

GOLD LIST

The Top 100 Gold List of operators, resorts, live-aboards, underwater experiences (i.e., best big-animal encounters, shore dives and wrecks), dive bars and more was determined on a “popularity contest” basis. Rankings are based on the total number of responses, regardless of category.



BEST 24/7 DIVE DESTINATION Bonaire

2 BEST DIVE SITE
Darwin's Arch,
Galapagos

3 BEST DRIFT DIVE
Palancar Deep, Cozumel

4 BEST DIVE SITE
Roca Partida, Socorro
Islands, Mexico

5 BEST WRECK DIVE
USS Spiegel Grove,
Key Largo, Florida Keys

**6 BEST 24/7 DIVE
DESTINATION**
Roatan, Bay Islands

**7 BEST ANIMAL
ENCOUNTER** Schooling
hammerheads,
Galapagos

8 BEST DRIFT DIVE
Ulong Channel, Palau



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BEST ANIMAL ENCOUNTER Stuart Cove's Shark Dive, New Providence Island, Bahamas

10 BEST WRECK DIVE
San Francisco Maru,
Truk Lagoon

11 BEST NIGHT DIVE
Jack's Diving Locker
Pelagic Magic,
Big Island, Hawaii

12 BEST LIVE-ABOARD
Galapagos Aggressor

13 BEST WRECK DIVE
USS Kittiwake,
Grand Cayman

14 BEST WALL DIVE
Bloody Bay Wall, Little
Cayman, Cayman Islands

15 BEST WALL DIVE
Molokini Back Wall,
Maui, Hawaii

16 BEST DIVE RESORT
Buddy Dive Resort,
Bonaire

17 BEST DIVE SITE
E6, Bligh Water, Fiji

18 BEST WALL DIVE
Barracuda Point,
Sipadan, Malaysia

19 BEST MARINE PARK
Florida Keys National
Marine Sanctuary

**20 BEST DIVE
OPERATION** Scuba
Shack, Maui, Hawaii

21 BEST NIGHT DIVE
RMS Rhone,
British Virgin Islands

22 BEST NIGHT LIFE
Key West, Florida Keys

23 BEST OIL RIG DIVE
Eureka rig,
Long Beach, California

24 BEST LIVE-ABOARD
Palau Aggressor II

25 BEST DIVE SITE
Stonehenge, South
Andaman Sea, Thailand

26 BEST BEACH
Grace Bay Beach,
Providenciales,
Turks and Caicos

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