

DIVING SAFARI 12 DAYS 11 NIGHTS NICO DIVES COOL BALI



INTRODUCTION

Are you ready to be blown away by the heavenly landscapes of Bali? Dive into a once-in-a-lifetime adventure, exploring the island's hidden gems, both above and underwater with Nico Dives Cool Bali.

This safari offers a blend of natural sites and picturesque landscapes, cultural visits, and sightseeing at the most beautiful locations on the island. Let us guide you through this journey, relaxed and comfortable. Our dynamic and enthusiastic team will take good care of you!

For more information on each specific dive site we recommend for this safari, check out the detailed description on our website: <https://nicodivescoolbali.com/go-dive/day-trips/>

Do not hesitate to contact us for any questions, suggestions, or adaptations to the program: nicodivescool@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE: The starting date and number of days are flexible according to your flight schedule and preferences. The choice of dive sites can be adapted to your diving level and diving expectations.

Description of the Safari



Day 1: Arrival day – welcome in Bali!

Upon arrival in Bali, our reliable driver will be waiting to transport you to your Sanur hotel. Take the time to unwind and explore the enchanting surroundings of Bali at your leisure.



Overnight in **Sanur**

Day 2: Free day, Relax and Discover Sanur including Balinese Signature Massage

Also known as Morning of the World, Sanur is a great place to enjoy the beautiful sunrise on the beach. Sanur, unlike other places in Bali, offers a distinct village ambiance and a beautiful white sandy beach at the same time. You will easily spot local people selling local cuisines as well as traditional handicrafts along the beach. For some months (between July-August) you can see beautiful and colorful kites played by the locals in Mertasari beach - so beautiful to be missed!

In the afternoon, we'll get your muscles relaxed. That's why we include massage in your program. Balinese Signature massage is like no other massage in the world. It combines the Balinese signature remedies inside the oil and the ancient massage technique by the local well-trained therapist.



Overnight in **Sanur**

Day 3: Travel to the North and discover the Bedugul area

Our driver will pick you up at 7:30 am from your accommodation and drive you to our dive center to meet the team. Arrive at our office, we'll take some time to get acquainted, complete the necessary paperwork, and check equipment if needed. Once everything is set up, we'll venture off to the wild north-west of the island!

The drive to Pemuteran typically takes around four hours drive, While en route, we will pass through central Bali and the Bedugul area, known for its beautiful **lakes and hills**. We'll stop by a few temples and scenic viewpoints along the way, with the Beratan, Buyan, and Tamblingan lakes being the main attractions. The journey commences with a visit to the traditional market, followed by lunch in Bedugul, and culminates with a trip to the **ULUN DANAU BERATAN** water temple and of course, we cannot miss the Instagramable spot at Bali Handara Gate.

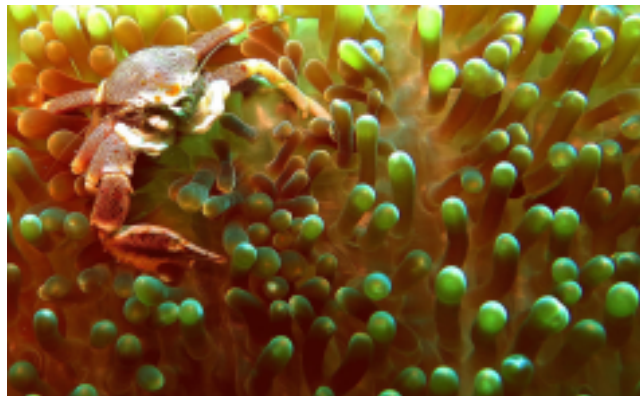
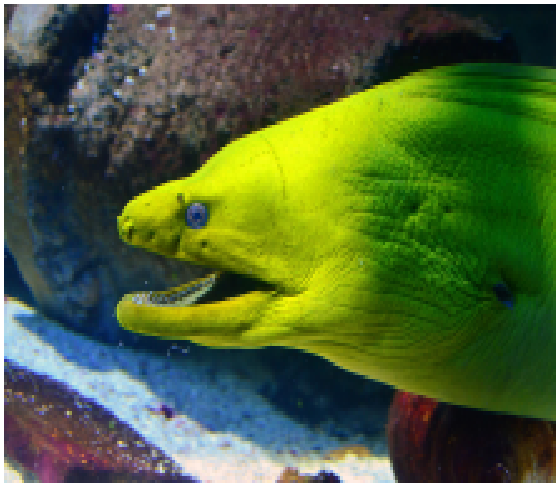


