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Diving In Indonesia: The Ultimate Guide To The World's Best Dive Spots: Bali, Komodo, Sulawesi, Papua, And More



Synopsis

Diving in Indonesia is a fully comprehensive diving guidebook for exploring the most notable areas of Indonesia. A chapter is devoted to each of the following important regions in Indonesia for divers: Bali North Sulawesi Central, South and Southeast Sulawesi Nusa Tenggara (Lombok, Komodo, Timor, Alor) Raja Ampat & West Papua Maluku (Ambon, Banda & Halmahera) Each chapter relates to a different region and provides the reader with area maps, dive site maps, diving information which includes: Difficulty level highlights Logistics General area information General diving information Detailed dive site descriptions Useful diving contacts such as emergency services and emergency diving services, liveaboard diving, marine life features, conservation features and travel planners are included, making this a complete diving guide. There are also sections regarding general travel practicalities in Indonesia, general diving practicalities in Indonesia, a basic Indonesian dictionary and phrases specifically relating to diving.

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Customer Reviews

We gave this book as a gift to my in-laws who were about to leave on a diving trip for Indonesia. They thought the book had very helpful/fascinating information inside. Very happy with this purchase. Great images and detail.

It contains some of the world's best dive sites all in Indonesia and recommends Dive Resort which take care of their environment. Some of them I already know. The other resorts which were unknown to me I will go to and check them out. Since Indonesia is the best dive site in the world for

me. Well done I wish there were more books like that!

A new guidebook providing an overview of the dive sites of Indonesia has been long overdue, and I was excited to find this one. Unfortunately, my excitement was quickly replaced by disappointment, this guide barely scratches the surface. Two of the country's regions, Sumatra and Kalimantan are completely ignored, despite both having popular and great dive locations at Pulau Weh and the Sangalaki archipelago, respectively. In the regions covered, it also only covers a few areas, often not even the best and most popular ones. In Maluku for example it only covers Ambon and obscure Weda Bay (which is remote and only has a single dive resort) yet doesn't even mention much more accessible Saparua and the region's most coveted destination, the Banda Islands, despite both having had at least 2 dive operators for many years and having been well detailed in earlier guidebooks from 15 years ago already! The important diving areas missing from this book are also covered in the Indonesia chapter of the shorter and cheaper Diving SE Asia guide of the same publisher. Those areas that did get coverage don't get much of it either: the Ambon map shows and names 48 dive spots around that island, yet only 5 of these are actually described in the text. The practical advice, especially regarding the dive operators recommended, also leaves a lot to be desired: typically only one dive operator is recommended, invariably a Westerner-run one, the most expensive of all, with the existence of others not even mentioned. You will often find more info on dive areas and operators in the general Lonely Planet guide to Indonesia! Anything good to say? Well, it is pretty and nicely laid out, and for novices to Indonesian diving, it still gives an overview of the country's diversity.

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