

DIVING IN MALTA - EXPLORE THE UNDERWATER PARADISE



Last year, Malta was voted world's best diving location by the Dive Magazine. The islands are popular among divers especially thanks to the high visibility of the waters and rich fauna and flora.

All the three islands of Malta where visitors come diving offer their own unique geographical structures like reefs, caves, and wrecks that make **diving in Malta** an exciting adventure. The underwater structures, arches and caves combined with excellent sea clarity are impressive. The Mediterranean sunshine makes the lighting effect top notch.

There are about fifty sites offering licensed diving in Malta as well as various extra services. Visitors diving in Malta sometimes use the boats but most of them find suitable spots at the shore, since shore diving requires minimal expenses.

Divers are mesmerized by the variety of underwater fauna and flora. The sheer cliffs, caves, and wrecks provide home for a number of species like groupers, amberjack, flying gurnards, squid, red mullet, parrot fish, and eel.

Malta's underwater landscape also offers a range of historic sites like the point where the Apostle Paul's ship was wrecked in 60 AD, a statue of the Madonna, First World War barge, and a Blenheim bomber from 1941 which was attacked by an Italian plane.

Diving in Malta is perfect not only for experienced divers. The local waters lack the presence of dangerous tides and have only a few strong currents making the islands comfortable for divers at any level of experience.

At the islands, local training schools offer diving courses and related activities. First-time visitors and amateur divers can participate in the diving activities thanks to the suitable conditions. Families with children can enjoy the PADI Bubble maker introductory sessions for children aged 8-12 or the PADI-approved training courses for adults (and children aged 12+) right up to instructor level.

The depth of the dive sites varies from shallow dive to a lantern point. **Night diving is also possible using the torchlights which turn the underwater scenery into fascinating fluorescent world.**

Divers who wish to observe and take pictures of the marine life will be surprised by the crystal-clear visibility of the water. The natural colors of the underwater world are remarkable. At night, underwater photographers can take pictures of octopuses and other marine inhabitants that are rarely seen during the day.

Diving in Malta is one of a kind experience, but the islands offer much more. Sunny beaches, festivals, water sport activities, vibrant night life, as well as 7000-year old stone buildings, knights of St. John, citadels, forts, churches - Malta has it all.

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