

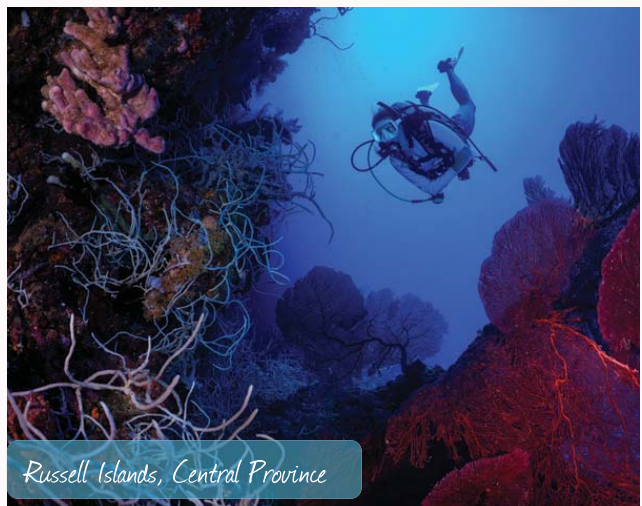
# Solomon Is. Diving

## HOST TO THE WORLD'S BEST DIVING

A mecca for Scuba Divers, the Solomon Islands offers some of the best diving on the planet.

Just a three-hour flight northeast of Brisbane, Australia lies an abundance of diving opportunities with Open Water Dives, Wreck Dives, Wall Dives, Drift Dives, Deep Dives and stunning Night Dives – something to suits every divers qualification level.

For those looking to learn to Scuba Dive, there are PADI and SSI accredited dive instructors that can conduct introductory open water courses and more advanced Instructor courses. Learning to dive in the Solomon Islands is a treat given the small number of swimming pools which means no dreary pool sessions required, In the Solomon Islands learners start by diving straight into their first session in crystal clear waters complete with magnificent corals and millions of brightly colored fish.



*Russell Islands, Central Province*

*Photo: Gerald Rambert*

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## ONE OF THE WORLD'S HIGHEST FISH DENSITIES

Located within the Coral Triangle, the Solomon Islands boast one of the highest fish densities in the region. At a site known as 'Grand Central Station', over 274 different fish species have been observed in a single reef drift. This diverse congregation includes barracudas, sharks, turtles, and exquisite manta rays that glide gracefully with the currents.



Photo: Gerald Rambert

## DIVING WITH DEEPER CONNECTIONS

Divers who have taken the plunge in the Solomon Islands often return, and rekindle established relationships with local communities. As a result many have been introduced to much of the country's unique living culture that abounds, including the people's traditional ties to the ocean and the traditional relevance that many species, such as Sharks, Tuna, Garfish and Flying Fish hold. Many cultural dances are based on fish swimming patterns.

## GETTING YOU TO HIDDEN GEMS

With nearly 1000 islands, some dive sites are not a simple step away from your hotel. The Solomons Islands has two award winning liveboard operators, Bilikiki Cruises and Solomons Master that offer the ability to navigate between the maze of islands and get you to the furthest-afield sites, the trip itself also making for a memorable experience.



Roderick Bay, Central Province

Photo: Gerald Rambert

### Dive Operators

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