to Lombok or the Gili Island there's a ferry connection from Padang Bai.

DIVING AMUK BAY- PADANG BAI TO CANDIDASA

The dive sites around Padang Bai are very good for beginners, as the location inside the bay keeps the water calm. Turtles, black rays, schools of batfish, nudibranch, frogfish and different kinds of sharks are among the many species you'll have a good chance of encountering.

Outside Amuk Bay, closer to Candidasa, you'll find four small rocks named Mimpang and the two small islands, Gili Biaha and Gili Tepekong. The waters are rougher up here and the dives are deep, so you need to have quite a few dives under your belt before diving here. However, if you have the necessary experience, this is where you can find some of Bali's very best diving. The crystal clear waters, a wide variety of sharks and occasional sunfish are among the many highlights.

Nusa Lembongan and Nusa Penida are accessible by boat from Amuk Bay and most dive operators in the area offer trips to the two islands.

In short Diversity-something for everyone Rating ★ ★ ★ ★ Visibility 10-30 Level Begin-adv Currents Moderate, can be strong near the islands Depth (m) 5-40+ Temp (°C) 20-29 Highlights Schools of sharks, occasional sunfish Dive Sites 7 Best Time to Dive All year. Rough: Jun-Sep. Sunfish: Aug-Sep	OVERVIEW: AMUK BAY (PADANG BAI-CANDI DASA)			
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Tanjung Sari

Tanjung Sari is located just north of Padang Bai. Here you may dive with all kinds of sharks – cat-, nurse, reef- and wobbegong sharks can be sighted. You'll also have a good chance of spotting a frogfish as well as crabs, shrimps and nudibranch.

Padang Bai Channel

The noise of the ferries leaving or coming from Lombok above you might be a little disturbing, but there is nothing wrong with the marine life. Turtles, sharks, rays, devil fish and sunfish in season are among the many species that you might encounter in The Channel.

Gili Biaha

At Gili Biaha a shark cave is one of the highlights, but be careful if you are considering entering as currents can be very unpredictable. An indicator of whether it is safe to enter is the blow hole on the surface. If it sprays water you definitely shouldn't enter and even if it isn't, care should be taken as conditions can change quickly. Inside the cave, white tip reef sharks are often resting. Lobsters and lionfish live in there too.

Tepekong Canyon

This is a drift dive where the usually strong current will take you by large, black, coral-covered steep walls. Sharks are definitely one of the highlights at Tepekong, as you often can see doz-ens of sharks circling the waters around or above you.



ABOUT THE GILI ISLANDS

The Gili Islands are three small islands located close to Lombok and around $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours by boat from Bali.

The Gilli Islands have everything you would expect from a tropical paradise. White sand beaches, crystal clear waters, cozy beachfront restaurants serving up fresh seafood and a small town where you can party all night three days a week.

The three islands are named Gili Trawangan, Gili Air and Gili Meno, with Trawangan being the most visited of the three islands.



DIVING THE GILI ISLANDS

Sea turtles are easily spotted here as the Gili community takes turtle conservation seriously. In fact, turtle spotting is almost guaranteed when snorkeling off the coast if you are in the right spot -- just ask the locals where to look.

For scuba diving The Gili islands have more than 20 sites. Pigmy seahorses, thousands of colorful fish, whitetip reef sharks and sting rays are among the many creatures you might encounter in the waters around the Gili islands.

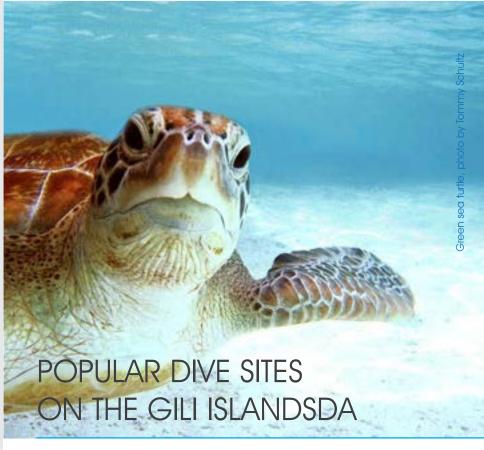
The sea around the Gilis is generally calm and the waters warm, making it a great place even if you are new to diving. In December to January visibility can be reduced due to heavy showers.

