



# **Must Dives**

# Brunei Biving Reefs& Wecks



# Abana Reef

One of the best-loved reefs in Brunei, the Abana Reef is a popular hit with macro photographers. Your underwater experience is not complete without a pit-stop here. The reef starts at 9m and slopes down to 24m with large Gorgonian fan corals and colourful barrel sponges. A wide variety of rare macro-critters can also be found here ranging from whipcoral crabs, squat lobsters to harlequin shrimps.



# Hornet's Nest

A well known site amongst locals, this is a shallow reef located at Brunei Patches, one of many shallow shoals in the Jerudong area where water visibility is better. This site has a unique underwater landform where a higher seabed meets a lower seabed, resulting in an underwater cliff of sorts with a top of 5m depth and a bottom of 12m depth with some nice swim-throughs. The name derived from a local legend whereby locals are said to see hornets fly out from bubbles that stream to the surface from below the sea.



# **Pelong Rock**

A beautiful formation of rocks jutting out from below the water surface. This geographic development is a protected area where rare species of wildlife can be seen. Multiple dive sites and snorkeling sites can be found on all sides of these rocks with many swim-throughs and underwater rock formations. Dive sites range from 1m down to 18 meters. Giant clams, resident Moray eels, a variety of stonefish and pipefish can be found hidden between the corals.



# Petani Mistral Wreck

Brunei also offers great dive sites for technical divers. The Petani Mistral is a submerged 58 meter long tug ship that sits upright at a depth of 47 meters with its bridge coming up to 33 meters. The Petani Mistral sank after being swept onto a leg of an oil rig, the Trident-12 in 1995. With its top deck at 42m, this makes it the most suitable wreck for beginner tech divers and tech courses. It is considered to be the shallowest wreck sites amongst the five tech wreck sites in Brunei, two of which are WWII wrecks ranging down to 70 meter in depth.

# **Australian Wreck**

Originally a Royal Dutch Navy passenger cargo, it was then taken over by the Japanese and was renamed as the Imaji Maru. This ship is believed to be sunk by the Australian Air Force, hence it was called the Australian Wreck and the name was kept. The actual name of this ship is SS De Klerk and sank in 1944 on the way to Manila from Java when she hit a mine 23km southwest of Labuan. Roughly 91m long at depths of 34m, its hard to find a more intriguing shipwreck. Some divers claimed to have experienced paranormal sightings at this interesting site but we leave it for you to be the judge!



# **American Wreck**

Another WWII wreck, the USS Salute AM 294, Admirable Class Minesweeper lies at bottom depths of 32 meters with a top depth of 22 meters and is popular for being covered by schooling fishes of Trevallys, Yellowtails, Jackfish, and juvenile Barracudas. Bullet shells can still be found strewn across its deck. Built in 1942, this 60 meter long Minesweeper participated in many operations in the Philippines before meeting her demise when she hit a mine in the same vicinity as that of the Australian Wreck. A dive event is held during Remembrance Day annually



# **Bolkiah Wreck**

Built in 1965, this passenger ferry measuring 34 meters was a sea vessel used to transport passengers and mail through post office between Brunei and Labuan in the 1960s. It was decommissioned by the Royal Brunei Navy in 1992. It now sits at the bottom of 24 meters with a top depth of 18 meters and is teeming with rich coral life and macro-critters. Seahoarses, Lionfishes and schooling Yellowtails make this favourite site as their home.



# Oil Rig Wreck

Brunei is proud to be the home to one of the first 'Rigs to Reefs' program of its kind in the Asian or ASEAN region with the first platforms decommissioned in 1988 and additional rig jackets were also decommissioned in 1994. The oil rig wreck is comprised of 9 structures over a 100 square meter area at a depth of 19 meters. With a top depth of 7 meters, this wreck is a great dive site for kids and divers of all levels. A local favorite, this oil rig wreck is home to many schooling Barracudas, Yellowtails and Trevallys!





"we can only sense that in the deep and turbulent recesses of the sea are hidden mysteries far greater than any we have solved." R.CARSON

Dive Brunei, a new diving destination!

Untouched and pristine, be our special guest and experience the underwater treasures of Brunei. Enjoy various water activities and underwater adventures that awaits you!

On arrival, be in the sea

Most of the dive sites are within 30-45 minutes of boat travel. With hotels and accommodation options nearby, the dive centres are just 30 minutes away from the airport.

Dive on beautiful corals among micro-critters!

A great location for macro photography lovers! Discover beautiful and healthy coral reefs that are rich in an array of marine life and rare macro-critters. Diving in Brunei is truly an underwater photographers haven.

An authentic shipwreck haven!

There are about 30 shipwrecks to choose from, some of which are linked to as old as the historical WWII era. These sites range from 14m in depth to 70m with easily accessible penetration points. The different depth of these wrecks suits beginner to experts!

