

Better time to dive guide



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Where	Good for Diving?	January	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	Nov	December	
Maldives														
Maldives	All year round with two seasons	Northeast monsoon: calm seas and clear water in the east; not so good in the west. Air: 29°C, water: 26-29°C					Southwest monsoon: clear water to the western atolls, but rougher seas and also wetter generally. Air: 26°C, water: 26-29°C					Northeast monsoon		
Thailand														
Thailand	All year round with two seasons	Dry Monsoon: dive the Andaman Sea. Air: 30°C, water: 26-27°C				Wet monsoon: dive inside the Gulf of Thailand; Similan Islands is closed. Air: 29°C, water: 26-27°C					Dry Monsoon: dive the west coast			
Malaysia														
Tioman Island	Closed November to February	Monsoon: closed	Sunny, occasional and isolated shower or thunderstorm. Air: 28-34°C, water: 27-29°C							Mid-November to early Feb is monsoon: closed				
Borneo Sabah Sipadan & Mabul	All year round	Wetter months, though Borneo tends to be hot & sticky all year round.				Dryer months, though Borneo tends to be hot & sticky all year round. Air: 28-34°C, water: 27-29°C				Wetter months				
Layang Layang Island	Closed Sept to February	Resort is closed	Resort is open with the best chance of seeing hammerheads at the very beginning of the season. Air: 30°C, water: 27-30°C					Resort is closed						
Philippines														
Philippines generally	All year round	Cooler and dryer. Air: 26-30°C, water: 27-29°C (January is coolest, May, hottest)					Rainy season with typhoon activity through July to September spiking in August.				Cooler and dryer			
Mindoro & Luzon (near Manila)	All year round	Better time to dive is January through to June					Wetter season							
Palawan	All year round	Better time to dive is December through to June					Wetter season				Better			
Tubbataha		Too rough: closed.			Only time to dive		Too rough: closed.							
Bohol, Cebu & Negros	All year round	Better time to dive is November through to May					Wetter season				Better			
Indonesia														
North Sulawesi	All year round	Monsoonal season					Dryer season. Air: 26-29°C, water: 28-29°C (Note: Lembeh water: 25-26°C during July & August)				Monsoon			
South Sulawesi	All year round	Wetter season			Dryer season. Air: 28-32°C, water: 28-29°C					Wetter				
Bali & Kalimantan	All year round	Slightly wetter season			Dryer season. Air: 26-32°C, water: 28-29°C (except for Nusa Penida where it can be 21°C)				Slightly wetter season					
Komodo	All year round	Monsoonal season. Southern area: air: 26-28°C, water: 23-24°C			Dryer season. Northern area: air: 27-31°C, water: 26-30°C.					Monsoon				
Moluccas	Avoid monsoon	Dryer season. Air: 29-31°C, water: 28-30°C					Monsoons			Dryer season				
Raja Ampat	Avoid monsoon	Dryer season. Air: 29-31°C, water: 29°C					Monsoons (no liveaboards; resorts ok)			Dryer season				
North Pacific Ocean														
Yap & Truk, Palau	All year round	Dryer season. Air: 28-32°C, water: 28-29°C.			Wetter season; with July to October wettest season. Better time to dive is October through to March, though temps are consistent year round									
South Pacific Ocean														
PNG	All year round	Wetter season			Dryer season, but still hot & humid, slightly better for diving. Air: 28-32°C, water: 29-30°C					Wetter				
Solomon Islands	All year round	Wetter season			Dryer season, slightly better for diving. Air: 27-32°C, water: 28-29°C					Wetter				
Fiji Islands	All year round	Hotter wetter season. Cyclone season December through to February			Cooler season. Air: 22-27°C, water: 24-26°C					Hotter wetter season. Air: 27-34°C, water: 27-29°C.				
Vanuatu	All year round	Hotter, wetter season. Air: 26-28°C, water: 25-27°C			Dryer and cooler season. Air: 23-25°C, water: 24-25°C					Hotter, wetter season				
Other Areas														
Cocos Island	All year round	Cocos Island has its own climate characterised by high humidity and frequent showers. Average air temperatures are 28°C, dryer November to April and wetter May to October.												
Red Sea	All year round	The cooler season, with water temperature as low as 22°C, and the air can be chilly at night				The hot season, peaking in July-August with water temperatures up to 29°C and air up to 50°C.				The cooler season				

Notes on temperatures:

- Air: average coastal day time temperatures for the period for the region. Interior (i.e., away from the coast) temperatures can be higher, unless altitude is a factor. Actual maximum day time temperatures can vary significantly from average.
- Water: average surface water temperature for the period for the region. Temperature at depth may be and feel much cooler. If you want the exact minimum and maximum water temperatures go [here](#).