

Pacific Harbour, Viti Levu, Fiji Diving with sharks

The Diving

The diving in Pacific Harbour is everything that you dream about when you think of a Pacific Island... A beach full of shading palm trees, clear blue water and reefs that makes you feel like you are in an aquarium... But that is far from all this place has to offer! Hidden below the calm waters is a high-octane adrenalin-pumping dive site that will literally take your breath away... "The Bistro", arguably one of the finest shark dives in the world, takes you right in to the feeding frenzy of some of the biggest predatory sharks in the ocean. Under very safe and controlled conditions, you will experience a shark feeding beyond your wildest dreams. You will be sure that all misunderstandings of this amazing creature will be out ruled after this dive. You will be diving with the absolute pioneer who was the very first to start feeding the sharks with the sole purpose of education of recreational divers.

The shark dive is only done 4 times a week, with two dives per day. The rest of the week dives will be done on the surrounding reefs, not a bad alternative. The corals are absolutely phenomenal.



Area name / Island name
Pacific Harbour, Viti Levu, Fiji

Nearest airport
Nadi or Suva on Viti Levu

Season
The Fiji dive season runs all year round

Center type
PADI Dive center
Friendly and experienced
Pioneer in the shark dive
English owned

Experience level
PADI Open Water diver or equivalent due to depth
Boat dives descending to the seabed on the line moderate experience preferable but not essential
A photographer's/videographer's dream

Minimum age for participation
15 years for shark dive 12 years for reef dives

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Location

Pacific Harbour is located on the picturesque Queen's Highway that follows the south coast of the main Fijian island of Viti Levu. With Nadi 2 hours west and Suva 45 min east it is easily accessible but manages to slide under the radar of the package tourism hordes that can ruin a destination. The locals are friendly and welcoming, the water's clear and warm and the atmosphere is definitely set to "island time"

Your resort

For this destination we have hand-picked the laid-back riverside boutique resort Club Oceanus. The only stress here is deciding which of the delicious meals to order each evening to restock your energy for the next shark dive. With only ten rooms, you'll be on first name terms with the staff and other guests within hours of arriving and you'll be genuinely sorry to leave your new friends behind on departure. If you want a beachresort, we recommend that you upgrade to Uprising Beach Resort during booking. That too has a fantastic atmosphere!

Your room

The big 24 bed dorm room. With air-conditioning, en-suite bathroom and a full kitchen for self-caterers.

Twin: If you want more privacy, we recommend that you upgrade on the accommodation to a twin room with ensuite bathroom, air-conditioning and kitchenette.



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This is only a selection of the many dive sites represented on this particular destination. The diving is dictated by the safeness of the environment.

THE shark dive

Although its correct name is "The Bistro", other travellers and indeed the locals have only one question for you: Hey mate, so have you done the Shark Dive yet?! The site is a 15 min ride from our dive center's private pier on their fast, spacious, aluminum-hulled boat. On arrival at the site, divers descend along a line to a set depth (approximately 18m). As you descend, already there will be schooling 1m Giant Trevally and nurse sharks.

Once the divers are in position the highly professional crew (1 per 2 divers) start the feeding and suddenly the calm water is a thrashing washing machine of sharky action. To be expected are bulls, silvertips, grey reefs, lemons and nurses and these ain't no juveniles, some bullsharks are well over 3m long with waistlines to match... all 3-5m from your awe-struck eyes! Undoubtedly the highlight are the regular visits of tiger sharks. Watch as the fishy mass parts like the Red Sea if one of these 3-4m beasts appears! And no, you will not be scared, you will feel your pulse and your breathing rate go up, for sure, but you will be a spectator in this controlled game, it is cool and safe. You will feel the same. If you're a diver, don't come to Fiji and miss out on this dive. You WILL regret it.

Caesars Rock

Caesars rock is an incredible hard coral garden, with the most well preserved corals seen in a very long time. The site is shallow and chilled, you drift along big coral bommies overgrown with massive staghorn and table corals. The occasional whitetip or blacktip shark will pass but mainly this site is relaxing and an extremely good place to spend your time between the shark dives.

If you do not have too much experience or have been out of the water for a while, a few dives on the surrounding reefs will easily prepare you for the real action.



Conditions:

Visibility

At least 15m, often extending to 30m. Only factor might reduce visibility are the sharks stirring up the sand as they feed And you won't really mind too much!

Temperature

25-28C

Current

None to mild on shark dive Mild to moderate on soft coral dives Surface 28-35C year round.

Special marine life

Sharks! Loads and loads of sharks!

