

# Scuba diving

## Underwater paradise

Tahiti and her Islands have the reputation for being a true heaven on earth, but less known is the wonder of its underwater paradise.



All you need to do is put on your mask, dive in and come back up filled with the wonder of it all. The diversity of the islands is only equalled by their rich seabeds.

In Tahiti, everything is about magical encounters - such as encounters between a virgin underwater world and those passionate about deep-sea diving. All around the Society Islands, stingrays put on a show for newcomers. Clownfish timidly poke their heads from their anemones to greet their guests. Vividly colored corals swarm with unexpected life forms. Steep reef drop-offs plunge to mysterious chasms, evoking awe and wonder. Those who seek diving adventures can venture out amongst the many species of shark that prowl



around in the reef passes of the atolls in the Tuamotu.

Gray sharks, ocean sharks, hammerhead sharks and tiger sharks sometimes parade around like movie stars for amateur photographers' lenses. Lastly, those amphibians who choose to swap their tank for a basic snorkel can swim with the impressive humpback whales headed to the Austral Islands to seek a little peace and quiet in gentler waters. With a little luck, they will see the new mothers with their young calves or hear the melodious song of the lovesick males.