5 A dive site all to yourself!

With over 60 dive sites to choose from, many of these untouched and secluded sites will make you feel like you are in your own underwater kingdom!

6 Dive a decommissioned oil rig!

One of the few places in the region with a rare sight of amazing dive sites such as a unique decommissioned oil rig whilst learning about its origins deep underwater. A truly excellent dive site that cannot be missed!

# General Info

# Brunei



SCOT HSBC Poni Coral Propagation Pilot Program.



# **Getting To Brunei**

Brunei is an accessible country with many direct flights from its neighboring countries such as Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines and with various connecting flights. Ferries and land entry options from Sabah and Sarawak are also available.

# Getting Around Brunei

Most tourist attractions are easily within 30 minutes' drive. Taxis and public transportation services include a comprehensive bus system that covers all places of interests and districts such as Tutong and Kuala Belait.

# **Diving Season**

Diving is available all year round in Brunei with better visibility months between March to October during the dry season with the best visibility months often during May and June.

# **Water Conditions**

Sea temperatures are an average of around 30 Degrees Celsius with occasional weeks where it can dip down to 25 Degrees Celsius. Visibility can range between 5m to 30m.

# Marine Conservation

With over 410 coral species and 711 species of great reef fish diversity, Brunei's diving industry prides itself on its successful marine conservation efforts. Backed by the strong support from various agencies and stakeholders, through conservation, rehabilitation and awareness, Brunei's coral life are here to stay.

# Island BBQ Snorkeling



Be prepared for a fantastic snorkeling adventure. Enjoy a fun day out with coral viewing, fish watching, sun bathing, island BBQ, and enjoyable water sports such as hotdog ride, flying fish and our specialty doughnut ride. Definitely a great and exciting activity for a fun family or group holiday!

### Inclusive of

- Minimum 10 person
- · Advance 3 days booking required

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- Includes mask, snorkel, life Jackets
- Snorkeling guide

# FROM **\$80/PAX** 8 HOURS





# **Oceanic Quest**

# **Optional**



- Return Hotel Transfer \$40
- Free 2 hours water sport if more than 20 pax booking

# **Schedule**



7.15 am • Hotel Transfer within BSB area

8 am • Depart from Dive Centre

4 pm • Return to Dive Centre

# Dive Brunei



Dive and explore the amazing wrecks of Brunei. Enjoy a beachside dive facility, private docking, and jetty facilities with a fleet of luxury speedboats to choose from. Nothing beats a relaxing, fun and memorable experience at sea. Friendly and experienced dive instructors will ensure your safety and comfort while you enjoy all your dives.

### Inclusive of

- Dive equipment, tanks & weights (for two boat dives)
- Boat & experienced dive guide
- Drinking water, hot tea & packed lunches onboard
- Small exclusive groups







### **Poni Divers**

# **Optional**

- Return Hotel Transfer \$20
- Third Dive \$30
- Night Dive \$100
- Nitrox Tanks \$10
- Accomodation \$35 per night
- Refresher / Spotter guide available
- Discount for multiple days diving or groups available

# Schedule





2 pm • Return to Dive Centre

# **Triple Boat Dives**



Brunei is known for its unique shipwrecks and pristine coral reefs and has attracted visitors from all corners of the globe. One of its famous sites is the Oil Rig Platform, an artificial reef with a breathtaking sight of soft corals, groupers, sponges, feather stars and other colorful organisms. Reef fishes can be found in abundance, Snapper, Barracuda, Sweetlips and schools of Jacks are amongst the inhabitants of this extraordinary site.

## Inclusive of

- · Guaranteed minimum 2 Wrecks or Rig diving
- Boat refreshment (sandwiches, fruits, packed lunch, cakes, juice, coffee, hot and cold water) and towels
- Weight belts







# **Oceanic Quest**

# **Optional**

- Return Hotel Transfer \$40
- Equipment Rental
- Nitrox Tank Top Up
- U/W Camera Rental
- Booking of 2 or more persons will enjoy discounts and offers (Please enquire)

### Schedule

7.15 am • Hotel Transfer within BSB area 8 am • Depart from Dive Centre 2.30 pm • Return to Dive Centre

# **Discover Scuba Diving**









Not a Diver but want to experience a new type of diving experience? Not to worry! Let our diving professionals take you out for an unforgettable experience underwater with scuba diving equipment! Jump into the water and learn the basic skills and safety rules that will also help you to carry over to embark on a full scuba certification course when you decide to go to the next level!.

