

DIVING SAFARI 8 DAYS 7 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: Exploring Tulamben's Underwater Treasures: 3 Dives, Including the Must-Do Liberty Wreck, with the Option for a Night Dive.

At the commencement of your second day, after a nice breakfast at your hotel, we will transfer you to our dive center, meet your guide, and set off equipment (if needed), and off we are ready to start our journey for a thrilling day of not one, not two, but three epic dives!

THE USAT LIBERTY WRECK

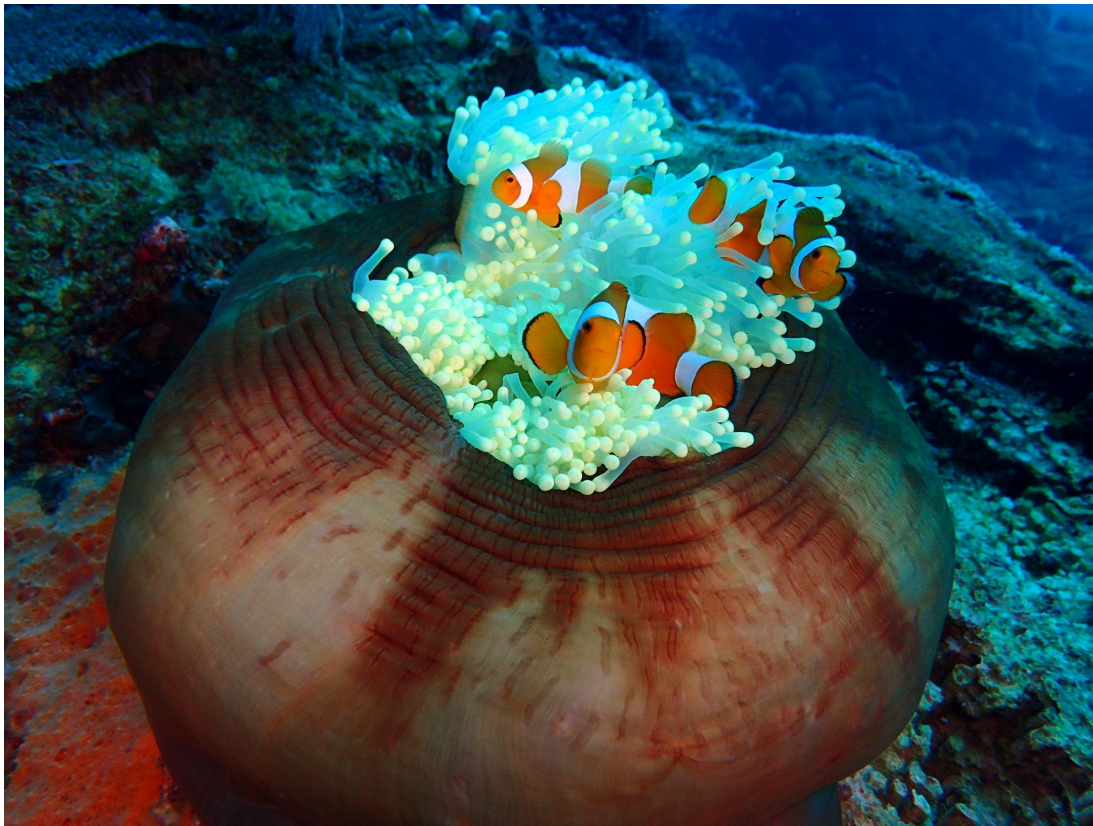
Torpedoed by a Japanese submarine during World War II and further broken up by the 1963 eruption of Mt. Agung, this 120-meter-long wreck lays now at 60 meters from the shore. Encrusted with coral, the ship features visible guns, boilers, toilets, and anchor chains and hosts numerous species of fish, 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 stars. 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. An advanced or above certification is required for night dive experience.



Overnight in **Tulamben**

Day 3 – 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 more dives to choose between 2 boat dives in Tulambe or 2 shore dives in Kubu.

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).



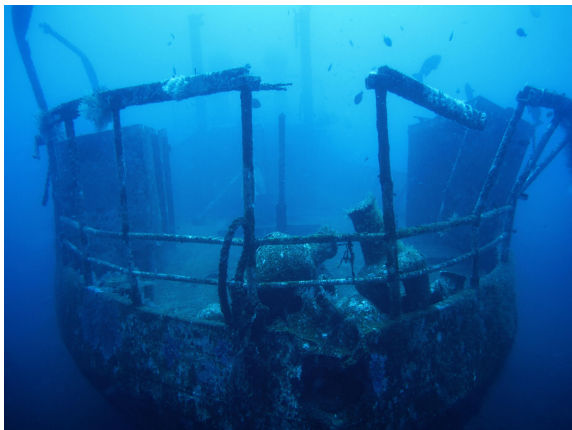
Less visited, they offer great diversity and numerous big species: Napoleons, Bumphead parrotfishes, eagle rays, reef sharks, and even, sometimes, Mola-Mola.

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

Kubu is the nearby village to 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.

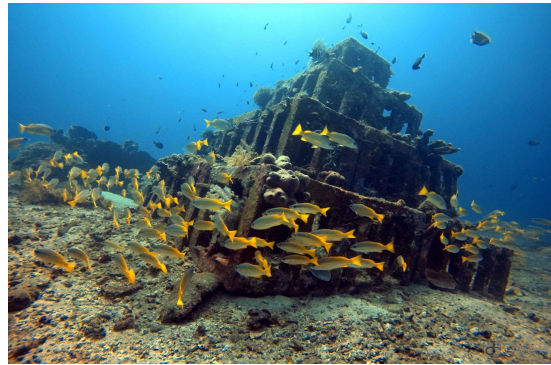
This dual-level wreck offers many treasures to discover, and is definitively a great site to dive on!