Some of the corals around the Gili islands are damaged due to dynamite fishing. Efforts are made to restore the reefs, but it will take time before they are fully recovered.

The Gili Islands also have a free-diving school if you want to try deep diving without tanks on your back.

OVERVIEW: GILI ISLANDS		
Tropical island diving		

15-25		
Begin-adv		
Gentle		
3-40		
26-30		
Sea Turtles, reef sharks		
20+		
All year. Reduced visibility Dec-Jan		



With more than 20 good sites around the islands there are plenty to choose from. These are some of the better options.

Shark point

As the name indicates, sharks – white and black tip reef sharks in particular -- are the high-lights of this site east of Gili Trawangan, but the diversity in species is generally very good at Shark Point. Turtles are very common as well as eels, sting rays and cuttlefish.

Deep turbo

This dive goes down to 30 meters, so you need to have an advanced certificate or similar qualifications. The coral is among the best you'll find around the Gilis and the sea fans are huge. You can't miss the garden eels and you have a good chance of spotting barracudas, pygmy seahorses, eagle rays and leopard sharks.

Haan's Reef

Haan's Reef is found just east of Gili Air and is a good place for lovers of muck diving and macro photographers. Frog fish, black spotted morays, nudibranch, seahorses and leaf scorpion fish are among the photo opportunities around this reef.



ABOUT AMED

Amed is the place to stay if you want to dive in this area. Apart from being a village Amed is the common name for a 10 km long stretch of fishing villages on the center of Bali's east coast.

The sands of the beaches are brown, grey and black and the atmosphere is relaxed and has a rural feel to it. You'll find colorful marine life and coral very close to Amed's shores, making snorkeling a good alternative to scuba diving.

DIVING AMED TO GILI SELANG

From the small cozy villages in the Amed area down to the small islet of Gili Selang there is a string of excellent dive sites.

The reefs closest to Amed have the gentlest currents in the area and are ideal for less experienced divers. Here you can experience some of the best Bali has to offer when it comes to macro life, and you can dive along coral covered walls, where reef sharks patrol and colorful fish approach you.

A little further down the coast from Amed, reachable with snorkeling equipment, lays a small wreck where napoleon fish, turtles, striped catfish and sting rays can be seen.

As you come near Gili Selang the currents picks up and can be very strong around the small island. Here you'll find some of Bali's healthiest coral and a marine life to match. Among the larger creatures you might encounter are grey reef sharks and hammerhead sharks.

OVERVIEW: AMED TO GILI SELANG		
In short	Wreck and beautiful corals	
Rating	***	
Visibility	10-25	
Level	Begin-adv	
Currents	Gentle-very strong	
Depth (m)	5-40+	
Temp (°C)	22-26	
Highlights	Barracudas and reef sharks	
Dive Sites	8	
Best Time to Dive	April-Nov	



POPULAR DIVE SITES ON THE AMED GILI SELANG STRETCH

Ghost Bay

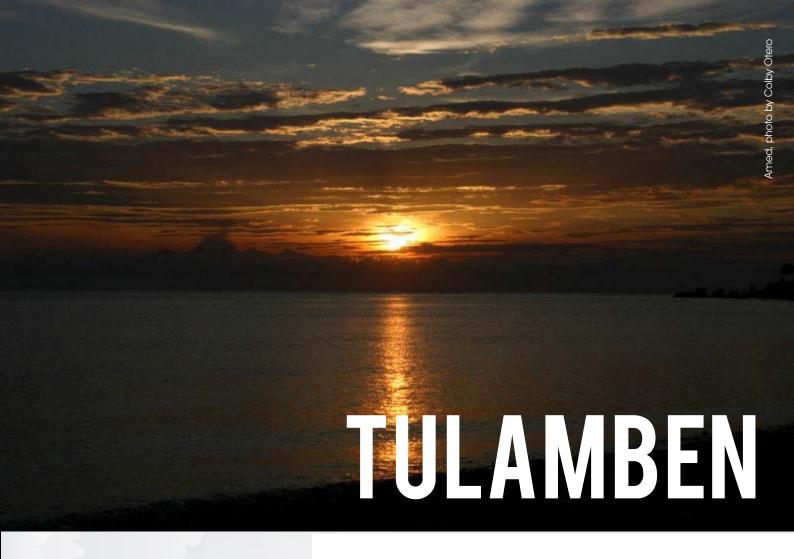
Ghost Bay is an artificial reef that can be reached from the beach. The reef is packed with life and there is a good chance of spotting ghost pipefish, mimic octopuses, pygmy seahorses, stone fish and razor fish. This is an easy dive and is excellent for underwater photography.