Overnight in **Pemuteran**

Day 4: Diving in Pemuteran – 3 Dives including 1 night dive possible

On day four, we will embark on two or three leisurely day dives from the beautiful white sandy beach at Pemuteran, starting at approximately 8:30 am. Pemuteran offers clear, warm water, with no current, and stunning coral formations. The dive sites cater to divers of all levels, from beginner to more experienced divers, and are also ideal for snorkelers. The majority of dive sites consist of coral slopes, with depths ranging from 25 to 40 meters.

If you are an Advanced diver or above - you can skip one leisure day dive and replace it with an adventurous night dive and try your luck to see the rare Mandarin Fish!



Overnight in **Pemuteran**

Day 5 : 3 dives in Menjangan and drive to Tulamben

The fifth day of your adventure begins with three dives in the surrounding waters of Menjangan Island. The day starts early at around 7:30 am followed by a speedboat ride to the dive spots around Menjangan island.

Menjangan Island is a stunning location situated in the north-west of Bali, within the Bali Barat National Park. The island spans around 3km in length and 0.7km in width and is protected from the strong currents between Bali and Java. The island is named after the increasingly rare Java deer, known as "Menjangan" in classical Javanese.

The island is mostly uninhabited, except for a small group of Hindu monks, protected deer, rabbits, birds, and iguanas. When it comes to diving, Menjangan offers a diverse range of fish and coral, combined with incredible visibility. The dive sites feature superb drop-offs that range from 10 to 40 meters, beautifully decorated with gorgonians, sponges, and small caves that offer excellent macro opportunities.

Suggested dive sites :

POSS II DIVE SITE, CAVE POINT, BAT CAVE /TEMPLE POINT

Between the dives, you will enjoy lunch and as well may stroll around Menjangan Island. This beautiful location is known for its deer sightings and the chance to witness a traditional Balinese ceremony at the island's small temple.



After lunch, we head east to Tulamben (a 3-hour drive).

Overnight in **Tulamben**

Day 6: Exploring Tulamben's Underwater Treasures: 3 Dives, Including the Must-Do Liberty Wreck, with the Option for a Night Dive.

Greet the sun with a splash. We're taking off from Tulamben Beach at 8:00 am for a thrilling day of not one, not two, but three epic dives!

THE USAT LIBERTY WRECK

Torpedoed by a Japanese submarine during World War II and further broken up by the 1963 eruption of Mt. Agung, this 120-meter-long wreck lays now at 60 meters from the shore. Encrusted with coral, the ship features visible guns, boilers, toilets, and anchor chains and hosts numerous species of fish, wonderful sea fans, and sponges. Marine life is extremely rich around and in the wreck. A gigantic swirl of jackfish can usually be seen on top of the Liberty shipwreck. King barracudas are also often seen here along with a wealth of macro life, like frogfish, ornate ghost pipefish, nudibranchs, or the rare pygmy seahorse. Despite this diversity, the USAT Liberty shipwreck remains best known for the school of Humphead parrotfish that sleep inside its structure at night. We dive in, through, and around the wreck, discovering new landscapes each time we change direction!

THE DROP OFF (Amazing Reef Wall):

The Drop-Off wall is an old lava flow from Mount Agung. The dive starts on a sand slope with nudibranchs, flounders, goby and shrimp sets. On the right side, the slope develops into a reef with very impressive topography, becoming a vertical wall (from 15m to below 60m) extremely rich in marine life.

Night dive on the Liberty Wreck: Experience the unforgettable. Take the plunge into the depths of the ocean and explore the wreck under the star. The atmosphere on the wreck is truly unique once the sun sets, and watching groupers hunt by the light of your torch is a delight you won't soon forget. Advanced or above certification is required for night dive experience.



