

World-class Snorkeling



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Wakatobi - Reefs & Resort made for snorkelers



"We've done a fair bit of snorkeling throughout the world—the Caribbean, the Maldives, and Australia—and Wakatobi is by far the best. The reefs are pristine, and there is so much live coral and a remarkable volume of life. The fish, the colours, the clear water... it all exceeded our expectations."

Guests: John & Barbara Pratt



Wakatobi Resort is known as a world-class snorkelling destination. Set on a small, picturesque island in Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia, in the heart of the famous "Coral Triangle," this boutique beachfront property faces one of the most bio-diverse coral reef environments on earth. The surrounding waters deliver an unmatched wealth of marine life and an equally compelling range of underwater landscapes.

Built for Comfort, Staffed for Service

Wakatobi's fleet of spacious day boats make three daily trips to more than 40 sites within the private marine reserve. Each of these 24-metre custom-built launches is fitted with generous bench seating, bathrooms and storage areas under a full-length roof. To ensure each guest is provided an appropriate level of attention, both in and out of the water, the resort typically maintains a ratio of one snorkel guide to four to six snorkellers, as well as full briefings of what you may encounter on each site.



Wakatobi's Commitment to Conservation

Wakatobi Resort is committed to a variety of programs that provide both proactive protection for the environment and tangible benefits to the community. The Wakatobi Collaborative Reef Conservation Program creates an agreement with local people to designate a 20 kilometre section of reef as a marine sanctuary. In exchange for honouring this no-fishing zone, a portion of resort revenue is paid directly to local fishermen and 17 communities around the resort. Since the establishment of the reserve, destructive forms of fishing have been eliminated, snorkelling sites are protected by permanent moorings, fish populations have increased, and corals have returned to near-pristine status. Here is just a sample of the stunning snorkelling sites you will encounter at Wakatobi.

Wakatobi's House Reef

To enjoy our House Reef, guests only need to wade in from the beach, or walk to the end of the resort jetty to discover an intriguing range of marine life. Between the beach and the outer edge of the reef is a vast ecosystem of turtle grass shallows and isolated coral heads that create a rich environment for odd and beautiful creatures such as frogfish, stonefish, moray eels, blue spotted stingrays, crocodilefish, cuttlefish, ghost pipefish, jawfish, shrimp and goby pairs. Right around the jetty, snorkellers will find numerous varieties of colourful anemones and their attendant clownfish.



Turkey Beach

While Wakatobi's House Reef is justifiably famous, it is by no means the only choice for snorkellers. By hopping aboard one of the resort's day boats, snorkellers gain access to dozens of additional shallow sites. One favourite just a short boat ride away from the resort is Turkey Beach. This site is best known for its resident population of sea turtles, which can be often found gliding along the edge of the drop-off. In addition to the turtles, this site is often loaded with a variety of fish life, including eagle rays and bumphead parrotfish.



The Zoo

The Zoo is another favourite site for snorkellers at Wakatobi. Just a quick boat ride from the resort it is one of the fishiest places in the region. Not far from shore, a patch reef within a sand-bottom bay provides shelter for a wealth of intriguing marine life. With the coral reef rising very close to the surface, it is an opportunity for snorkellers to get up close and personal to some of the best biodiversity Wakatobi has to offer.



Relaxed Luxury

Guests are accommodated in a collection of bungalows and villas, each hand-crafted in regional Indonesian style from sustainable local materials. Though traditional in appearance, these private residences offer a full range of modern comforts, including air conditioning, private verandahs and details such as Asian-style outdoor showers. The resort's oceanfront Villas include additional indulgences such as plunge pools, outdoor Asian spa style showers and expanded waterfront decks.

Complementing these amenities is a staff dedicated to personalised service, where expectations are not just met, they are exceeded.



Memorable Mealtimes

Mealtimes at Wakatobi become much more than just a chance to fill up before the next adventure. At the resort's waterfront restaurant, guests have the choice of dining inside the open-air dining room or on the outdoor terraces. The resort's talented culinary team prepares an ever-changing menu of both international and regional flavours, blending locally-sourced ingredients with delicacies from around the world. The chefs and serving staff learn each guest's personal preferences, and are more than happy to fulfil special requests or dietary requirements.



Getting to Wakatobi

Wakatobi is in a remote location, but readily accessible via direct flights to Bali. Our private guest charter brings you directly from Bali to our own airstrip, transforming what was once a complicated 3-day trek to a 2.5-hour flight with generous baggage allowances. In Bali, Wakatobi's dedicated concierge service will greet you, guide you through baggage claim and customs, and assist with ground transportation and stopovers with five-star efficiency. Everything is taken care of, so you may enjoy the worry-free snorkelling trip of a lifetime.

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