Amed Wall

This dive goes down to around 35 meters. The coral around the wall is beautiful and fish are plentiful. Keep an eye out for bumphead parrotfish, bluefin trevally, lionfish, snappers and white or black tip reef sharks that occasionally patrol these waters.

Gili Selang

This small island is located about half an hour by boat south of Amed. Here you'll find some of Bali's healthiest coral, turtles, bumphead parrotfish, giant trevally, whitetip reefs sharks and, if you are lucky, hammerhead sharks. Currents can be very strong.



ABOUT TULAMBEN

Almost everything in the town of Tulamben is based on diving and that is the main reason most people come here – in particular to dive the USAT Liberty Wreck

Many who want to explore the Tulamben waters choose to stay in the Amed area, half an hour to the south, where the beaches are nicer and there is a little more to do.



DIVING TULAMBEN

The main attraction at Tulamben is the WWII USAT Liberty wreck, which is Bali's most well-known dive site.

The part of the wreck closest to the shore lays a depth of 5 meters and can be reached with snorkeling gear, while the other of end the 120-meterlong wreck rests at 30 meters depth. The wreck is covered with coral and is now the home of many of Tulamben's underwater creatures. The US Liberty has plenty of structural holes where you can go exploring and chances are good that you will swim into schools of sweetlips, batfish, unicornfish, and fusiliers.

Tulamben has more to offer than the wreck, including muck diving, wall-diving and reefs well suited for beginners.

OVERVIEW: TULAMBEN		
In short	Bali's best known dive site	
Rating	****	
Visibility	10-30	
Level	Begin-adv	
Currents	Gentle	
Depth (m)	5-40+	
Temp (°C)	22-26	
Highlights	The USAT Liberty wreck	
Dive Sites	5	
Best Time to Dive	All year. Aug can be difficult Dec-Mar	



POPULAR DIVE SITES AT TULAMBEN

The USAT Liberty Wreck

You can access the wreck straight from the beach and you will quickly be greeted by the many colorful fish that live in and around the wreck and within its healthy coral. Among them are large sweetlips, angelfish, butterfly fish, batfish, anemone fish, lionfish, scorpionfish, hawkfish, bumphead parrot fish, pufferfish, napoleon fish and Barracudas to name a few. In season you can get lucky and see sunfish. If possible, you should go early, before the crowds are picking up. The Liberty wreck is a great site for night diving too.

Tulamben Wall

The Tulamben Wall, 500 meters east of the wrecks, starts just a couple of meters below the surface and continues to a depth of 60 meters. Basslets, pufferfish, hawkfish and damselfish are easily spotted along the wall and on a good day you might see one of the Wall's giant bumphead parrotfish.

Batu Klebit

If you are interested in the larger creatures of the sea you should jump in at Batu Klebit where barracudas, tunas, reef sharks, manta rays and on occasion's sunfish and hammerhead sharks are known to roam.



ABOUT PEMUTERAN

Pemuteran is a calm oasis on the western part of Bali's north coast.

Most people come here to relax in one of the town's stylish resorts or hotels and to explore the marine life of the local bay

Apart from serving as a base for diving the local reefs, Pemuteran is also the place most people choose as their base for diving Menjangan Island 40 minutes up the coast.

DIVING PEMUTERAN

Generally diving around Pemuteran is good, but miss that little something that some of Bali's top sites has. The fish and corals are colorful, the currents gentle and the waters are warm and calm which makes Pemuteran excellent for less experienced divers.

Around Pemuteran marine life comes in all sizes from small nudibranch and flatworms to large barracudas and tuna, and somewhere in the middle, squid and cuttlefish.

In 1998 the Pemuteran house reef was destroyed by El Niño and soon after a recovery project was launched. The project included sinking large artificial strictures with samples of coral attached into the reef. Whether or not you like the idea of an artificial reef, the project has been a success as the coral has recovered remarkably.

For some of Bali's best diving you should head to nearby Menjangan Island.