Overnight in **Tulamben**

Day 7 – Early morning dive on the USAT Liberty Wreck + 2 boat dives in Tulamben or 2 dives in Kubu

We will kick off the day with an early morning dive exploring the beautiful USAT Liberty Wreck. Picture yourself surrounded by a lively parade of bumphead parrotfish, all while waiting for the sun to rise - this early morning dive will truly be an unforgettable experience.



After breakfast, we will do 2 boat dives in Tulamben.

Are you a macro lover? Always wanting to see more of the rare or even one-of-a-kind nudibranchs? Then two boat dives in Tulamben will be the option for you, some of our favorites are Alamanda, Batu Kelebit, and/or Emerald (choice between 2 sites).

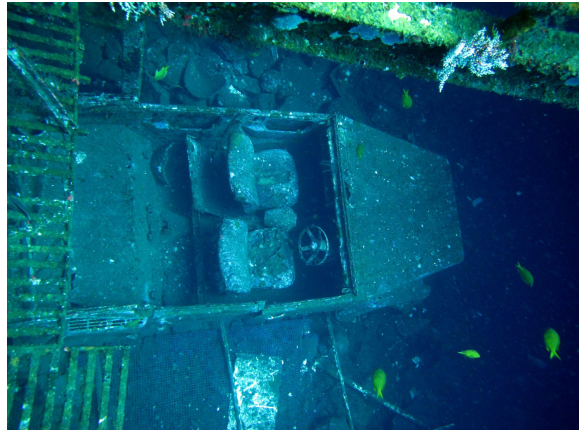
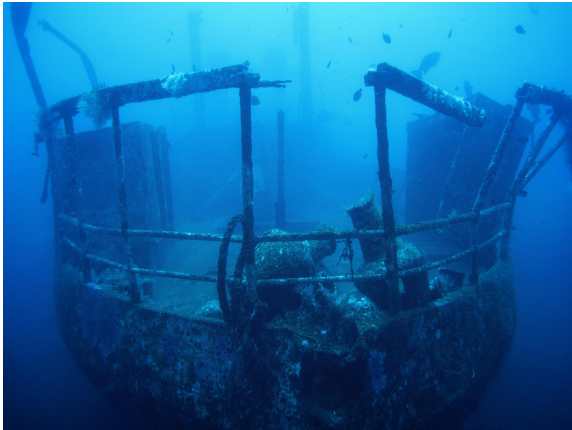
Less visited, they offer great diversity and numerous big species: Napoleons, Bumphead parrotfishes, eagle rays, reef sharks, and even, sometimes, Mola-Mola.

If you crave more adrenaline rush and enjoy drift dive you can always swap the 2 Jukung dives in Tulamben with Kubu.

Kubu is the nearby village on the west of Tulamben. It's a 15-20 minute drive from Tulamben. We would do a deep dive on a recent wreck, in a surreal atmosphere followed by a relaxing dive on Kubu Monkey Reef.

The **BOGA WRECK** in Kubu is a Dutch boat that was sunk voluntarily in 2012 to create an artificial reef for marine life and attract tourists to this area. The Boga wreck starts at 16 meters and goes down to 38 meters. The statues, the jeep, and the amphorae inside the Boga wreck are gradually contributing to the arrival of new aquatic species: soft corals, moray eels, lionfish, leaf fish, shrimp, and hundreds of other animals have already taken possession of the wreck as a refuge. Barracudas, sharks, turtles, humphead parrotfish and the usual reef fish like to hang out in the area too.

This dual-level wreck offers many treasures to discover, and is definitively a great site to dive on!



Transfer to Amed after lunch.

Overnight in **Amed**

Day 8 – 2 boat dives in Amed and transfer to Candidasa with a stop by Tirtagangga



After a great breakfast - meet your guide at 8.00 am and we'll start the adventure with 2 boat dives to enjoy the warm and clear waters of the Pyramids site (40 artificial reefs full of life) and Jemeluk Wall, a steep drop-off, where you will be astonished by the abundance of fish from macro size to much bigger ones. You can often see much larger pelagic fishes passing by in the depth of the drop-off.