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Itinerary

On the day of arrival you will be greeted by the friendly staff, shown your room and given an orientation of the area and of the diving or courses you will be doing. You'll do two dives a day on diving days. Between dives you'll hang out on the boat where there's water and snacks available, all included. There will be no refund on dives not used. Check out time is at noon.

Dive Package 1 - Fundiving Pacific Harbour

Pacific Harbor - Shark dive: 3 days / 2 nights The shorter option with 1 day to settle in, 2 nights in dorm room and 2 days of diving with 4 dives included (1 day of shark diving and one day of reef diving). Extra days of accommodation and diving can be organized upon booking. Room can be upgraded on the spot if available.

Dive package 2 - Fundiving Pacific Harbour Extended

Pacific Harbor - Shark dive Extended: 5 days / 4 nights The longer option with 1 day to settle in, 4 nights in dorm room and 4 days of diving with 8 dives included (2 days of shark diving and 2 days of reef diving). Extra days of accommodation and diving can be organized upon booking. Room can be upgraded on the spot if available.

If you want a longer itinerary, you can add extra days of diving and accommodation upon booking.

Please note

Due to ocean and weather conditions, the itinerary can be subject to change.

Please Note: A marine park fee of FJD20 is to be paid locally per day of diving. (not included)



Activity starts

Daily, 8am Shark dives are conducted 4 times a week, the other days will consist of dives on the surrounding reefs.

Activity starts from

Pacific Harbour, 200m from your resort

Group Size

Max. 14 divers, usually 8-10, split into groups of 4-5

Language

English

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Transfer Information

Getting there is easy and very scenic!

From Nadi:

Pacific Harbour is only a 2.5hrs drive East of Nadi International Airport. You can either hire a private taxi for around 150 FJD to take you right to the door, or you can take the local bus going down from Nadi for around 12 FJD. Whatever you choose, just ask the driver to drop you at the Pacific Harbour Police Post, the resort are two minutes walk from there. You will see the sign. If not, ask! People in Fiji are beyond friendly!

From Suva:

If you fly in to Suva, it is a short 45 minutes drive West of Suva city. You can choose between a taxi, which will cost you around 45 FJD, or the local bus which will cost you just under 5 FJD. Again, ask the driver to drop you opposite the Pacific Harbour Police Post, the resort is just two minutes walk from there.

A good tip if you fly in to Nadi and you land after 6pm; the local busses will have stopped running. Get yourself into a little hostel and wait to the next day, that will get you a cheap ride, and a full day in the resort.

You need to let the dive center know your arrival at least one week in advance. You will find the details for the dive center on your voucher



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Prices below are based on 2 persons sharing accommodation, unless stated otherwise.

FUNDIVING	
Days / Nights	3/2
Amount of dives	4
Price (incl. accommodation)	375 EUR

Supplements	
Extra day of diving (2 reef dives)	140 EUR
Extra day of diving (2 shark dives)	193 EUR
Extra night (after)	37 EUR
Extra night (before)	37 EUR
Refresher dive (added 1st dive)	140 EUR
Upgrade to Uprising - dorm - per night	9 EUR
Upgrade to Uprising - private room - per night	59 EUR
Upgrade: private room Oceanus (define nights)	28 EUR

Prices for supplementary accommodation are based on 2 persons sharing accommodation, unless stated otherwise.

Supplements

A supplement can be chosen to add on your package. All supplements can also be booked on site. In high season, bungalows and boats get filled fast - you might find trouble getting an extra night in your resort or an extra day of diving. If you are booking a course, it is recommended to book an extra night of accommodation prior your course, to get settled and get up front on the studying



Included

Diving as stated in package
Shark dive fee (USD28 per day of shark diving)
guide or instructor
soft drinks and snacks on boat
accommodation as stated
towels
Bed linen

Not included

All dive equipment (FJD 40 per day)
Marine park fee (20FJD per day of diving)
All meals
Alcoholic beverages
Wireless internet
Can be purchased in the restaurant

Also available on site

Extra accommodation if available (the accommodation is popular)
Extra days of diving if available (people queue up for the shark dive)
Upgrading to private room if available.

Continuing education

All continuing courses available on site

Cancellation

As in terms and conditions

Dive insurance

Basic dive travel insurance required

General terms and conditions

GENERAL CONDITIONS

CHANGES OF BOOKINGS:

You can change your booking request or start date free of charge.

If you need to change your booking you must contact the **dive center** directly by e-mail or phone. You will find the contact details on your voucher. For verification purpose, please remember to mention your name and booking ID.

If you want to change your start date, we recommend that you do so minimum 10 days before the beginning of your dive package. Later than this, might cause the accommodation to be fully booked for alternative dates. During high seasons, 10 days might not be sufficient time, please allow extra time for changes in the high season. As a reminder, you will receive an email with general information and contact information of your dive center 10 days prior to your start date.

