



**COME JOIN US FOR THE ULTIMATE  
FREEDIVING ADVENTURE IN..**

# **THE SOLOMON ISLANDS**

**10 DAYS**

**FREEDIVE | EXPLORE | DISCOVER**

**17th JAN -27th JAN 2025**

**\$3,350 AUD**

# COMMUNITY

One of the first things you'll notice apart from the awe inspiring landscape when you arrive in the Solomons is how open hearted and welcoming everyone is.



This is no exception on Gatokae Island, Driftwood lodge is part of the local village, which means you get to experience the real Solomon Islands learning, sharing and making friendships with the people who make this area so special.



The village has a funny way of making you feel so remote, on the frontier of the developed world yet so at home at the same time.



# LOCATION



A short hop, skip and jump from Honiara, we arrive in Seghe on a tiny 12 seater plane. Landing on a grass airstrip barely the width of the small island. Here we will spend the first night with the option to dive on a WW2 zero bomber.

The next morning we depart on our journey for a two hour boat ride through the Marovo Lagoon (the largest saltwater lagoon in the world) made famous by David Attenborough in the Blue Earth tv series. Its' also home to quite a few manta rays.



Finally we arrive at Driftwood lodge, nestled between lush jungle and expansive coral sea, located in the heart of the village on Gatokae Island.

# FREEDIVE



Take your freediving to the next level!

Lets do some depth training in some of the most unique and inspiring locations imaginable.

As part of this package we will provide personalised coaching throughout the trip to help you grow as a freediver. Building comfort and confidence in your diving, enabling you to enjoy everything the solomons has to offer to its fullest.



To get the most out of this trip we do ask that guests have a minimum Lap 1 certification (completed theory and pool requirement) and ideally some ocean experience. We will take care of the rest.



# EXPLORE

when it comes to fun dives,  
We've got it covered!



Explore the underwater cave systems  
from a short swim through to tunnels  
into the middle of islands. There's  
something for every experience level.



The reef systems here are out of this  
world, the diversity of fish and coral is  
some of the best we have ever seen.  
Every dive is an adventure into the  
unknown.



One of the wonders of this area is there is so  
much to explore, and as conditions change  
we find ourselves always discovering new  
pockets of coral, caves and swimthroughs.

# WRECKS



Sadly the Solomons Islands was the host to one of the largest naval battles the world has ever seen during WW2. Most of the wrecks are still sitting on the ocean floor 80 years later

Close to the runway that we land on in Seghe in a around 8m of water lies the wreckage of a Japanese Zero bomber. A perfect dive to welcome us to the area.



Located on an island about 30 minutes from Seghe you can also find this huge 40m long Tuna boat, nestled vertically on the reef pinnacle. The bow is located in around 5m of water with the cabin starting at 20m!



# DISCOVER

The Marovo Lagoon is host to over 100 islands, with the majority uninhabited. After a dive there's nothing better than relaxing in your own private paradise.



Feeling tired or just want to explore the island a little more, there's plenty to do outside of the water. Why not take a walk through the jungle to the local bat cave...

Or take a stroll around the local village and get to know some of the islanders more. Although we provide a busy schedule, we will always accommodate you to ensure you can enjoy each day however you please.



# EXPAND YOUR MIND



During our stay at Driftwood we are graced with our very own private chef but there is also the opportunity to try catching your own food. If you are interested in learning about spearfishing or an avid Spearo this is one of the best places in the world to try.

This is not trophy fishing, but a way of life for the locals here. You can learn from them and see how a selective catch can support so many as well as the joy of supporting and feeding the whole group for lunch/dinner that day. (please note: eating/hunting fish is completely optional!!)



The Morovo Lagoon area is home to some exceptionally talented wood carvers. Check out some of their work around Driftwood lodge and also some of the local artists have work for sale. If your feeling crafty, you can even spend some time and learn a little of their skills first hand in the Village.



# What's Included

- Minimum 6 days of line dive training
- More fun dives than you can shake a beautifully carved stick at
- All meals, transport and accomodation upon arrival in Seghe
- 2 boat trips daily except on travel days and Sabbath
- Certification to Wave 2 subject to completing all requirements
- Certification to Wave 3 (or work towards it) subject to completing all requirements

# What to Bring

- Mask/Snorkel/Dive Belt (also available for rent)
- Light wetsuit (highly Recommended)
- Your most fancy tights (Optional)
- Light long sleeved top / pants for evenings
- A little bit of cash if you wish to buy any carvings (this also support the locals)

# BOOKING



To confrim your booking we ask for a \$750 initial deposit with the balance of the \$3350 payment is due by the 3rd of January 2025.

To pay please contact us on the details provided below so we can ensure we are able to meet all your needs prior to booking.

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