PYRAMIDS: called "Ghost Bay" as well, is a collection of artificial reefs in the form of Pyramids staying at 18 meters, created by the local community, 20 years ago. You will start the dive following a beautiful reef parallel to the shore from 5 to 15 meters then you will find at 18 meters 25 underwater pyramids (4 meters high) covered with an abundance of sea life. You will dive between the pyramids then ascent and finish the dive on the coral reef beside the pyramids. On this dive spot, we can see turtles, different schools of fish, lots of stingrays on the sand, white-tip reef sharks under the table coral, leaf scorpion fish on the pyramids, pygmy seahorses and moray eels.

JEMELUK WALL: The JEMELUK WALL dive site is located on the right of the bay, it takes about a 5-minute boat ride (Jukung) to get there from Jemeluk bay beach. The wall is very beautiful with nice corals and beautiful gorgonians. It's a dive in clear & warm water along a steep drop-off, where you will be astonished by the abundance of fish life from macro size to bigger ones. Once you pass the wall you will find a deep slope that is rich in corals. If you turn right towards sandy shallower water, you will see huge gorgonian fans and deep red barrel sponges as well as scorpion fish, nudibranchs and other macro critters.

After lunch, we'll venture our journey to our next accommodation in Candidasa. On our way, we'll make a stop at one of the most famous water palaces in the east Bali area, Tirtagangga. Translating to "Blessed water of the Ganges" referring to Hinduism's holy river, Tirta Gangga was a huge complex built in 1946 but was destroyed almost entirely by the eruption of **Mount Agung** in 1963. As a former water palace in its ear, this place hold very

deep history with rich Balinese architecture that you can see in every inch of the place, from the ornamental pools, fountains, stone carvings, lush gardens, and the iconic stepping stones across the water.



Overnight in **Candidasa**

Day 9 – 2 boat dives in Padang Bai and drive to Sanur with a stop by Goa Lawah

The 9th day of your safari journey will start with pick up around 8.00 am from your accommodation in Candidasa. After you complete breakfast and check out from your accommodation in Candidasa, we'll then continue our journey to Padang Bai. Around 20-minute drive from Candidasa, we'll head out to Padang Bai beach and embark from there on a jukung for 2 dives in the crystal clear water of Blue Lagoon.



BLUE LAGOON – This shallow coastal reef has a white sandy bottom; you can see huge coral bommies that start in around 5 meters of water. The fish life is amazing, regular sightings of sharks and turtles... The site then slopes gently to 30 meters. This is a very nice site for unusual and abundant macro life.

THE JEPUN is a little fishing wreck where you can find schooling of catfishes, glass fishes, frogfishes, etc... The site is mostly a muck dive site, meaning that the ground is mostly and naturally organic, with only a few corals, but very rich in small critters to observe (Sea horses, nudibranchs, scorpion fish, etc.). It's an ideal site for underwater photographers, especially macro lovers.

Lunch in a restaurant along the Padang Bai beach. After that, we'll go to Sanur. On our way to Sanur, we'll make a stop at Goa Lawah Temple (Bat Cave Temple).

Goa Lawah is one of Bali's most important temples. It features a complex built around a cave opening that is inhabited by hordes of bats.

In the opposite direction of the temple, you'll see the stunning beach of Goa Lawah, where many local food stalls and vendors are selling choices of local cuisines and snacks.



Overnight in **Sanur**

Day 10 - 3 dives around Penida island - night in Sanur

Pick-up time will be around 8 :00 AM. We dive around Nusa Penida and Nusa Lembongan from a speed-boat. We need 45 minutes to reach the first dive site which is Manta Point. We will spend the day on the boat.

Nusa Penida has one of the clearest waters and is considered among the best visibility around Bali. This clear water is due to the strong current sweeping the area. These rich waters around the islands support no less than 247 species of coral and 562 species of fish. Nusa Penida is also great for hard and soft coral with many gorgonian sea fans along the steep walls. 2 dives in the morning are to meet the Manta Rays and hopefully the Mola-Mola. Although we are quite sure to see and admire the elegant swim of the manta rays, we cannot guarantee the mysterious Mola Mola each time, even if in season (July to October). After lunch on the boat, the third dive will take you for a wonderful drift dive on the north of Penida.

