



From Pygmies To Hammerheads

MOST OF you will be familiar with Manado in North Sulawesi which is famous for some of the world's best critter diving. So if it is somewhere you have always fancied then it might be of note that Snooba Travel has recently introduced (to their already extensive list of destinations), Selayar, a hidden gem located in the south of the island which offers a very different experience both above and below the water!

The eastern spine of Selayar is a 75km long mountain range that reaches up to 600 metres and falls directly into the sea,

continuing to depths of 3000 metres. This formation has created some of the area's best wall dives on the longest house reef in Indonesia.

A dive site such as Shark Point begins at a deep drop-off, which becomes a slope after about 200 metres. You will dive along a wall that is beautifully overgrown with gorgonian fans, sponges and whip corals. When the current sets in, expect big schools of jacks and snappers and at about 40 metres depth you can meet every kind of predatory fish – grey and white-tip reef sharks, as

well as eagle rays and at certain times of the year, hammerheads. Even if there are no predatory fish, you are bound to come across turtles and napoleons.

Selayar is a fascinating destination owing to its unique landscape, unusual rock formations, caves, waterfalls and its beautiful unspoilt beaches. The almost uninhabited east side of the island, where the resort is situated, is still covered with original rain forest.

For more information about Selayar and how to get there go to: www.snooba.com.

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OONASDIVERS HAS produced another eye catching brochure with some fabulous dive tour ideas. This year they have introduced Dahab as a new destination which sounds extremely tempting with shore diving at your own pace in this wonderful laid back and authentic Egyptian atmosphere.

The Southern Red Sea is also a mouth watering temptation with liveaboard options to take you away from it all and add some memorable dives to your log book.

The fantastic photographs on the front and back cover were taken by an Oonasdivers guest, Ralph Mortimore on one of their diving holidays and picked out from the 'Picture of the day' feature on the website www.oonasdivers.com

To get your hands on a new Oonasdivers brochure, please contact them on (01323) 648924 or Email info@oonasdivers.com

FOR 2007, Dive Worldwide plumb new depths to offer their latest, innovative collection of diving adventures from around the globe. Now bigger and better than ever, their new brochure features 136 pages packed full of inspirational diving holidays, all supported by superb images and offering something for all levels of diver.

Seasoned divers looking for their next diving challenge, won't be disappointed, as Dive Worldwide introduces the latest dive hotspots including, as usual, some rather more extreme examples.

New destinations for 2007 include Iceland; dive between tectonic plates - don't mind the icy gap - take the plunge between two continents; South Pacific - new undiscovered and unspoilt diving destinations include New Caledonia, Western Samoa, Kiribati and Niue; Mexico - go underground and dive the freshwater caves or Cenotes of the Yucatan Peninsula; Bahamas - excellent dive destination for both novice and experienced divers; India: the exotic Lakshadweep Islands in the Arabian Sea, the ultimate dive hotspot; Sri Lanka: a perfect complement to a diving holiday in the Maldives.

As you can see there is a plethora of top destinations to choose from, so when you are looking into next year's summer holiday make sure you get your Dive Worldwide brochure to help you out!

