

Beginner-friendly dive trip

ECHOES OF SIPADAN

24 August - 30 August, 2025 | 6N/7D

Trip fee (per person)

INR 188,000

13 Guided Dives + Unlimited House Reef Dives

Eligibility - Open Water Certified SCUBA diver*

(No minimum dives required)

Total Seats: 14

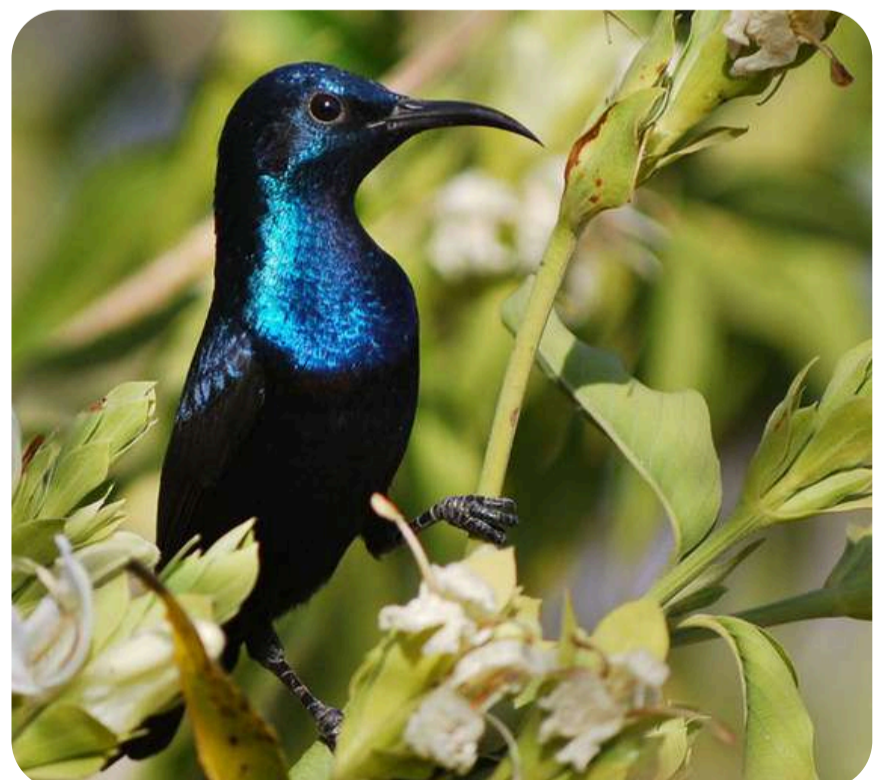
Spot Reservation fee - INR 40,000

The Destination

Sipadan

Located in the Celebes Sea, in Malaysia, Sipadan is positioned in the middle of the **Coral Triangle** (Indo Pacific Basin), the richest and **most biodiverse marine habitat** in the entire world. The whole marine food chain in its entirety can be found here! This area sports **600+ different coral species** and **3,000+ fish species**. The island is also a **bird sanctuary**. Migratory birds such as wood sandpipers can be sighted along with sea eagles, kingfishers, sunbirds, starlings as well as megapodes. The island is a **protected National Park** and a **no fishing zone**.