DIVES SITES:

- **MANTA POINT:** This is a manta cleaning station, a big rock at 5 meters depth. The mantas are circling around waiting to be cleaned. We often see 4 or 5 of them at a time. This is just a majestic moment when these gigantic and elegant creatures appear out of the blue. Due to the shallow depth, it is also a very good site to see the Mantas when snorkeling.

- **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 (Mola-Mola), which normally can be encountered from July to the beginning of November. Crystal Bay also hosts a healthy reef, an interesting cave, golden sand, huge coral bommies and incredibly colorful shallows with hundreds of fish of all shapes and sizes.

- **MANGROVE:** The mangrove dive site is also named Jack Point or Sakenan. It is a large mangrove area between Lembongan and Ceningan. Island. It offers a healthy sloping coral reef with huge sponges, soft and fan corals. This spot is well known for the large variety and quantity of tropical reef fish – a real “aquarium”. We regularly spot the Emperor fish, Trigger fish, Sweet-lips, and shoals of colorful Anthias. Also, you will likely spot small creatures such as shrimps, pygmy seahorses, pipefish and clams. Sharks, turtles and many other kinds of large sea creatures can be seen as well. It is common to sight shoals of Mackerels, Snappers, Tuna and Barracudas which hover in the current.

- **TOYAPAKEH:** Toyapakeh means salt water in Indonesian. It is an amazing reef with interesting & healthy coral, nudibranchs as well as schools of tropical fish, turtles, reef sharks. If you are lucky you can encounter the Mola Mola here during the good season (July

to October). There is a constant & strong current that runs along the wall, towards the Toyapakeh Strait. So this site, even if hosting a prolific marine life is better appropriate for video than photography. The water temperature may be reduced to as low as 20-24C°. So come prepared!

- **SD - Sekolah Dasar - Nusa Penida:** Diving Nusa Penida's SD is situated in the north of Nusa Penida. The dive site begins at a very shallow reef plateau and is a drift dive. Sloping down to approx. 10 meters where it drops at a 45° angle down to extreme depths. Steep slopes alternate with steep walls here. An amazing growth of hard and soft corals can be found including numerous whip corals and massive fields of branching corals. Large clouds of banner fish hover in the current above the corals. There is a multitude of smaller creatures hiding amongst the corals such as the orangutan crab and a huge collection of nudibranchs

- **Pura PED at Nusa Penida:** The Pura PED dive site is not far from S.D. dive site and it is a similar kind of dive. The slope here is a bit steeper. It is a nice easy drift along a coral plateau with beautiful coral and with a good chance to see pelagic fish as well as Manta Rays and the world-famous Mola Mola during the season (June to October).



Overnight in **Sanur**.

Day 11 - Touristic visit of Ubud and its neighborhood - night in Ubud or Sanur

We are finally arriving on the 11th day of your safari. During this non “wet” diving day we’ll get you to explore the other side of Bali above the water. Bali is not only famous for its underwater beauty but also offers a lot more interesting things, such as culture, art, architecture, and of course the one that cannot be forgotten, the beautiful natural landscape.

This time, we’ll get you to visit the famous place in Bali - Ubud. Known best for its ancient temples, majestic royal palaces, and green hillsides and rice terraces. A treasure trove of cultural landmarks, this Balinese town and its outskirts within the Gianyar regency are where some of the world’s notable artisans and collectors have visited and worked.



Ubud Royal Palace (Puri Saren Ageng), Ubud traditional and art market and Ubud Monkey Forest temple are just a few things we name here. If you are into something more artsy, like painting or wood craft even silver, they have it all nearby. **The Tirta Empul water temple** is also a must-visit while you are here.



You have two options for your overnight stay: Ubud or Sanur.

Day 12: Departure Day



Our designated driver will arrive at your hotel at the agreed time to transport you to Denpasar airport.

We sincerely wish you had a delightful experience during your Diving and Safari in Bali with our team and that you leave the island with cherished memories.

