



Top Dive Sites to include in your Waidroka Dive Adventure

THE FIJI SHARK DIVE:

“The Most Diverse & Energized Shark Diving Experience in the World!”

Up to 8 different species of sharks, including Black & Whitetip reef sharks, Silvertips, Grey reef, Lemon, Nurse Bulls and Tiger!

Beqa Lagoon Dive-Sites:

Frigates Walls 3m-30m/10ft-100ft): Frigates is found on the outer barrier reef of Beqa Lagoon. With stunning vertical walls, beautiful fans and hard corals, this enormous reef easily offers 3 to 4 unique dive sites. Eagle rays, mobula rays, zebra / leopard sharks, schooling barracuda, white tip/grey reef sharks, green and hawksbill turtles are all found here. Being one of the few resorts that dives this area, expect to be the only dive boat out on this reef found in the middle of nowhere!

Ponti's Playground (3m-26m/10ft-85ft): A maze of large, colourful, coral encrusted bommies found next to a sloping drop-off, this dive site has numerous swim-throughs and overhangs to delight the adventurous diver. Hard coral gardens cover the slope up to the shallows with soft corals and fans on the bommies. This site is home to a variety of nudibranchs, moray eels, crustaceans and beautiful reef fish. Keep an eye out for eagle rays, white tip and grey reef sharks.

Golden Arch (5m-20m/15ft-65ft): This incredible dive gets its name from an enormous archway swim-through that is covered in orange and yellow soft coral. While this archway is the star, there are many other coral-aded swim-throughs and crevices just waiting to be explored. Shallow up and enjoy the rocky pinnacles covered with fans and black corals as well as purple and pink soft corals. Reef sharks, schooling surgeon fish, tuna and barracuda can often be seen here.

Cesar's Rock (5m-27m/15ft-90ft): A paradise for any diver, this spectacular site showcases several pinnacles that are covered in soft corals of every colour, huge gorgonian fans and black coral. One pinnacle features a stunning 3-way swim through with walls shrouded in golden soft corals and fans. Look for Blue Ribbon Eels, nudibranchs, lionfish, anthias as well as reef sharks and octopus. This is a diver's favourite and deserving of more than a single dive.

TASU II Wreck (18m-26m/60ft-85ft): The TASU II was a 200-ton Taiwanese fishing vessel deliberately sunk in 1994 as an artificial reef. Sitting upright in a well-protected area this wreck is home to many types of reef fish and provides protection for juveniles. There is a great variety of macro subjects such as nudibranchs, popcorn shrimp, bubble coral shrimp, orangutan crab, pipefish, and garden eels. The 25+ years that she has been submerged has allowed many hard and soft corals, fans, black corals and sponges to encrust her surfaces inside and out.

Fantasea (3m-30m/10ft-100ft): An aptly named site – a delightful display of soft corals and anemones completely cover this stunning lone pinnacle creating a rainbow of colour. An undercut ledge is home to an array of massive Gorgonians while the pinnacle is home to schools of fusiliers, purple and orange anthias, nudibranchs, and Mantis Shrimps. Exploring this site makes it clear why Cousteau labelled Fiji as the 'soft coral capital of the world'.

Side Streets (5m-20m/15ft-65ft): A beautiful dive site consisting of dozens of coral heads covered in life – almost too much to take in on 10 dives – let alone 1. A spectacular blend of hard and soft corals mixed with huge and plenty Gorgonians in vivid colours of reds, yellows, purples and pinks, this site is a photographer's dream. Canyons and gorgeous swim-throughs harbor giant black coral bushes and sea whips. Multitude of fish life from Emperor Angel fish to White Tip Reef Sharks.

Local Waidroka Dive-Sites:

Pipes (3m-30m+/10ft-100ft+): Pipes boasts a vast rolling landscape of healthy hard coral reef making 3 separate dive sites. This gentle sloping reef leads out to approximately 18m/60ft where you are suddenly met with a vertical wall of 30m/100ft+ deep. Along the wall, you can find schools of batfish and red-toothed triggerfish, fusiliers, eagle rays and reef sharks. You will be hard-pressed to find a hard coral reef as healthy as this!

Aquarium (3m-30m+/10ft-100ft+): Beautiful ridges and vertical walls make up the topography of this stunning hard coral dive site. Keep a look out in the blue or along the reef wall for eagle rays, reef sharks and turtles.

Mata Point (3m-30m+/10ft-100ft+): A pelagic paradise with schools of Barracuda, Snapper, Trevally, Grey Reef sharks, White Tip Reef Sharks and more. Cruise along this steep drop off looking out into the blue for whatever might be passing. Above the drop off is a garden of colourful hard corals where a number of Turtles are often sighted.

Twilight Zone (3m-27m+/10ft-90ft+): For the more experienced diver, rather than the typical coral reefs of this area, this site offers a drift through volcanic formations leading down to a deep sandy valley with the possibility of spotting schools of Barracuda, Eagle Rays, Stingrays, Leopard Sharks, Guitar Sharks, White Tip Reef Sharks, Grey Reef Sharks, and Turtles.

The above are just some of our recommendations for your Waidroka Dive Adventure in Fiji, whilst there are an unlimited number of sites, including Discovery Dives anywhere along the vast reef line of the Beqa Lagoon, topped off by Deep Water Pinnacle 'Cakau Lekaleka' (24 miles to sea), which if conditions are right is just the cream on top!

Come Dive with us in FIJI at Waidroka Bay Resort!