

# 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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