

# THE SCARIEST SHARK DIVES IN THE WORLD



A few years ago, few working in the marine tourism industry would have thought that shark diving would become so popular. Today, it is scuba diving's most sought attraction and shark lovers all over the globe are going in search of their favourite giant sharks. Nowadays, it is not necessary to be Jacques Cousteau in order to catch a glimpse of a great white shark under water. It is sufficient to know where the best resorts for shark watching are.

The main destinations for shark lovers are The Bahamas, Dangerous reef in the Neptune Islands of the south coast of Australia, Shark Alley near the Dyer Islands of the coast of South Africa and Guadelupe Island off the coast of Mexico. Having discovered these shark-watching havens, it is important to note the absolute basic of such an activity: safety.

Only either a complete fool or a suicide victim would enter great white shark-infested water without the protection of a cage and it is of utmost importance to ensure that no fishing is going on in the area as there must be no blood in the water. However, a cage is not necessary for watching all sharks. The filter-feeding whale shark is no danger to humans, unless, of course, it manages to accidentally swipe the diver with its gigantic tail. Despite the huge number of films with shark attacks and the creatures' gruesome reputation, shark attacks are rare and even rarer on divers. Since 2006, just 130 shark attacks have been reported worldwide. Not one of these attacks has occurred during a guided tour. Thus, although sharks are considered to be members of the world's group of most dangerous creatures, swimming with them and taking pictures of them is actually quite safe.

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