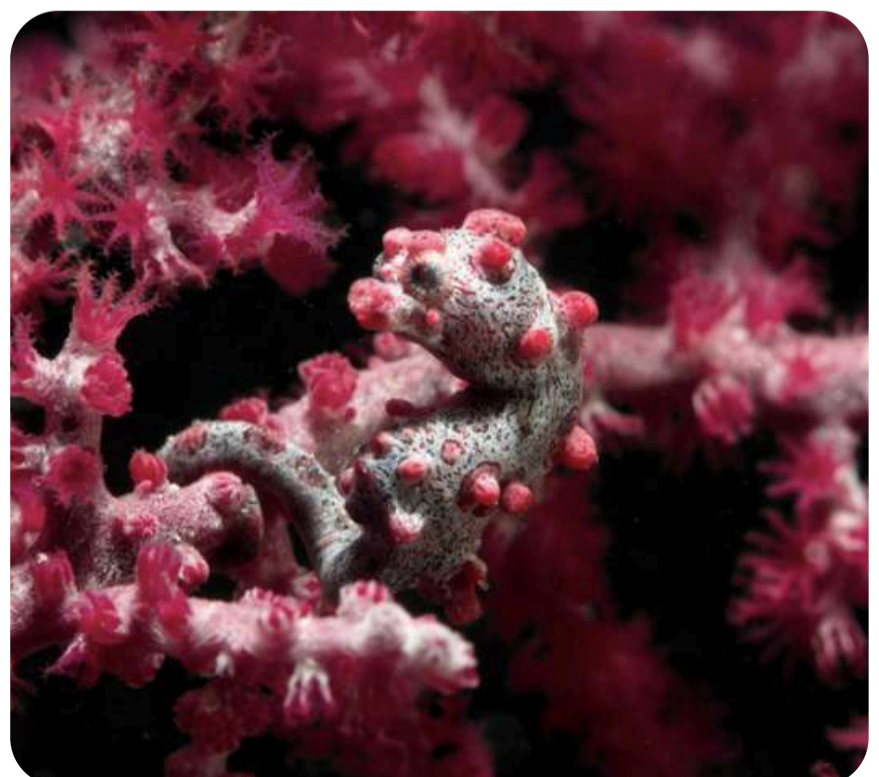
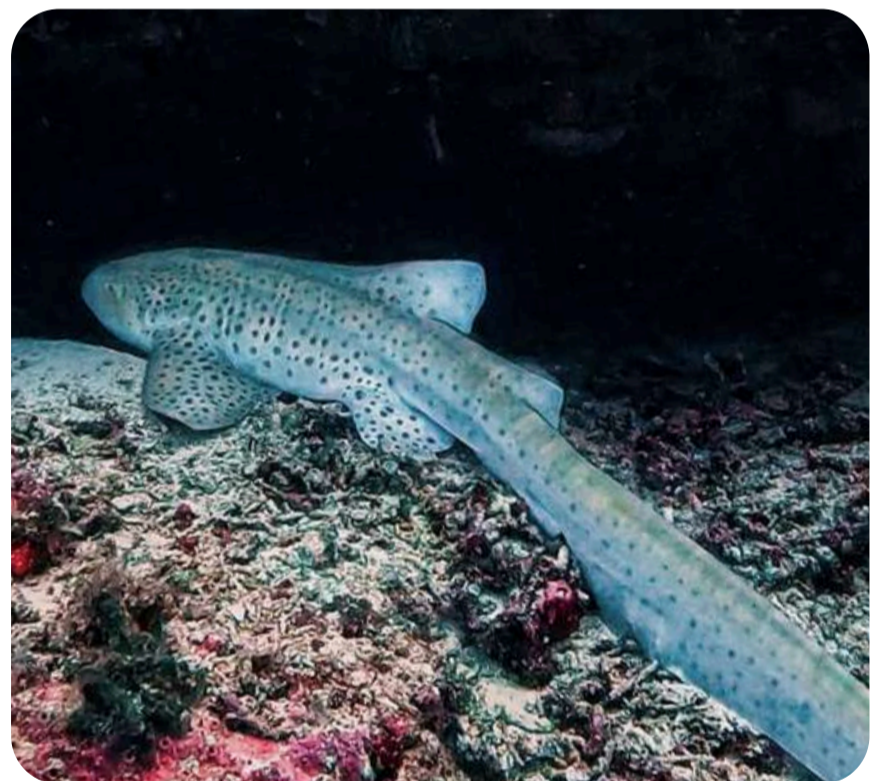
July to September is the **best time to dive at Sipadan** as these months offer the holy trifecta of diving – **calm seas, high visibility,** and **large shoals of schooling fish**.



Marine Life Highlights

Sipadan

Barracudas in shoals of several hundred, rumbling herds of **bumphead parrotfish**, schools of **jacks & trevallies**, countless green and hawksbill **turtles**, bustling reefs full of reef fish, **leopard sharks**, **whitetip sharks** and, several macro species.



Marine Life Highlights (2/2)

Mabul and Kapalai

Among the **world's best muck diving destinations**. Divers can frequently encounter the following - nudibranches, ghost pipefish, scorpion leaf fish, frogfish, mandarin fish, blue ringed octopus, shrimps, crabs, stingrays, solitary giant groupers.



