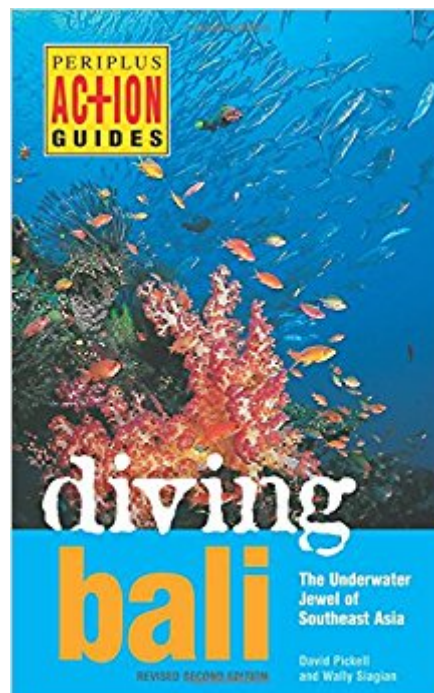




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Diving Bali: The Underwater Jewel Of Southeast Asia (Periplus Action Guides)



Synopsis

Bali is located in the famous "coral triangle," the center of the world's tropical marine diversity, and the island is blessed with a stunning variety of dive sites—shipwrecks, quiet black sand bays, crystalline hard coral reefs over bright white sand, lava ridges draped in gorgonians and soft coral, and current-swept pinnacles, swirling with fish. Combine these underwater riches with Bali's famous green rice fields and the artistry and hospitality of the Balinese, and you have the makings of the world's finest dive vacation. Diving Bali includes maps and images, and the text has been revised throughout to incorporate new oceanographic data and changing conditions on the island's reefs. Features have been added on some of the more interesting inhabitants of Bali's reefs, like the mola mola and mimic octopus, and more interesting trends, like artificial reefs. The discussion and listings of dive operators and facilities is all new. The result is an entertaining and essential resource that provides a wide-ranging exploration—oceanographic, geological, biological, historical, and even cultural—of Bali's dive sites and diving community.

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Customer Reviews

David Pickell is a writer, editor and cartographer, and has been diving for 29 years. He lives in Berkeley, California. Wally Siagian is one of Indonesia's sport diving pioneers. He first dove Bali in the 1970s and his long-term knowledge of the island's reefs is unmatched by anyone working today.

Every page of this extraordinary book is steeped in the authors' passion for their subject. The writing

is both personal and articulate, laced with sufficient zoological fact to make you feel smarter just for having browsed a few pages. Pickell's narrative voice is compelling enough that you might find yourself reading it cover to cover like a novel, the little asides and segues between the dive site descriptions drawing you into the adventure of assembling the best possible guide to Bali's coral walls and reefs. The artwork is gorgeous. It could and should be a textbook, yet no textbook you've ever read is as enjoyable to dip into as this. The precision and specificity of the maps is breathtaking: after over a dozen dives from Menjangan in the NW to Nusa Penida in the SE, I can only marvel at the sheer amount of bottom time that must have gone into producing this work, and heartily commend Mssrs. Pickell and Siagian for what should rightfully be described as a submarine magnum opus. And while a few of the practical details (accommodation prices, dive shop email addresses) are understandably a tad dated, everything about the dive sites seemed as accurate in May 2014 as whenever David and Wally wrote it. Whether or not you never set fin below the ocean's surface this book will truly immerse you in one of the planet's most magnificent ecosystems.

Our dive club just spend 2 1/2 weeks diving around Bali last September, and this was our best guide--especially useful for places we hadn't visited before, like Menjangan. Periplus really does it right. And BTW there's a Periplus bookstore in Ubud, where divers who also like the local culture tend to stay when they're done diving. We also recommend the Periplus Indonesia dive book for other places that don't have books of their own, like Wakatobi, Raja Ampat, and Komodo. Indonesia has arguably the best diving on Earth, and Bali is best place to start. It's a culturally cohesive society with a low crime rate, a sophisticated civilization, and a fondness for Americans (we tend to treat the locals in a more egalitarian fashion than Euros and Chinese do). The danger of terrorist attacks is nil except in Kuta where the Aussies go to party--and that's nowhere near any place we stay or go on the island. And Indonesia has been going great work on nabbing terrorists before they blow things up--as well as executing the masterminds of the Kuta bombing, which they just did. You will probably want to bring your own gear, but, that said, I had a local beach guide field-repair a free-flowing Air II right on the beach, delaying my entry only by a few minutes. One note of caution: the "beach" at Tulamben is quite rocky--no sand. Many of our group found entry and exit difficult, but Paradise Palm Bungalow's guide Made was a wonder at getting us in and out with our camera gear. That's a little tip I don't recall reading in the Periplus book, but it could make a big difference for your diving there.

Very thorough. I found a few typos in the book at first glance but its really really detailed and more

than I hoped for. This is a fantastic book in you like diving in Bali.

I bought this for my diving trip to Bali and have to say this is THE BEST and most thorough diving guidebook I have ever read. I only wish all were as PERFECT as this one. It is written in a casual and enjoyable prose, with lots background information pertaining to the most dive sites on Bali and nearby islands of Nusa Penida and Nusa Lembongan. Beautiful and detailed dive maps and amazing photography. ABSOLUTELY MUST HAVE guide, if you are ever considering diving in Bali. Thank You David Pickell and Wally Siagian for writing this book;)

We have never been to this area of the world and need all the help we can get. Our trip is April/May this year and so much information and the terrific maps are helping my husband make some informed decisions about where he wants to dive and who he wants to dive with. He has already been in touch with a few of the diver operations that were recommended and so far is very impressed.

This is a badly scanned copy of a book. It is not a proper e-book. When you zoom in on the maps etc to read the text it is illegible. There are no gps co-ordinates as indicated in the printed version. Waste of time. I will be asking for a refund.

Going to Bali in January to do a 5 day dive tour and we used the book to select the best dive sites for that time of year and the tide schedule. Great maps, easy to read and lots of helpful information

Wally is the most knowledgeable dive guide in Indonesia's waters. What you read in his book is what you see when you dive his recommendations.

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