

## **Day Leisure / Fun Dives in Kota Kinabalu**



Enjoy some relaxed Leisure Diving (Fun Dives) in KK (Kota Kinabalu) with our team. All daily local leisure diving and fun dives take place in the Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park (TARP), just 15 minutes off KK. Scuba diving around TARP is an ideal diving trip for scuba divers looking for chilled out diving along pretty tropical coral reefs. Suitable for beginners through to experienced leisure divers, scuba diving around TARP offers something for all divers.

On this trip you will complete 3 boat dives - two before lunch and the third after lunch. We will take you to some of the 25 dive sites around the five idyllic islands in TARP – Pulau Gaya, Sapi, Mamutik, Manukan and Sulug. We also go diving the deeper, beautiful coral reefs at Edgell Patches sitting just outside the Marine Park. The dives range in depths from 5m to 25m and tend to have little or no current and good visibility. The water temperature is usually between 25°C and 30°C.

During your leisure diving or fun dives trip you will find good quality coral coverage and a wide variety of marine life. Watch shoals of Fusilier's dart through the water, schooling barracuda, puffer fish peek out from under table corals, a hawksbill or green turtle resting under a coral pinnacle and find every species of anemone/clown Fish (including Nemo!). That's not mentioning the surprisingly rich muck diving including ornate ghost pipefish, various nudibranch species, banded pipefish, cuttlefish and blue spotted octopus.

If you have not dived in a few years, or are new to diving as a certified diver, then you could consider joining the one day PADI Peak Performance Buoyancy Course to perfect your scuba diving buoyancy skills, followed by this day trip scuba diving in TARP.

### **Trip Itinerary**

*0845hrs* - Meet our dive crew at the red phone booths on the left-hand side just inside the entrance at Jesselton Point Jetty in central KK.

*0900hrs* - Board our boat, and a boat safety briefing will be provided, and the itinerary for the day, and off we go to the morning dive sites.

*1000hrs* - Your PADI instructor will provide a full dive briefing for your first dive. Yourself and your dive buddy will do your buddy checks before starting your first dive of the day. Dive length is maximum of 60 minutes or minimum 50 bar.

*1200hrs* – Head back to the boat and go for lunch on a nearby island.

*1330hrs* – Back on the boat, your dive guide will provide a briefing for your next dive. Check your dive gear, buddy checks completed and go diving along a shallow coral reef.

*1430hrs* – Time to shower, dry yourself and change.

*1530hrs* – We head back to Jesselton Point jetty.

\*If you are doing a 3 dive trip, your second dive of the day will be before lunch (with a minimum 1-hour surface interval between dives). This will mean your lunch will be at 1pm and you will be back at Jesselton Point Jetty at approx. 1630hrs.

### **Trip Pre-requisites**

You need to be a certified diver to join this diving trip. You will need to bring your diver certification card with you to show your dive guide at the start of the scuba diving trip.

### **Trip Inclusions**

Return boat transfers from Jesselton Point Jetty, Jesselton jetty fee, free use of our rental dive gear (mask, full foot fins, shorty tropical 3mm wetsuit, BCD, regulator & gauges, weight belt with weights, cylinders filled with air), guided boat dives (2 or 3 depending dive trip booked) with guiding by our experienced, friendly PADI dive crew, free flow water onboard (please bring your own drinking bottle), Sabah Parks diving and conservation permits.

### **Trip Exclusions**

Due to the cafes on the island not working to regular opening hours, we ask you to bring your own packed lunch. You could bring a little cash for ice cream.

### **Recommended Packing List**

The diver certification card, dive log book, swim wear, towel, dry clothes, suntan lotion, sun hat and sun glasses. You can choose to rent one of our underwater cameras with housing to take photos during your dives.

### **Notes**

Please note that during late January – mid-March the diving conditions in TARP can be impacted by plankton blooms and the sea temperature reduces slightly to 25°C - 27°C. During these times we will do our best to show divers the nicest diving conditions in the Marine Park. We will also provide divers with full length 3mm body suits (along with shorty wet suits) to provide extra thermal protection.

### **Price**

From RM300/person