Excursion on Land

Tawau Hills Park

Tawau Hills Park is a national park that is popular for hiking, swimming, bird watching. The Park offers an impressively thick forest with trails for hikers of all abilities, rugged volcanic landscapes including a **hot spring**, spectacular waterfalls & natural pools, picnic areas, and camping site. The rainforest is home to the **oldest tropical trees** in the world and 7 major rivers originate here. The Tawau River flows through the middle of the park and forms many **natural deepwater pools & waterfalls** such as the famous **Table Waterfall**.

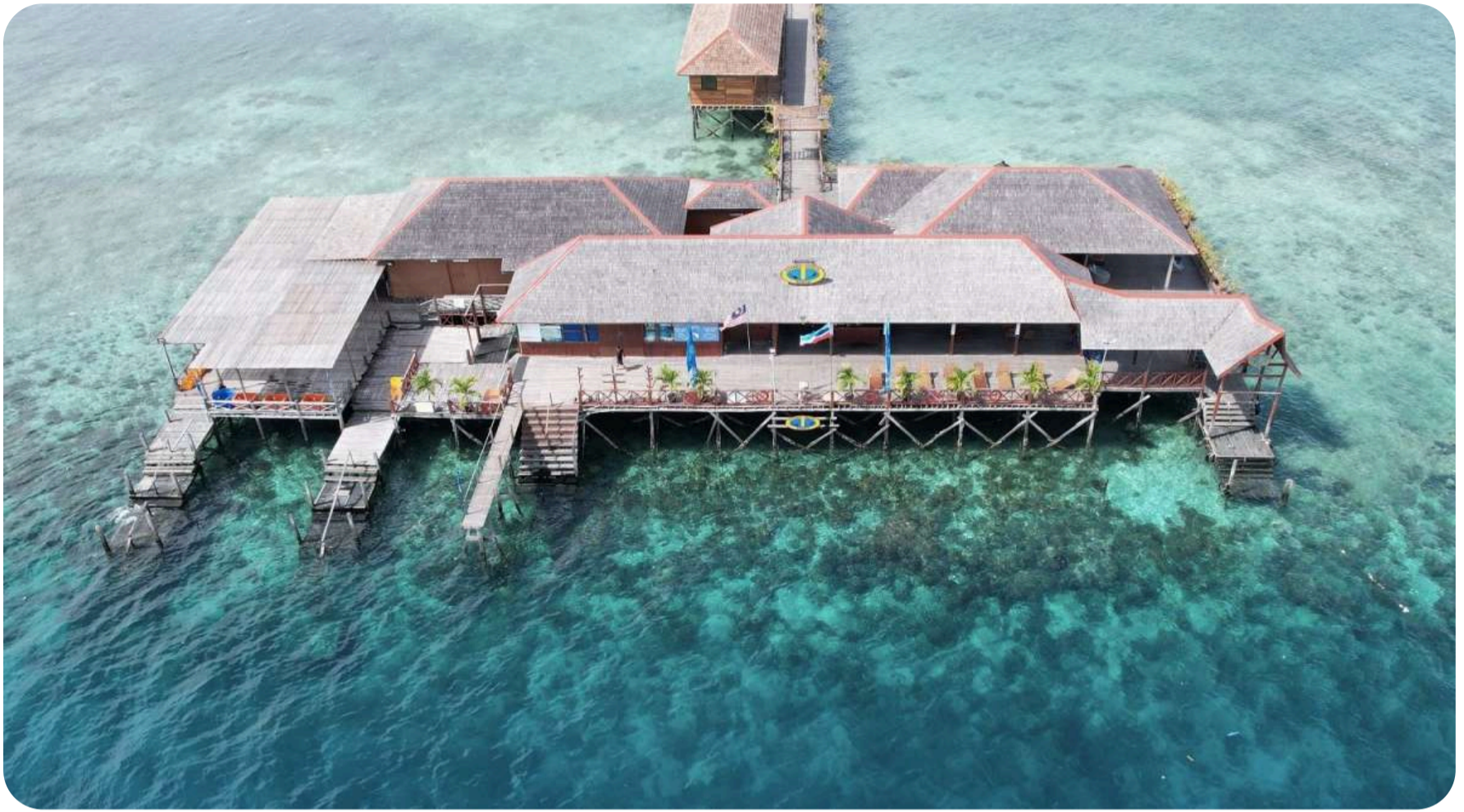
Tawau Hills Park, was established in 1979, primarily as a protection for the water catchment area of Tawau town and Semporna Peninsula.



