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DIVING IN THE AZORES



The Azores archipelago presents ideal conditions for practising diving. Its isolated location in the Atlantic and the absence of rivers allows us to enjoy very transparent waters with visibilities that can reach 50 m. Other important factor is water temperature, which varies, depending on the island, between 16° C in winter and 24° C in summer.

The climate use to change: there can be four seasons in one day. The best time is summer: sunnier and better temperatures both on land and underwater; and winds are calmer. However, the microclimates in each island, as well as the position of them regarding winds, make diving possible during the entire year.



Besides the fauna we have talked about, there are some shipwrecks and volcanic underwater landscapes of great interest, with abundance of caves. As we have already said, diving with cetaceans is banned although watching them is very common. New ways are being opened, as the incipient diving with sharks, mainly tiger sharks.

There is offer in dive centres, and it is more or less limited depending on the islands. They are basic in their services, most of the time dedicated to whale watching. Tanks are made of steel and equipments can be rented there, although in this case it is better to inform when making the reservation. There are different kinds of offers as it is common. Finally, there are two decompression chambers, one in Faial in the central group and another one in

San Miguel in the eastern one.

In the central group we can list the centers we have dived with:

Faial Island

- Norberto Diver www.norbertodiver.com
- Dive Azores www.diveazores.net

Pico Island

- Pico Sport www.whales-dolphins.net
- Cetacean Watching Lda. CW Azores www.cwazores.com

Sao Jorge Island

- Urzelinatur Lda. www.urzelinatur.com



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