

Tasik Divers

Diving Information



Dear guest

Thank you for choosing Tasik Divers and Tasik Ria Resort and Spa for your diving holiday. We promise you a fantastic experience in North Sulawesi, near the centre of the coral triangle which has the greatest biodiversity of marine life on earth.

Please come to the Tasik Divers dive centre and sign in **before** you are ready to start diving with us. If you are already qualified please bring proof of your qualification.

Opening hours are: 07:00 - 18:00. Phone 737 from your room to speak to the dive centre.

Facilities

- Full equipment rental
- Dive shop
- Large selection of diving courses
- Underwater photography tuition
- Underwater camera hire
- Snorkelling
- Boat rental.

Diving Schedule

Sunday, Monday, Thursday and Friday - depart 08:30

Two drift dives on the spectacular walls and slopes around Bunaken National Park near Bunaken Island and the majestic Manado Tua (dormant) volcano plus one moored dive on one of our three excellent house reefs. After returning from the National park after the second dive the boat can drop in to the jetty for any guests who want to disembark before the third dive. Our house reefs are varied and include coral outcrops, sea grass and sand. Here you will see a world of wonderful macro life.

Tuesday - depart 08:30

Three drift or moored dives along the coastal sites north and south of Tasik Ria Resort. This is macro heaven full of amazing smaller critters. There are both true muck dives in sand yielding sea-horses, frogfish and shrimps among many other critters, and also coastal reef slopes with cuttlefish, reef fish and a huge variety of macro life.

Wednesday and Saturday - depart 08:00

Three drift dives on the spectacular walls and slopes around Bunaken National Park near Bunaken Island and the majestic Manado Tua (extinct) volcano. You will see huge sponges, turtles, white tip reef sharks, so many reef fish it is hard to believe and a huge array of flora and fauna.

Extra Options

Night dive - departure time 17:45

Dusk dive - departure time 17:15

Dawn dive - departure time 05:00

Price: \$45 per person per dive (weather permitting). All house reef dives.

We also have speed boats for private hire that can accommodate up to 6 divers for local dives up and down the coast where there is fantastic macro and fish life. Lunch will be served at the jetty restaurant with a view over beautiful Manado Tua. Please ask for details.

Private guide

A private dive guide is available for \$50 a day with up to 3 dives.

Lembeh Strait Day Trip

The Lembeh Strait is widely recognised as one of the best muck diving locations in the world. Here you can see the famous hairy frogfish, pygmy seahorses, a huge variety of nudibranchs, coconut octopi living in bottles or discarded shells, painted frogfish, the cutest baby boxfish hiding amongst weeds, mimic and wonderpus octopi, mandarin fish and many, many other fascinating inhabitants of this unique square mile.

Departure time: 07:00 from the hotel lobby. The bus ride takes about two hours to the other side of North Sulawesi where you arrive at our partner resort Dive into Lembeh with the excellent dive site of Hairball 2 on the doorstep. You will do three dives on various sites in the Lembeh Strait, with lunch after the second dive. Drinking water, tea, coffee and snacks are all available.

Minimum group size: 4 guests.

Bangka Day Trip

Abundant reefs with stunning soft coral gardens and steep pinnacles are found around beautiful Bangka Island at the very top of north Sulawesi. Here you can see groups of bumped parrotfish, schools of jacks and blue striped snappers and sometimes eagle rays gliding past large bushes of black coral. The smaller coral triangle residents are also here including frogfish, crocodile fish, seahorses and octopus.

A full day on the boat departs Tasik Ria jetty at 05:00.

Minimum group size: 6 guests.

Buyat Bay Day Trip

For a real adventure just three hours drive from Tasik Ria is the virtually undiscovered underwater paradise of Buyat Bay. The corals are pristine with gigantic hard corals in the shallows and a rainbow of soft corals, sea fans, sponges and crinoids covering the steep slopes. There are also critters with seahorses, snake-eels, Ambon scorpionfish and more.