Accommodation in Mabul (5 N)

Luxury Resort

Experience serenity at this luxury resort with charming tropical themed villas and chalets.



OVERVIEW



The Rooms

Luxury Villas

The interior design of the rooms is tailored to create a relaxing atmosphere. Expect a blend of traditional European chalets with modern aesthetics and amenities, designed specially for divers with plenty of storage space. All rooms are equipped with ensuite bathroom, private balcony, air conditioning, WiFi, fan, safe, electric kettle, tea, coffee, fresh towels.



Lounge & Recreational Areas

Relax and Unwind

Beach boutique resort with plenty of outdoor lounge areas & activities – spa, pool table, volleyball, kayaking, snorkelling.



Dining Areas

Outdoor & Indoor Alfresco Dining

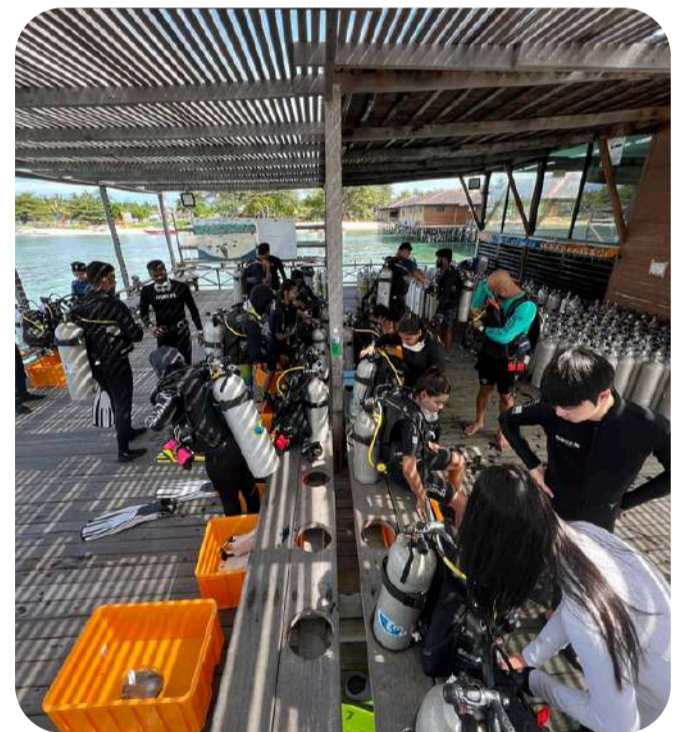
Expert chefs curate a variety of Western and local dishes with plenty of vegetarian and non-vegetarian options.



Dive Deck

Well Equipped Dive Deck

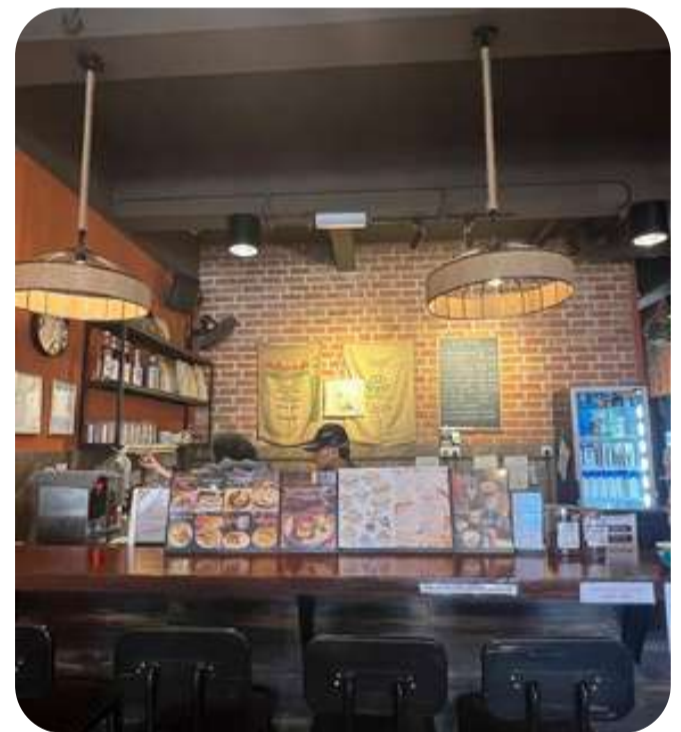
The Resort has an elaborate two floor dive deck with shower areas, equipment stations, and a dedicated briefing area.



