



HOLIDAY DIVER



# Diving Beneath Volcanoes

YET ANOTHER far flung and totally unique destination has been added to Dive Worldwide's already impressive list. The remote Cape Verde Archipelago, located 400km off the coast of West Africa was formed when two oceanic tectonic chains collided and as a result 15 volcanic islands were left behind.

For over 400 years the islands were regarded as one of the most strategically important locations in the trading world as they were the closest land mass to the 'New World'.

In this time ships from Spain, Portugal, France, Holland and

completely different, far away from the usual tourist and diving destinations.

The holiday is based on the island of Sal - home to underwater scenery unlike anything else found on the West African coast or the Canary Islands; infact it is far more comparable with the tropical life you might expect to see in the Caribbean.

You will find tuna, dolphins, turtles and maybe even some sharks; shoals of bream, triggerfish, rockfish and perch will almost certainly be sighted as will the occasional manta ray. During warmer weather it is not unusual to come across the 1m long trumpet fish, massive loggerhead, green turtles and the largest

balloon fish you will ever see.

You will stay at the beachside Hotel Belorizonte, one of the best resorts for divers in Cape Verde and a four star rating.

If you can tear yourself away from the fantastic diving opportunities then you could explore the other



*sand dunes of Boavista*

England all passed through the islands with fresh water and supplies, but poor navigations and frequent storms meant that many of these ships ended up as victims of the treacherous reef system that surrounded them and the islands.

Of the 15 islands, only 9 are inhabited and tourism is still in its early stages so surely now is the right time to discover Cape Verde as something and somewhere



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islands in the archipelago by going on one of the many excursions that are on offer.

Head to Fogo, a volcanic island with lunar-like landscape, or Boavista an island of coconut trees, beautiful beaches and sand dunes that stretch for miles and perhaps you might like to visit Santiago, the most populated and most African of the islands.

Your seven days in 4 star accommodation, flights, transfers and 10 dive package will cost you £999pp.

If this sounds like your kind of thing you can get more details by calling Teresa Bennett at Dive Worldwide on: 0845 130 6980



*the beautiful scenery of the cape verde archipelago*

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This offer applies to five and six day dive packs and five or six day Fastrack PADI Open

Water Courses in Hurghada, Sharm and Marsa Alam.

So if you want to grab yourself a real bargain give them a call on: 0870 2201 777 or visit their website at: [www.regaldive.co.uk](http://www.regaldive.co.uk).