

WAKATOBI NATIONAL PARK

Southeast Sulawesi

Also known as the Tukang Besi Archipelago, the Wakatobi Marine National Park is the second largest Marine Park in Indonesia. Its four main islands of **Wa**ngi-Wangi, **Ka**ledupa, **To**mia and **Bi**nongko each lend the first two letters of their names to give the area its name.

Fast attracting a reputation as one of the top dive spots in the world, it's hardly surprising as the islands enjoy some of the healthiest coral reefs you are likely to dive. Wakatobi has the largest atoll in the world (Kaledupa), which is home to some of the most bio-diverse marine life in the world. Dolphins, manta rays, whales, turtles, hammerhead sharks, whale sharks and dugongs can all be found here.

Especially the small outer Islands, with their colonies of nesting seabirds and steep drop-offs for fantastic wall diving, will bring you eye to eye with some impressive schools of fish and some massive dogtooth tuna.

CLIMATE INFORMATION

Dry season:	May - November
Rainy season:	December - April
Air temperature:	27 - 32°C
Water temperature:	27°C
Best time to dive:	October - December & March - May
Other interesting info:	March to May & October to December are usually periods of relatively calm weather.

ACTIVITIES

- Superb for wall-diving on the outer atolls and invertebrates at the larger islands
- Village trips to visit the Bajo communities, living in houses on stilts over the water
- Bays or atolls where the boat will anchor are perfect for afternoon water-skiing
- Explore the coastline in one of the tenders or kayaks
- Fishing for dogtooth tuna, yellowfin tuna, Spanish mackerel and trevally

HOW TO GET THERE

Flights:

- Bali to Kendari then 1 hour transfer to the harbour and board The Seven Seas. Sail overnight to northern Wakatobi National Park
- Bali to Maumere then across to southern Wakatobi and leave from Kendari