Accommodation in Tawau (1N)

Cosy Boutique Hotel

Boutique hotel offering modern accommodation with a restaurant renowned for its carefully curated breakfast menu.



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Itinerary

Detailed Day-wise Plan

Day 1 : (24 Aug 2025)

- 12pm to 6pm - Pick-up from Tawau Airport as per your flight arrival time.
- Van transfer to hotel in Tawau.
- Check-in at the hotel (1pm onwards).
- Meet & greet; Welcome dinner by Oceaon.



Day 2 : (25 Aug 2025)

- 7:30am - Van transfer from Tawau to Semporna; Packed breakfast.
- 10:30am - Boat transfer from Semporna to Mabul.
- 12pm - Check-in at resort; Lunch.
- 2pm - Equipment set-up; Check dive (guided).
- 4pm to 7pm - Unlimited house reef diving / recreational activities.

Day 3 : (26 Aug 2025)

- 7am to 8am - Breakfast.
- 8:15am to 1:30pm - Three guided dives at Mabul & Kapalai.
- 1:30pm to 2:30pm - Lunch.
- 3pm to 7pm - Unlimited house reef diving / recreational activities.



Day 4 : (27 Aug 2025) - *SIPADAN DAY*

- 5:30am to 12pm - Two guided dives at Sipadan; Breakfast at Sipadan island.
- 12:30 to 1:30pm - Back to resort for lunch.
- 2pm - One guided dive at Mabul / Kapalai.
- 3:30pm to 7pm - Unlimited house reef diving / recreational activities.

Day 5 (28 Aug 2025)

- 7am to 8am - Breakfast.
- 8:15am to 1:30pm - Three guided dives at Mabul & Kapalai.
- 1:30pm to 2:30pm - Lunch.
- 3pm to 7pm - Unlimited house reef diving / recreational activities.



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Itinerary

Detailed Day-wise Plan

Day 6 : (29 Aug 2025) - SIPADAN DAY

- 5:30am to 12pm - Visit Sipadan island; Two guided dives at Sipadan; Breakfast at Sipadan island.
- 12:30 to 1:30pm - Back to resort for lunch.
- 2pm - One guided dive at Mabul / Kapalai.
- 3:30pm to 7pm - Unlimited house reef diving / recreational activities.



Day 7 : (30 Aug 2025)

- 7:30am to 9:30am - Breakfast; Check-out.
- 10:30am to 1:30pm - Boat transfer from Mabul to Semporna, then van transfer to Tawau Airport or hotel in Tawau.
- 2pm - Check-in at hotel in Tawau (only for guests who opt for add-on).

Day 8 : (31 Aug 2025)

- 7am - Breakfast.
- 8am to 2pm - Trip to Tawau Hills Park; Hike to see the oldest Tropical trees; Lunch picnic in the park.



Day 9 : (01 Sep 2025)

- 7:30am - Breakfast.
- 8:30am to 11am - Check-out and Van transfer to Tawau Airport.

Optional Add-on (\$150): Includes day trip to Tawau Hills Park with guided hike to oldest tropical trees and the Table Waterfall + Lunch picnic in the park + 2 nights hotel stay at Tawau (with breakfast) + airport drop-off.

The dive plan is subject to change based on local regulations, diver experience, weather, and logistics. It's completely at the discretion of the dive guides. Safety always comes first.

OPTIONAL ADD-ON

Inclusions



Diving

- 13 Guided dives with 2 diving days guaranteed at Sipadan.
- Unlimited house reef dives.



Accommodation

- 5 nights stay at a luxury resort in Mabul (refer page 6).
- 1 night stay at a hotel in Tawau (refer page 11).