OVERVIEW: PEMUTERAN		
In short	Calm waters and recovering coral	
Rating	***	
Visibility	10-25	
Level	Begin-intermed	
Currents	Gentle	
Depth (m)	5-30	
Temp (°C) 26-29		
Highlights	T Marcel, tuna, barracuda	
Dive Sites	5	
Best Time to Dive	All year. Aug can be rough	



POPULAR DIVE SPOTS AT PEMUTERAN

Napoleon Reef

Napoleon Reef is located a few kilometers from Pemuteran. The slopes of the reefs are cov-ered with soft coral and sea fans. At around 20 meters depth you can see the remains of a sunken diving boat. Squid, cuttlefish and rays are sighted regularly.

Close Encounter

Close Encounter is situated 2 km from the shore. The reef has a nice mix of hard and soft coral. The fish here are classic reef fish, -- e.g. schools of snappers, large jacks, bat fish, sweet lips, emperor fish and fusiliers. Larger species you might see include octopuses, rays, parrot fish and sharks.

Pemuteran House reef

The Pemuteran House reef is an artificial reef and is alive with critters and small fish. The reef is excellent for night diving where lobsters, shrimps and electric clams come out.



ABOUT MENJANGAN ISLAND

Menjangan Island is a part of Bali Barat National Park located in Bali's southwestern-most corner.

Apart from a small community of Hindu monks, its protected deer and some rabbits and iguanas, the island is uninhabited.

There are a couple of resorts nearby; apart from those, your best option for a base for exploring Menjangan Island is Pemuteran.



DIVING MENJANGAN ISLAND

The visibility around Menjangan Island can be amazing, which adds to the sensation of the many different and colorful fish that await you below the surface. It is said that the diversity of corals around 1.5 km wide Menjangan Island is greater than in the entire Caribbean.

Most dives up here are wall dives, where you explore caves and the diverse and colorful life along the wall.

Menjangan Island might be a bit off the beaten track, but it is definitely worth the detour.

OVERVIEW: MENJANGAN ISLAND		
In short	Amazing vivibility and diversity	
Rating	****	
Visibility	20-50	
Level	Begin-adv	
Currents	Moderate	
Depth (m)	5-40+	
Temp (°C)	26-28	
Highlights	Colorful walls and 19 th century wreck	
Dive Sites	9	
Best Time to Dive	All year. Aug can be little rough	



POPULAR DIVES SITES AROUND MENJANGAN ISLAND

Eel Garden or Pos 1

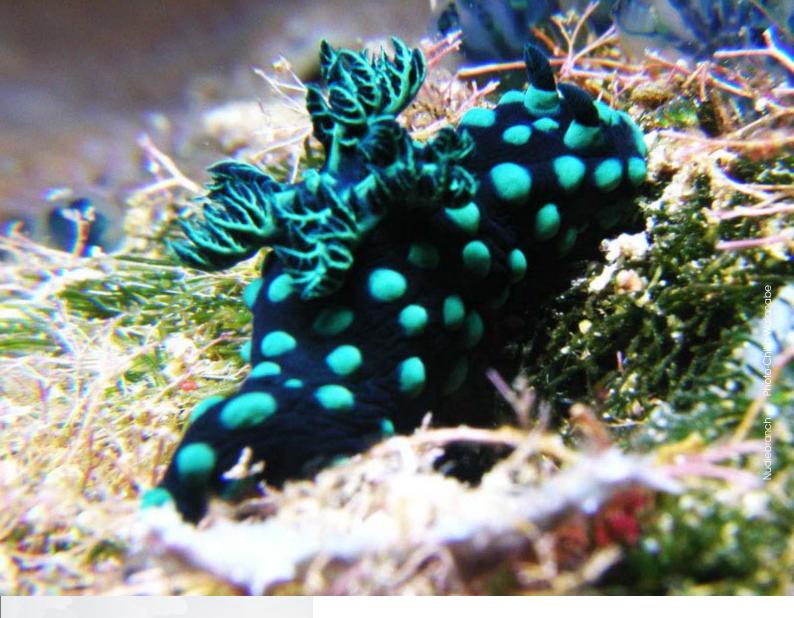
This is quite a large site with almost no or very little current. The corals and the fans are stunning. There are flat areas, crevasses, small caves and drop offs. White garden eels live here along with pygmy seahorses and cleaner shrimps. It is said that bull sharks and whale sharks have been seen in these waters.

