



## Dive Review of Wakatobi Dive Resort in Indonesia

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**Wakatobi Dive Resort: "Wakatobi Dive Resort continues to be excellent", Aug, 2018,**  
*by Andrew Bernat, VA, US (★ Contributor [13 reports](#) with 3 Helpful votes).*  
 Report 10486. [Email the author](#)

### Reporter and Travel

<b>Dive Experience</b>	501-1000 dives		
<b>Where else diving</b>	Raja Ampat, Fiji, Great Barrier Reef, Bora Bora, Lembeh, Caribbean, Bali, Wakatobi		
<b>Closest Airport</b>	Bali	<b>Getting There</b>	Bali and then charter flight

### Dive Conditions

<b>Weather</b>	sunny, windy	<b>Seas</b>	calm, choppy
<b>Water Temp</b>	77 to 82 Fahrenheit	<b>Wetsuit Thickness</b>	5
<b>Water Visibility</b>	25 to 50 Feet		

### Dive Policy

<b>Dive own profile</b>	yes		
<b>Enforced diving restrictions</b>	Don't run out of air.		
<b>Liveaboard?</b>	no	<b>Nitrox Available?</b>	yes

### What I Saw

<b>Sharks</b>	1 or 2	<b>Mantas</b>	None
<b>Dolphins</b>	Schools	<b>Whale Sharks</b>	None
<b>Turtles</b>	> 2	<b>Whales</b>	None

### Ratings 1(worst) - 5 (best):

<b>Corals</b>	★★★★★	<b>Tropical Fish</b>	★★★★★
<b>Small Critters</b>	★★★★☆	<b>Large Fish</b>	N/A
<b>Large Pelagics</b>	N/A		

### Underwater Photography 1 (worst) - 5 (best):

<b>Subject Matter</b>	★★★★★	<b>Boat Facilities</b>	★★★★★

<b>Overall rating for UWP's</b>	★★★★★	<b>Shore Facilities</b>	★★★★★
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**UW Photo Comments** Staff will happily carry your camera to/from boat if it gets heavier as your stay lengthens. Marco is an excellent instructor and advice giver.

**Ratings and Overall Comments 1 (worst) - 5 (best):**  
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<b>Accommodations</b>	★★★★★	<b>Food</b>	★★★★★
<b>Service and Attitude</b>	★★★★★	<b>Environmental Sensitivity</b>	★★★★★
<b>Dive Operation</b>	★★★★★	<b>Shore Diving</b>	★★★★★
<b>Snorkeling</b>	N/A		

**Overall Rating**

<b>Value for \$\$</b>	★★★★☆
<b>Beginners</b>	★★★★☆
<b>Advanced</b>	★★★★★

**Comments**

This was our fourth visit so you know how we come down on the perennial service vs. cost issue. Everything about the resort - guest service, reef quality, dive guides, food, etc. - remains as the standard of excellence. See previous reviews for more details about what we saw and what you can anticipate seeing.

This year we went in August, earlier than in previous visits. This had two consequences: 1) there were more families with children (European school holiday time) and 2) there was more wind out of the southeast. The first caused some folks issues as the kids played on the beach and were not silent. The second limited which dive sites we could go to, primarily excluding those east of the resort. which included some we really liked, OTOH there were always relatively calm accessible ones.

An example of the level of service provided. A family moved into the villa next door and immediately squatted on the beach lounge/umbrella in front of ours and were somewhat boisterous. A casual mention to the staff (saying it wasn't a big issue) resulted in a temporary beach setup in front of their villa for them to use. No request on our part but someone took it on themselves to deal with it.

Most dives had currents and we generally went with them and were picked up wherever we ended up.

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