### Inclusive of

- 1 Confined water training dive
- 1 Open Water Dive
- Boat refreshment (sandwiches, fruits, packed lunch, cakes, juice, coffee, hot and cold water) and towels
- Hot water shower & basic amenities after dives (towels/shampoo/shower gel/hair dryer)
- Full equipment rental
- Discover Scuba Diving Certificate
- \* TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY

# **Optional**

- Return Hotel Transfer \$40
- U/W Camera Rental
- U/W Photo &/or Video
- Additional Dive B\$50
- Booking of 2 or more person will enjoy discounts and offers (Please enquire)

# **Schedule**

7.15 am • Hotel Transfer within BSB area

8 am • Depart from Dive Centre

2 pm • Return to Dive Centre

# **Snorkeling & Watersports**



Catch a glimpse of our friendly colorful reef fishes and diverse coral life at the Pelong Rock. Encounter different species of fish and coral underwater from the surface on your snorkeling trips. Drop by at the Pelumpong Island for a walk or a swim, and stop by the fish farms on the way back. Enjoy the afternoon flying high in the skies above the Serasa Beach parasailing or jet ski through the cool waters. Feel the excitement on the fast banana boat rides, bandwagon or sidekick for some fun. Enjoy unlimited 15 minute rounds on each activity for 3 hours in the afternoon!

### Inclusive of

- · Snorkel guide & boat ride to Pelong Rock
- · Snorkeling gear (mask, snorkel, fins)
- Drinking water, hot tea & packed lunches onboard
- · 3 hours of rounds for parasailing, jetski and towed toys

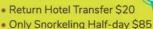






# **Poni Divers**

# **Optional**



- Only Watersports Half-day \$9
- Only Watersports Half-day \$99
- Only Parasailing \$50
- Only Jetski \$50

# Schedule

8 am • Hotel Pickup

9 am - 12 pm • Snorkeling Tour

1 pm - 4 pm • Watersports

# Learn to Freedive









Learn breathing techniques that can last you up to two minutes while diving down to 10 meters on a single breath of air! Learn to freedive in Brunei with our Experienced PADI freediving instructors trained in Europe. Finish the course the next day in the ocean with fun duckdives going down into the depths of the Brunei waters. The PADI Freediver Level 1 is an internationally recognized certification course.

### Inclusive of

- Full set freediving gear for pool & ocean
- Pool & Boat Access & PADI instructor
- Drinking water, hot tea & packed lunches onboard
- Small exclusive groups
- PADI manual, certification card, classrooms

## **Optional**

- Return Hotel Transfer \$20
- Fun Freedive Days \$100

# Schedule

8 am • Hotel Pickup

9 am - 5 pm • Classroom & Pool day

9 am - 2 pm • Ocean dives day

# **PADI Specialty Wreck**









With penetrable natural wrecks, there is nothing more thrilling and more captivating than to experience diving through wreck dive sites. Don't miss the chance to explore and marvel at a gigantic sunken warship laying peacefully on the ocean bed.

### Inclusive of

- Includes manuals and certification card
- Boat refreshment (sandwiches, fruits, packed lunch, cakes, juice, coffee, hot and cold water) and towels
- Free equipment rental

# **Optional**

- Return Hotel Transfer \$40
- Nitrox Tank Dives
- Free and Easy tours
- · Equipment servicing
- Other dive specialties courses

# **Schedule**

7.15 am • Hotel Transfer within BSB area

8 am • Depart from Dive Centre 2.30 pm • Return to Dive Centre



# Learn to Dive









Learn to dive and explore the waters of Brunei with our experienced instructors from the PADI Open Water Course. Learn about the theory of diving through videos, exams and practical's. This four day course includes a total of four ocean dives. Your PADI Open Water course is an internationally recognized certification course which never expires!

### Inclusive of

- Full set dive gear for pool & ocean
- Tanks & weights (for four ocean dives)
- · Pool & Boat access & PADI instructor
- Drinking water, hot tea & packed lunches onboard
- Small exclusive groups
- PADI manual, certification card, classrooms

## **Optional**



- Fun Dive Days 1 day \$100
- PADI Discover Scuba 1 day \$180
- PADI Enriched Air \$175
- PADI Advanced open water 2 days \$500

# **Schedule**

8 am • Hotel Pickup

9 am - 5 pm • Classroom & Pool days

9 am - 2 pm • Ocean Dives days

# **Dive Operators**



### **PONI DIVERS**

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### **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

- Visibility can be low on some days due to the moon cycles & tide flow.
  We reserve the right to cancel the dive tour due to bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances.
  Rates based on 2 person booking.
- Single surcharge of \$50 will apply if you are the only diver onboard. Group rates available on request.
- Discounts available for multiple days of diving.
- Book 3 days earlier to guarantee booking, last minute bookings the day before are still accepted pending availability.
  Parasailing wind-condition dependent.
  High fine violations apply to dangerous jetski usage



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### **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

- Cancellation with refund for day trip if weather is unsafe for dive boats. No Refund if diver is experiencing motion sickness or other health issue or own private matters. We will go diving even if it is only for a single diver Bookings available one day before date (Subject to availability). Dive cancellation due to bad weather for dive Packages will be replaced with city tours or mangrove safari.
- Booking deposit of 30% required upon confirmation of dive package. Payment or balance payment to be made upon arrival at dive center before activity.

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# **Useful Contacts**

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