Departure time: 06:00 from the hotel lobby with breakfast on the way and lunch on the beach. A local boat will take you to the dive sites and you will return to Tasik Ria around 20:00, exhilarated from diving somewhere breathtaking that few people have seen.

Minimum group size: 4 guests.

All day trips \$45 per person. A cancellation fee will apply.

Underwater Photography

Our photo professionals can take you through a variety of tailor made courses from one hour express to a full day and four day workshops if pre-booked.

email: gill@gillmcdonald.com, ask at the dive centre or call 737 from your room.

Camera hire is available:

1. Canon S110 compact in Nauticam housing with external strobe
2. Nikon D7000 SLR in Nauticam housing with external strobes (subject to experience).

Diving Details

- Please be on the boat 15 minutes before departure and check all your equipment is on board
- The roll call must be answered by each guest **in person**
- All diving guests must wear a dive computer
- All guests on board must have a Bunaken entrance tag or ticket - please ask at the dive centre
- Maximum group size is 4 divers to 1 dive guide
- Maximum depth limit 30m (with one exception on the Molas shipwreck which is max. 40m)
- Decompression diving is **strictly forbidden**
- Gloves are illegal, please do not wear them
- Maximum dive time 60 minutes/ 1 hour
- It is recommended you carry a DSMB (delayed surface marker buoy) for the safety stop and surfacing
- Follow your dive guide, solo diving is not allowed
- Analyse your own Nitrox tank
- Leave 18-24 hours before you fly after diving
- Surface next to the reef then swim out for boat pickup
- Do not surface under the boat

Our large daily dive boats are the most comfortable in the area, offering:

- Dry saloon for camera work, reading etc.
- Topside sundeck with partial shade
- Toilet
- Equipment area
- Nitrox analyser
- Fresh water shower
- Camera rinse tank
- Camera rack
- Fresh towel
- Cold drinking water
- Hot drinks
- *Hot lunch - one fish, one meat, rice or noodles, vegetables and fresh fruit
- Snacks morning and afternoon - these can be sandwiches, cookies, pineapple fritters, banana fritters
- Fish id books
- Oxygen
- Soft drinks (to purchase)
- First Aid kit
- Life jackets
- Fire extinguisher
- GPS and radio on board

*Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements

Diving equipment

The dive team will carry, set up and wash your equipment but it is your responsibility to check it. Your equipment will be stored safely on the boat overnight. If you are not comfortable with this please take your equipment to your room each day and bring it to the boat the next day. The price of any rental equipment that is lost or broken will be added to your bill.

15 litre tanks are available but limited, first come first served. Additional charges apply, please ask at the dive centre.

Pre-booked diving

Pre-booked diving is non-refundable and can not be transferred or credited. Pre-booked diving is 3 boat dives a day. For any last minute cancellations or changes a charge of \$15 for lunch will be added to your bill.

Tipping advice

At Tasik Divers the dive guides, boat captain, boat crew, office staff, tank filler, security guard, laundry staff and housekeeper are all working as a team. If you are happy with their work and want to leave some appreciation please put a tip in an envelope and leave it in the dive centre tip box. It will be shared in the middle of each month equally among all the staff.

The dive team is a group of professionals that has a great deal of experience. The dive guides want you to have the best encounters possible. They will point to critters throughout the dive; some of these are very small so take a close look if you can do so safely without damaging the reef or losing your buoyancy. Please let the guides know if you want to see something specific and they will do their best to find it for you.

The rest of the team are here to make your holiday as enjoyable as possible. The boat crew will drive you safely, bring you drinks, make snacks and generally look after you really well. The dive centre team are here to help with checking in, with any courses you want to do, with diving or equipment enquiries, shop purchases and camera courses and hire.

Thank you for reading. Once again, a very warm welcome to Tasik Divers and Tasik Ria Resort and Spa and we hope you have a fantastic, unforgettable holiday with us.

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Underwater photography: email info@theunderwateroffice.com