



# Signature Dive Sites

There are many dive sites on the Cocos Keeling Islands, both inside and outside the lagoon. Below are just a few of the signature dive sites you may encounter on a dive trip to the Cocos Keeling Islands.

## **Cabbage Patch:**

A world of large lettuce yellow gold cabbage shaped coral 6 to 20 m across. Thousands of tiny anthias and chromis can be spotted here. This pristine dive site is a "must do" dive!

## **Sandshute to the drop-off:**

Where you can often find slumbering white tip reef sharks who jam themselves in to snooze in an area where there is a constant water flow over their gills.

## **Rosewall Coral:**

Cascading down the wall to about 50 metres is a rosy coloured hard coral. A sanctuary for marine life you spy as you drift past. Ascending, the scenery becomes a mixture of plates and leather corals. Schools of Surgeonfish and Parrotfish are often seen.

## **The Cables:**

A Wreck and Reef dive in the Cocos Lagoon; occasional mega fauna - 16 to 25 metres



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## **The Cannons:**

A Wreck and Reef dive where occasional mega fauna is spotted in the Cocos Lagoon with depths of 16 to 25 metres.

## **Cologne Gardens:**

A very scenic reef dive with very little current and where occasional mega fauna is spotted in 10 to 35 metres.

## **Turtle Rock:**

A scenic reef and drift dive where occasional mega fauna is often spotted in 12 - 22 metres of water.

## **Garden of Eden:**

Pelagics: sharks, tuna, rainbow runner and barracuda usually congregate along the wall. Big Eye Trevally often come in for a closer look, surrounding divers. The site also has forests of gorgonian fans.

## **Two Caves:**

The site of an illegal Sri Lankan boat which was sunk as a dive site. A school of bat fish now call it home. "Kat" the lone dugong is often seen here along with mantas and sharks. Over the drop off are two small caves where sleeping white tips may be spotted.



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## Did you know?

- Visibility on most dive sites is 20-30 metres - often more!
- With over 30 regularly visited sites there is always something different to see on every dive
- The water temperature averages between 26 degrees celcius during the cooler months of July through to October and 29 degrees celcius during the warmer months of December through to May
- Shark sightings on nearly every dive
- Approximately 600 species of fish call the lagoon their home
- There is only one dive operator on the Islands giving you uncrowded waters and a maximum of 8 divers at any one time
- Pre-booking diving on Cocos is essential!
- Cocos Dive has very knowledgeable dive guides
- The dive operator will go out with two divers as a minimum.
- There are 2 boat dives per day inclusive of tanks, weights, drinks and a picnic lunch on an Island in the lagoon during the surface interval.
- The dive operator has 2 boats with only 1 boat in operation at any one time. Sayap Kecil takes 4 divers plus 2 crew. Putri Laut takes 8 divers plus 2 crew and is ideal for groups
- Whether it be big fish, nudibranchs or marvelling at coral gardens, Cocos has something for everyone
- The Cocos Keeling Islands comprises of 27 coral islands of which only 2 are inhabited. They form 2 atolls with turquoise blue waters and beautiful white sandy beaches
- Beneath the surface are pristine gardens of hard cabbage corals, soft leather corals and delicate gorgonian fans
- Dive equipment can be hired. It is recommended you bring your own wet-suits, mask, snorkel and fins if available.
- It is a requirement to carry an SMB on all dives for your own safety
- Please ensure you have travel insurance. DAN membership is highly recommended
- Snorkel off of Scout Park or Trannies beach and you are sure to see many fish and small reef sharks cruising the shallows

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