

HOLIDAY DIVER



# Turtles and Sharks Stars of Costa Rican Paradise

WHAT ABOUT this for an unforgettable, thrill seeking dive holiday – 9 days spent in the southwest Pacific coast of Costa Rica spotting bull sharks and nesting leatherback turtles! You will have the rare opportunity to dive off Cãno Island - one of the world's newest hot spots for adventure diving. Located just a few miles offshore, this uninhabited island is rimmed with white sandy beaches and picturesque waterfalls and as virgin dive territory it also offers a range of unique diving attractions, from 15-16ft reefs to 80ft walls.

Protected as a biological reserve by the Costa Rican government, the water surrounding the island is pristine and teeming with marine life that includes: eagle and manta rays; southern stingray; guitar fish; octopus; and not one but four types of eel. In fact the list goes on and on.

From November to April, giant Bull Sharks are often spotted in the waters. These fascinating creatures are characterised by their robust-bodies, blunt, rounded snouts and small eyes with the average male reaching around 7ft in length.

Back on dry land the beaches



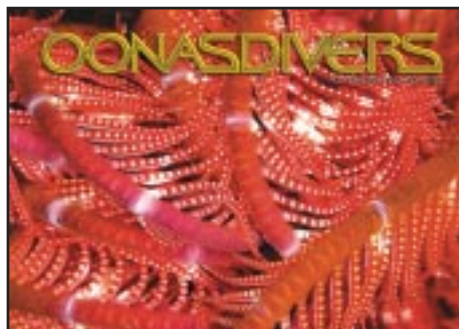
*The egg laying ritual of the giant Leatherback turtle is a highlight of Diveworld's Costa Rica diving package*

become nesting sites for the giant Leatherback Turtle and divers get to witness their egg-laying ritual, one of the natural world's most remarkable spectacles.

So if the thought of hanging out with bull sharks and leatherbacks sounds appealing then don't delay - make sure that you are enjoying the pleasures of Cãno Island before April 2006.

The holiday costs from £1,460 p/p and includes scheduled flights, current airport taxes and fuel charges, transfers, 7-nights hotel and lodge accommodation and a 6-dive package with tanks, weights and air.

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## New Oonas Brochure Marks Their 21st Birthday!

OONASDIVERS HAVE come of age and have a brand new brochure to prove it - full of marvellous Mediterranean and amazing Antipodean diving adventures that are sure to whet any diver's appetite for sunnier climates and underwater paradises!

The new brochure has all the usual favourites as well as a new liveaboard (*MY Panorama Explorer*) which gives groups the opportunity to charter the entire boat to the southern Red Sea - namely the best dive sites

of the Brother Islands, Daedalus and the St John's Reef Chain (near the Sudanese border).

Also new this year are the marine awareness workshops based at Southern Dive Villages, joining their ever popular wreck and video workshop dive tours all of which are designed to enhance your dive experiences.

For those wanting to sample the diversity of the Red Sea - Oonasdivers' most popular destination - the 'Sea & Shore' tours combine both land and liveaboard diving and are now

available in the north as well as the south.

This is Oonasdivers' 21st season of organising dive tours and their brochure is certainly full of the confidence of a company that knows its stuff; colourful pictures abound with a centre page gallery spread giving you a glimpse of the holiday you have been waiting for!

Contact them today to request a brochure: tel: 01323 648 924 or email: [info@oonasdivers.com](mailto:info@oonasdivers.com) or visit [www.oonasdivers.com](http://www.oonasdivers.com)

# Divequest Put Together Another Great Programme

AFICIONADOS OF the Divequest brochure will already know that next year's edition is now published. More a coffee-table book than a humble brochure, this mighty annual event contains 190 pages, with not only holidays outlined in detail complete with those accomplished line drawings of marine life, but a luscious colour gallery of underwater photographs to get you drooling.

2006 is Divequest's 10th anniversary and they are celebrating that decade of diving holiday excellence with a programme of 'once in a lifetime' holidays put together by a superstar team of dedicated and expert holiday leaders and support. Stellar names include Malcolm Hey and Martin Edge.

Divequest are passionate about the underwater world. From fantastic encounters with Whale Sharks to the discovery

of tiny Pygmy Seahorses, they want to share their knowledge and experiences with you.

New additions to the programme in 2006 include the lovely Anthony's Key Resort in Honduras, Borneo Divers' Mabul Dive Resort close to Sipadan and Tasik Ria Resort in Sulawesi. Their selection of liveaboard boats now includes *Caribbean Explorer I* in the southern Bahamas, *Utilla Aggressor* in Honduras, Peter Hughes' new *Ocean Dancer* in the Maldives, *Pelagian* and *North Sulawesi Aggressor* in Indonesia, *Odyssey* in Truk and *Oleanda* in the remote Marshall Islands (exploring the wrecks of Kwajalein and reefs of Rongelap).

Unique Divequest group adventures offer an opportunity to try something quite different. In January Gary Clarke heads off for heart-stopping encounters

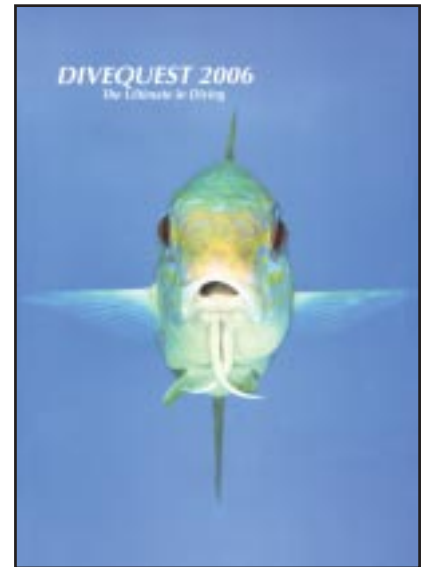
with Manta Rays and Whale Sharks in Mozambique. Marine biologist and prize-winning underwater photographer Alex Mustard visits St Vincent in search of weird and wonderful creatures in February, when the UK shivers beneath a blanket of grey.

Later in the year he guides a trip to Bali in search of unusual creatures (including the enigmatic Sunfish or Mola Mola). Malcolm Hey returns to his beloved and remote reefs in West Papua. Martin Edge leads a liveaboard photoquest to Hawaii.

By popular demand, John Boyle returns to the Seychelles for more Whale Shark encounters. Gavin Parsons leads a ground-breaking trip to Cuba,

with highlights including wrecks and Bull Sharks along with great food and fascinating culture. In May 2007, Martin Edge fulfils a lifelong ambition and explores the incomparable wrecks of Truk. And from the luxury of the beautiful *Odyssey*.

With all this to look at and read about, you are sure to find something that takes your fancy - so get your copy now!



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