All Meals

- Full Board meal plan (breakfast + lunch + dinner).
- Snacks, fresh fruits, yoghurt, tea, coffee, mineral water.



Logistics

- Pick-up from and drop-off to Tawau Airport.
- All van and boat transfers - Tawau <> Semporna <> Mabul.



Two Sipadan Permits

- Guaranteed Sipadan permits (approx. INR 30,000 / diver for 2 days) including conservation fee.

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Exclusions

- Flights
- 5% GST, TCS (as applicable) - Refundable/Reclaimable
- Dive insurance
- Dive Equipment

TCS Rules

Tax collection at source, a mandatory advance tax applicable for Indian nationals for any foreign travel. If your cumulative payment(s) in any given Financial Year (FY 2024 - 25 or FY 2025 - 26), as applicable on date of payments, has crossed INR 7 lakh, a 20% TCS will be applicable. Otherwise, only 5% TCS will be charged (TCS is 100% Refundable/Reclaimable). TCS refund can be claimed against tax payable during ITR filing and is reflected as a tax credit in Form 26AS.

Payment Terms

- INR 40,000 to be paid for spot reservation via this link <https://rzp.io/rzp/sipadan2025>
- 50% of balance payment by 30 April 2025. Remaining balance payment to be completed 60 Days (30 June 2025) before the trip start date.
- Bookings are Non-refundable & Non-transferrable.

Eligibility*

- Sipadan Marine Park regulations mandate that all divers be Advanced Open Water certified and must have logged their latest dive within 2 years of the trip start date (24 Aug 2025).
- Open Water certified divers are welcome to join the trip if they opt to complete the Advanced Open Water course during the trip.
- Divers with last logged dive date earlier than 25 Aug 2023 will be required to complete the SCUBA Refresher Course before visiting Sipadan.

Equipment & Courses

Equipment Type	Total Price (5N/6D)
Full Set (Dive Computer, BCD, Regulator, Wetsuit, Fins, Booties, Mask & Snorkel)	\$150
BCD + Regulator	\$70
Dive Computer	\$30
Mask & Snorkel	\$15
Fins & Booties	\$15
Wetsuit (3mm Shorty)	\$20
Torch	\$25
12L Enriched Air (Nitrox)	\$30 per tank

Equipment brands available at the Dive Resort

(a) Dive Computer - Sunto

(b) BCD, Regulator, Fins & Mask - Mares, Scuba pro, Cressi

All equipment is put through a constant rolling schedule of maintenance, service, repair and replacement. In-house technicians and service centre experts perform periodic maintenance.

Courses on Board	PADI
Enriched Air (Nitrox)	\$215
Deep Diver Specialty	\$190
UW Navigation Specialty	\$190

More Information

- To reach Tawau, guests can fly into Kuala Lumpur and take a domestic flight from Kuala Lumpur to Tawau. Oceaon will arrange and organise all logistics and transfers between Tawau and Sipadan.
- Full Board meal plan starts from dinner on 24 Aug 2025 and ends with breakfast on 30 Aug 2025.
- We are pleased to offer the following booking options to cater to all our guests' preferences -
 - PADI Advanced Open Water certification for additional INR 12,000 above the trip package price.
 - Single Occupancy upgrade for additional INR 70,000 above the trip package price.
 - Non-divers are welcome to join the trip. They can access all recreational activities such as kayaking, snorkeling at the resort and visit Sipadan Island for snorkeling. The trip fee per person for non-divers is INR 140,000 (includes 2 Sipadan snorkeling permits).
- Free Full Set Equipment includes dive computer, BCD, Regulator, Wetsuit, Mask & Snorkel, Fins, Booties. 15L Tank (Air or Nitrox), 12L Nitrox tank, Torch are not included and available to rent, if required.
- Airport pick-up on 24 Aug 2025 will run between 11am to 6pm.
- Please book flights with departure timings post 3pm on 30 Aug 2025.

Visa

Indian Nationals are eligible for visa-free entry into Malaysia, which permits a stay of up to 30 days for business, tourism, social and transit purposes.