Anker wreck

Another popular dive is the Anker Wreck, a 19th century wood ship carrying bottled cargo. The wreck is located at a depth of 35 meters and below, so you need some experience to reach it. White tip reef sharks occasionally visit the wreck.

Pos 2

This is a drift dive, where the usual gentle current will take you drifting along the wall. The coral-covered wall has plenty of small caves to explore and is the home of moray eels and lionfish. As you travel further down the reef turtles, manta rays, sharks and occasional Mola-Molas inhabit the waters.



GILIMANUK BAY SECRET BAY

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ABOUT GILIMANUK

Gilimanuk is pretty much a ferry town, where ferries are crossing the straits to Java. The town doesn't have much to offer when it comes to accommodation and restaurants, so your best pick for a base for diving Gilimanuk Bay would be Pemuteran.

DIVING GILIMANUK BAY

Gilimanuk, also known as Secret Bay is perfect for you if you are the kind of diver who loves to slowly scan the bottom looking for unusual creatures. Macro photographers will definitely enjoy Secret Bay.

Gilimanuk bay is 2 km wide and very shallow with a max depth of 10 meters. The bottom con-sists of fine volcanic sand and rubble and you won't find hardly any corals here, so it is essential that you control fin movement and buoyancy in order not to stir up the bottom and ruin the visibility. If you manage to keep the waters clear and look closely, frogfish, nudie branch, seahorses, yellow-margin moray eels, ghost pipefish and dragonets can be seen.

The water at Secret Bay is cooler than in the rest of Bali - around 25°C, so you should dress accordingly.

Gilimanuk Bay is not for everyone, but if you like to go muck-diving in Bali, Gilimanuk Bay is a good choice.

OVERVIEW: GILIMANUK BAY (SECRET BAY)		
In short	Great for muck divers	
Rating	***	
Visibility	5-10	
Level	Intermed-adv	
Currents	Very gentle	
Depth (m)	3-10	
Temp (°C) 23-26		
Highlights	Frog fish, nudie branch, macro life	
Dive Sites	1	
Best Time to Dive	All Year	



POPULAR DIVE SITES IN GILIMANUK BAY

The most common dive site is located close to where the ferries are docking in the harbor. Once you get in, start exploring all the natural and manmade hiding places in the harbor for rare creatures.

DIVE OPERATORS IN BALL AND AROUND.

Below you'll find a list of dive operators that operate in and around Bali. We haven't been diving with all of them our self, but have generally heard good things about the ones listed below, so it could be a good place to start searching for a dive operator in Bali. Even though they are located in one place they usually offer trips to other dive locations.

AMED

Amed Scuba

Amed Scuba is run by the very friendly Christine Sbick. Safety is a high priority at Amed Scuba and diving is done in groups of maximum 3 people.

Web: http://www.amedscubabali.com/

Phone: +62(0)81999123847 Email: halloscuba@yahoo.com

Address: Amed Beach, Karangasem, Bali 80852

SANUR

Crystal Divers

Crystal divers in Sanur continue to get good reviews, so if you are staying around Sanur they are a great choice.

Web: www.crystal-divers.com

Phone: +62 361 286737

Email: info@crystal-divers.com

Address: Jl. Tamblingan no. 168. Sanur, Bali,

Indonesia, 80228

GILI ISLANDS

Gili Air Divers

Gili Air divers are located in Gili Air, but also operate from Gili Meno get some very good reviews. Both Gili Air and Meno divers can be contacted through the below.

Web: www.giliairdivers.com Phone: +62 878 653 675 51 Email: info@giliairdivers.com

Address: Sunrise Resort, Gili Air - Lombok -

NTB - Indonesia

LIVE ABOARDS

The Seven Seas

This 45m Buginese schooner is much more than a live aboard. It is a luxury liveaboard that ensure that diving the waters of Indonesia will be an unforgettable experience above water as well as below water.

Web: http://www.thesevenseas.net/

Phone: +62 361 8955968 Email: info@thesevenseas.net

Waow Charters

This Bali based three masted vessel is pure luxury and everything – and a little more you – you would expect from a high end live aboard.

Web: http://www.waowcharters.com

Phone : +62 (0)361 895 1102 Email : info@waowcharters.com

PERMETURAN

Easy Divers

This friendly place in the north-western part of Bali is run by Dusan and Jana, who will ensure you have a great time diving Bali.

Web: www.easy-divers.eu
Email: contact@easy-divers.eu

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