

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Q. What Kind of Diving Can I Expect?**

**A.** The South Coast offers world-class diving and are famous among divers for the large marine life, drift dives, warm and pristine waters, and uncrowded dive sites. The clear lagoons, coral gardens, underwater passes all create an abundant aqua-culture with infinite sea life.

## **Q. What is the best time of year to dive in South Coast?**

**A.** The warm waters are ideal for year round diving.

Water temperature can vary from 18° to 26° Celsius (64° to 85°F) but usually in the range of 20-24 Celsius (68°-75°F).

## **Q. Can I Learn to Dive on the South Coast ?**

**A.** If you have at least one week, you can enrol in a complete certification course or take a shorter resort course at many of the resorts and from the cruise ships. If you are already a PADI, NAUI, or SSI member, your certification is recognized.

## **Q. What Languages do the Divemasters speak?**

**A.** English is the main language of communication on all our scuba diving holiday trips. Local dive operators also speak Afrikaans, German and Portuguese.

## **Q. What are the rules on diving before flying home?**

Take careful note of your no-fly limits.

A flight from sea level to Johannesburg can take only an hour, but you gain about 2, 000 metres (7, 000 feet) in altitude - that's without even considering the flight itself.

This represents a major risk, so adjust your itinerary to include a day of sightseeing, shopping or beach lounging between diving and travelling to Johannesburg.

## **Q. What if I need help in a diving emergency?**

**A.** Divers Alert Network (DAN) is a Section 21 not-for-profit medical and research organization dedicated to the safety and health of recreational scuba divers and associated with IDAN (International DAN).

DAN operate a **24-hour emergency hotline** number and is this could be your lifeline to assistance in the event of a medical or diving related injury. +27 (0) 10 209 8112 or toll-free 0800 020 111.

**Q. Can I Charter a Boat?**

A. Fishing boats can also be chartered for deep-sea fishing for big species.

**Q. Do I need a visa to visit South Africa?**

A. Depending on your nationality, and the purpose and duration of your visit, you may not need a visa to visit South Africa at all.

For more information click onto <http://www.southafrica.info/travel/documents/visas.htm>

**Useful Links**

Divers Alert Network (DAN) <http://www.dan.org>

Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) - <http://www.padi.com>

British Sub-Aqua Club - <http://www.bsac.com>

Scuba Schools International – <http://www.divessi.com>