Transfer to Amed after lunch.

Overnight in **Amed**

Day 4 – 2 boat dives in Amed and transfer to Candidasa



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 fish passing by in the depths of the drop-off.

PYRAMIDS: called "Ghost Bay" as well, is a collection of artificial reefs in the form of Pyramids standing 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 ascend 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.

Overnight in **Candidasa**

Day 5 – 3 boat dives in Padang Bai or Candidasa

The 5th day of your safari journey will start with a pick up around 8.00 am from your accommodation in Candidasa. After you enjoy your breakfast and check out from your accommodation in Candidasa, we'll then continue our journey to Padang Bai. Around a 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 features a white sandy bottom, where you can see huge coral bommies that begin around 5 meters of water depth. The fish life is amazing, with 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 catfish, glass fish, frogfish, 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.



For those of you who are thirsty with adrenaline, we recommend swapping the Padang Bai with 3 awesome dives in **Candidasa** or also known as the **GILI's (Gili Tepekong, Gili Mimpang, Gili Tepekong)**.



Offering another level of dive experience, the Gili's: **Gili Tepekong, Gili Mimpang, Gili Biaha, Secret Taked Cave**, and **Ferry Channel** are strictly for experienced divers only (minimum of Advanced diver or above). Our ultimate highlight here is the beautiful Secret Taked Cave, where we usually encounter the harmless white tip reef sharks, sweetlips, lobsters, and sometimes marble rays.

For the beginners or less experienced divers, or if you are an experienced diver but prefer something easy, we can always rearrange and tailor it again, depending on your needs and preferences.

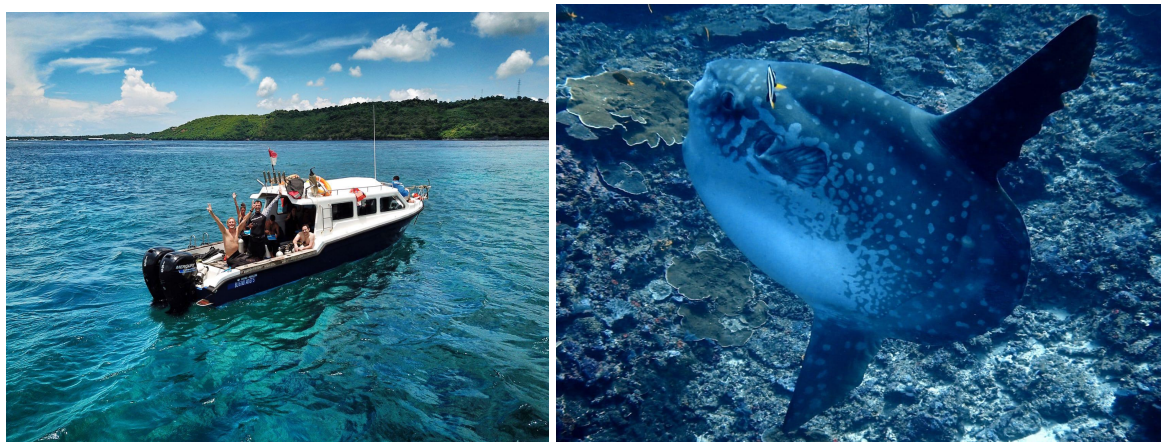
Lunch in a restaurant along the Padang Bai beach or on the boat in Candidasa. After that, we'll go to Sanur.

Overnight in **Sanur**

Day 6 - 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 speedboat. 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 for 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, 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.

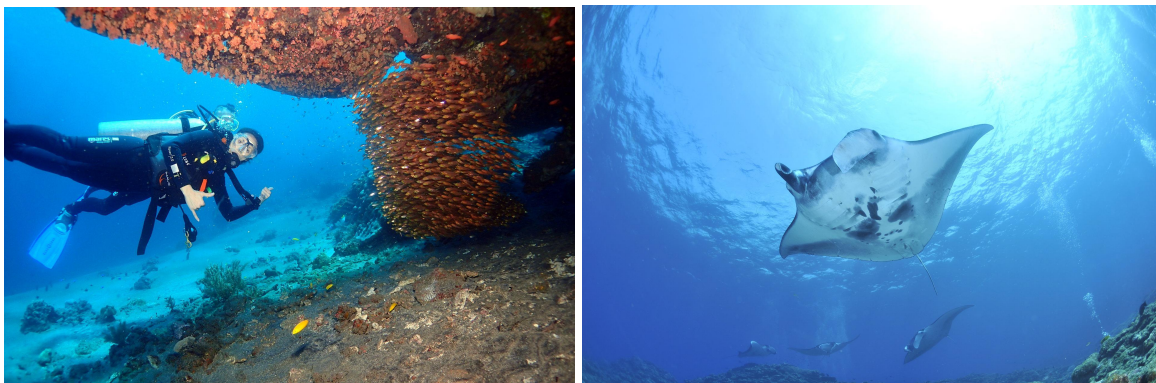
- **MANGROVE:** The mangrove dive site is also named Jack Point or Sakenan. It is a large

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, Tun,a 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 Straight. 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 coral,s 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 7 - Touristic visit of Ubud and its neighborhood - night in Ubud or Sanur

We are finally arriving on the 7th 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 8: 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.