The travellers are required to provide confirmed return flight tickets, passport with a validity upto atleast 6 months from the date of departure from Malaysia, confirmed hotel bookings, and completed Malaysia Digital Arrival Card (to be completed 3 days before arrival in Malaysia).

About Oceaon

Welcome to Oceaon, where passion converges with purpose beneath the waves. Committed to the protection and conservation of the Earth's most invaluable resource—the Ocean—we aspire to inspire change by raising awareness and promoting education about the enchanting marine world.

At Oceaon, we meticulously plan and execute dive trips to captivating destinations globally. Our scuba diving courses accommodate all skill levels. Through our vertical, Mad Over Maldives, we've successfully organized over 100 trips to date.

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Founder's note



Nishi Srivastava

Founder - Oceaon & Mad Over Maldives, Rescue Diver, Shark Enthusiast, Artist, Minimalist

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Hello, I am Nishi and I'm a SCUBA diver, freediver, and entrepreneur. I used to be a data scientist but the call of Mother Ocean is bigger than us all. Few key life events and hours of introspection led me to quit the corporate world and I found myself sitting on the beach with a life jacket (yes, I did not know how to swim back then)! Over the last few years I've been grateful to have the opportunity to launch and grow our Maldives vertical, Mad over Maldives. Me and my team are humbled by the love and support we've received from our wonderful customers. Oceaon is now expanding boundaries and I am elated to host you in iconic dive destinations across the world.

What makes us Excellent?



Safety First

Prioritizing your well-being, we adhere to the highest safety standards, ensuring a secure and worry-free diving experience



Experienced Team

Dive into the depths with confidence, guided by our team of seasoned professionals who bring years of expertise and a passion for marine exploration



Top Accommodation

Our carefully selected accommodations offer a perfect blend of luxury and relaxation



Attention to Detail

From itinerary planning to personalized services, we pride ourselves on the little things that make a big difference, ensuring your journey is seamless and memorable

Crafted by Experts

Explore truly unique destinations and witness world's most remarkable marine life

2,130+

Happy Travelers

116+

Trips done

Terms & Conditions

Please read, understand, and accept all Terms & Conditions mentioned in our detailed **Terms & Conditions - Sipadan with Oceaon** document. Your acceptance of these T&Cs is imperative to Spot Reservation. Receipt of Spot Reservation amount will imply full agreement and acceptance of all terms & conditions.

- Special Community Offer is valid only till 21 March 2025.
- The booking is non-refundable and non-transferrable.
- We under no circumstances whatsoever will be liable to the travellers for: Any death, personal injury, sickness, accidents, loss, delay, discomfort, increased expenses, consequential loss and /or damage or theft caused during the trip.
- We retain the right to cancel or alter dives in the interest of the safety of all passengers, crews, and the vessel. The final call will be made by the cruise director.
- Dive cancellations due to bad weather or unforeseen circumstances may occur without prior announcement. In the event that a dive is cancelled for any reason, we will try our best to reschedule it for the next available day. However, if rescheduling is not possible, no refund will be provided.
- Should there be government-related price increases (fuel, taxes, fees), we reserve the right to adjust the prices accordingly.
- Dive insurance is mandatory for this trip.
- Marine life is wild and unpredictable. We do not promise or guarantee any specific wildlife sightings.
- We do not guarantee same gender cabin sharing arrangements.
- Travellers are solely responsible for obtaining a Visa and clearing immigration. In the unlikely event that a traveller encounters difficulty obtaining the visa or clearing immigration, Oceaon shall not be held responsible, and no refunds will be provided.
- All Travellers are individually responsible to ensure they are medically fit to dive and have consulted a physician where necessary. All Travellers will be asked to fill a standard Diver Medical Form and produce necessary doctor's clearance certificates (*if required*) before commencing the first dive.
- We reserve the rights to post pictures, videos, testimonials from the trip on our social media and website.

By participating in Oceaon's Echoes of Sipadan dive trip, 24 Aug - 30 Aug, 2025; you acknowledge and accept these terms and conditions. Please ensure you are familiar with and agree to these terms before confirming your participation.

Join The Tribe

Happy Faces from our past trips



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SIPADAN 2025

For all your attention

THANK YOU

We look forward to hosting you and exploring the stunning waters of Sipadan, Malaysia together.

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