

# EXPLORE LIFE UNDER THE SEA



## DIVING INFORMATION

### WATER TEMPERATURE

Water temperature is 30°C in summer and 26°C during winter.

### FLYING

PADI recommends a surface interval of 12 hours between diving and flying for a single dive, and a surface interval of 18 hours for multiple dives. It is generally recommended that 24 hours is a safe surface interval between diving and flying.

### SAFETY

No diving equipment or resources can be provided to any person who does not produce valid certification from a recognised diving organization / establishment.

## SOUTHERN DIVE SITES

### **Joe's Ridge (Fringing Reef 9m - 14m)**

The coral reef forms ridges interspersed with sandy patches. Here in the azure waters, you will find resident reef fish such as Sweetlips, Pufferfish, Angelfish and Triggerfish. Turtles will often make a stop on the way out to the deeper waters.

### **Dusky Pinnacle (Coral Bank 8m - 15m)**

A small coral mound with gradual sloping edges is easily circumnavigated in a single dive. The hard-coral forms archways and chimneys, which give this site its name. In the small sandy areas amongst the reef you may come across Fantailed Stingrays, camouflaged Crocodile fish, Scorpionfish and Lionfish.

### **Neptune's Nursery (Coral Bank 8m - 15m)**

This hard-coral reef offers shelter for a wide variety of fish species and a hunting ground for game fish. The site is relatively even with hard coral producing intricate formations to explore. Schools of Fusiliers, small Snappers and juvenile Sweetlips, Moray Eels and Blue Spotted Stingrays. Unusual Ribbon Eels and flamboyant Nudibranchs in every design and colour!

### **Quirimba Reef (Coral Bank 16m Intermediate)**

An extensive coral plateau. Soft coral varieties predominate the area in a wide array of colour and texture. Vibrant Angelfish, Butterflyfish and Anthias. Larger species of Kingfish, Barracuda and Job fish pass by overhead searching for food or a quick stop at one of the "Cleaning Stations". Nudibranchs and Mantis Shrimp.

## NORTHERN DIVE SITES

### **Sambi Sambi (Sloping Wall 10 - 40m+ Intermediate)**

The top of this reef is exposed on low tides while the eastern side slants down dramatically to over 80m. Lettuce leaf and other hard corals cover the slope. Napoleon Wrasse and Chinese Grouper. Graceful and shy Leopard Sharks, Green and Hawksbill turtles.

### **Rocha Rocks (Sloping Wall 12 - 30m Intermediate)**

On the southern end of Sambi Sambi, the sloping wall becomes uneven creating gullies and large coral mounds. Numerous species of Grouper, Napoleon Wrasse, Snappers and Unicorn fish. Smaller fish species make a colourful addition to the top of the reef and common Octopus are often an entertaining encounter.

### **The Edge of Reason (Vertical Wall 15 - 25m+ Advanced)**

Along the edge of the southern wall that forms the "Medjumbe Passage" divers can experience the feeling of flight as the wall gives way to the deep blue waters beyond. The top ledge lies between 15m and 24m and runs east to west.

### **Cliffs of Insanity (Vertical Wall 24 - 40m+ Advanced)**

Overhangs and ledges rich in sea life present the diver with a stunning array of colourful coral species while Caverns and Crevices encrusted with hard and soft corals are dazzling - dive torches are recommended. Gigantic Sea Fans, Moray Eels, Lionfish and Angelfishes. Large gamefish such as Barracuda and Dog Tooth Tuna.

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