CANCELLATION RULES:

Any customer has the right to cancel their booking with Blue Venture Diving. In order to do so, you must contact your selling agent. The cancellation fees and rules of your selling agent will apply for your cancellation.

Blue Venture is not liable for any cancellations done by the customer of personal reason such as/or in the same category as sickness, family, missed flights etc, or other circumstances that is beyond reasonable control such as force majeure.

Blue Venture booking cancellation

In the unlikely event that Blue Venture is forced to cancel a booking, the customer will get direct notice. A cancellation will only happen if Blue Venture finds that the contracted dive center can't perform the needed service of the booked package or if the dive standards can't be fulfilled accordingly. Minor changes in the itinerary will not be defined as a valid cancellation reason, as diving is dictated by the environment and the people enrolled in the activity.

Blue Venture will always do their best to find another operator of same or higher standard, but it is up to the customer to decide whether they want to accept the change or get a refund.

INSURANCE:

A cancellation insurance is not included. It is highly advised recommended that you obtain adequate travel insurance prior to your departure from your home country.

REFUNDS:

Medical Statement

To enroll in an Open Water Course, all students **MUST** fill in the Medical Statement. Please ensure that you have received the medical statement from your travel agent. If any questions are replied with a "Yes", the medical statement must be signed by a doctor. Failing the medical statement at the destination, and therefore not being able to enroll in the diving course, you will not be entitled to a refund.

If you have not received your Medical Statement, please make sure to print it from this link.

<https://blueventure.net/files/information/12.pdf>

Restricted dives

Diving is dictated by the environment and the people enrolled in the activity. All diving is performance based. It is up to the discretion of the dive guide/instructor to restrict divers from entering activities that goes beyond their experience level. All guides strive to reach the expectations of the customers. However, if they find that the safety of the group or an individual is jeopardized or at risk by one or several individuals, it is up to the dive guide/instructor to restrict any divers from entering the water.

In this event the dive center or Blue Venture is not obliged to give a refund.

Dives not completed

There is no refund for dives not carried out.

Refund for dives not done for any reason is up to the discretion of the dive center. Most dive centers do not give refunds for dives not done with personal causes such as seasickness, low on air situations or a failure in mastering the equipment etc. All log books will be checked prior to the dive and the dive sites will be chosen accordingly to the experience level. It is however expected that certified divers keep within their limits and do not cross their comfort zone. Blue Venture and your travel agent is never responsible to pay a refund for dives not done.

Courses not completed

There is no refund for courses not completed! All courses are performance based, but it is up to the instructor to pass the student. If a customer can not complete a course with success they will receive their course documents for an optional referral, but the contracted dive center, your travel agent and Blue Venture is not responsible to pay a refund.

Boats or dives not departing

If boats or dives are cancelled due to bad weather or sea conditions, it is up to the dive center to re-schedule and compensate with a similar dive trip when conditions allow. If the customer does not have adequate time to enroll in another trip/course it is up to the customer to make sure the dive center notify Blue Venture of this in order to secure a refund via the sales agent who completed the sale with the customer. There will only be refund on the diving and not the accommodation.

ACCOMMODATION:

Unless mentioned in the destination information folder the accommodation is always part of the package.

If the dive center by any means can't deliver the agreed accommodation, it is up to their discretion to supply immediate accommodation of the same or higher standard. (the destination information folder is found on the Blue Venture website.)

If the accommodation somehow does not live up to satisfactory standards of the customer, the customer must contact Blue Venture by phone or email as soon as possible (preferably while still on site) in order to solve the problem.

DIVE INSTRUCTORS & DIVE GUIDES:

All contracted dive centers has been handpicked based on their level of professionalism and expertise. Blue Venture ensures that all guides and instructors have the correct education and experience. In the unlikely event that a customer suffers a bad experience with any guide, instructor or dive center facilities, Blue Venture is entitled to know, but can't by any means be held liable.

At the end of you dive experience as questionnaire will be sent out to you, that we would like you to answer. By doing this, you help securing a high level of professionalism towards all customers.

MEDICAL STATEMENT & LOGBOOK:

If you are about to enroll in a dive course (entry level only), you must fill out the RSTC Medical Statement before you leave your home country. Please make sure your agent has provided you with the RSTC Medical Statement. You can also print the medical statement from the link, further up on this page. If you need the medical statement reviewed by a doctor, you have 10 days from the date of the booking with the option of cancelling for free.

If you are already certified as a diver and about to go fundiving, you must remember your current dive certificate and your personal logbook or dive computer.