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A SUPERYACHT CHARTER IS THE GATEWAY TO ENJOYING THE PHENOMENAL SCUBA DIVING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN, WHERE YOU CAN EXPLORE VIBRANT, TEMPERATE WATERS PACKED WITH FASCINATING SEA LIFE, IRIDESCENT CORALS AND MYSTERIOUS SHIPWRECKS.

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The Caribbean islands are a warm water marine playground, offering sub-aqua thrills for every level of experience. From the British Virgin Islands in the north, to Trinidad and Tobago in the south, the Eastern Caribbean offers glorious tropical islands, star-filled skies and reliable winter sunshine. Whether you are a seasoned diver, a toe-in-the-water beginner, or simply looking for superb snorkelling, you can explore vast reefs teeming with colourful fish, or intriguing shipwrecks dripping with soft corals. Dive Butler's team of expert instructors pick their favourite dive sites in the Eastern Caribbean.

FRAGILE, BEAUTIFUL AND ENVIRONMENTALLY PRECIOUS, THE MYRIAD SHAPES AND COLOURS OF CORAL ARE CREATED BY MILLIONS OF TINY ANIMALS OVER THOUSANDS OF YEARS. SWIMMING AMONG THESE OTHER-WORLDFLY FORMS IS AN EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER.

ST LUCIA » *Coral Garden, at the foot of Gros Piton:*

Take your time and explore every nook and cranny of this beautiful underwater garden, with its rows of soft corals, inhabited by barracudas, turtles, trigger fish and snappers.

CORAL GARDENS

ST LUCIA » *Diamond Rock:*

This rock juts out above sea level, but beneath the waves you will find eagle rays and turtles alongside rich macro life, blennies in particular, all hiding amid the enormous sponges and coral fingers that sprawl across the sea bed. Look carefully, and you'll spot gargantuan groupers and nurse sharks too.

TOBAGO » *Kelleston Drain:*

At the culmination of a beautiful drift dive (due to the current, this dive is only suitable for more experienced divers) is the largest brain coral colony in the Caribbean, measuring over 5 metres across and 3.5 metres high.

TOWERING CLIFFS AND SUDDEN DROPS PROVIDE THE UNDERWATER EQUIVALENT OF CLIMBING THRILLS, WITH THE ADDED DIMENSIONS OF RICH SEA LIFE AND DRAMATIC LIGHT SHIFTS, FROM THE DAPPLED SUNLIT WATERS NEAR THE SURFACE TO THE DEEP BLUE ABYSS BELOW.

ST LUCIA » *Piton Wall:*

Located at the foot of Piti Piton, this spectacular dive can start at the shore, so snorkellers can enjoy it too, before it drops off to over 60 metres deep. This dramatic wall is the home of sea horses, turtles and the occasional ray.

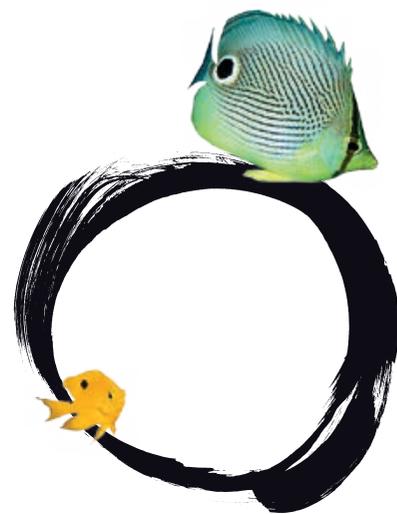
SABA » *Eye of the needle:*

This world famous wall dive was formed by volcanic activity. Everywhere you look there is an abundance of marine life, with extravagant corals and sponges, needlefish circling in their thousands and reef sharks on patrol. As the name implies, this single tower rises up perfectly straight from the deep creating this breathtaking wall.

TOBAGO » *The Sisters:*

These rocky outcrops plunge to over 40 metres with green turtles, moray eels and grunts being the star attractions. If luck is on your side you may even find the unusual scalloped hammerhead.

WONDER WALLS



REEFS ARE THE UNDERWATER WORLD'S ANSWER TO CITIES, PROVIDING COVER AND FOOD FOR ENTIRE ECOSYSTEMS OF UNIQUE MARINE CREATURES, AS WELL AS PROTECTING THE SAFE BAYS AND WARM LAGOONS FOR WHICH THESE ISLANDS ARE KNOWN.

ST LUCIA >> *Virgin's Cove:*

This is a lovely reef dive in a gorgeous location, with an average depth of 10 to 15 metres.

Rays, turtles, Atlantic spade fish and barracudas frequent the bay.

There is also a more challenging wall dive closer to the north point of the cove, but beware of the slight current as you approach the point.

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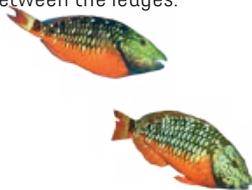
ST KITTS >> *Monkey Shoals:*

This reef dive is well worth a few visits. Eagle-eyed divers will find a black seahorse hiding on the reef. Easier to spot are Spanish hogs, creole wrasses and arrow crabs. Jacks, parrot fish and snapper are some of the larger inhabitants.

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Barracuda Reef:

This is a lavish reef bursting with impressive colours, masses of crustaceans and lobster aplenty. You can also find eels hiding away from prying eyes between the ledges.



WRECK DIVING CAN BE TECHNICALLY CHALLENGING AND DRAMATICALLY REWARDING. ENCOUNTERING THE EERIE SIGHT OF AN ANCIENT WRECK SLOWLY BEING TAKEN BACK BY THE SEA AND COLONISED BY CORAL AND FISH IS AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE.

ST LUCIA >> *Lesleen M:*

This 50 metre freighter was purposefully sunk in 1985 to provide an artificial reef. She is already covered in hard and soft corals, sponges and hydroids, which create the perfect environment for juvenile reef fish as well as the visiting turtles, barracuda, eels and octopus that frequent the wreck. She lies at 12 to 18 metres and makes a fantastic introduction to wreck diving with access to both her engine room and hold.

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS >>

Chikuzen:

This 75 metre Korean refrigerator vessel lies 25 metres deep, about seven miles north-west of Tortola. Surrounded by miles of sand, she is the only suitable place for marine life to congregate, and the site attracts a huge number of fish: jacks, snapper, rays, nurse sharks, black-tipped reef sharks and also a resident 600lb jewfish. The thrilling descent involves negotiating huge schools of barracuda. This can be a tough dive and is for the experienced diver only.

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US VIRGIN ISLANDS >>

WIT Shoal II:

This war ship sank in the waters around St Thomas in 1984. There are five levels of decks to explore, and the ship is home to cup coral and sponges along with stingrays, horse-eye jacks, lobster and crabs. She sits at 25 metres so is best for advanced divers.

THERE ARE PLENTY OF CLEAR, SHALLOW COVES TO EXPLORE IN THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN, BUT FOR EXPERIENCED DIVERS WHO WANT TO PENETRATE DEEPER INTO THE WARM BLUE WATERS, THERE ARE SOME REALLY SPECTACULAR OPTIONS.

ST LUCIA >> *Pinnacles:*

Rising 800 metres above sea level, the dramatic Pitons then plunge into the depths of the water as two steep slopes. Underwater, four coral covered pinnacles reach up towards, but never quite break, the surface. Great buoyancy is essential here due to the deep drop-off and sometimes strong current.

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TOBAGO >> *The Sisters:*

This array of five impressive rock spires plunge down to 35 metres. Manta rays, turtles and sharks patrol the low-profile reef-encrusted rocks. The flattened brain and star coral formations create a maze of canyons with alpine-like slopes. This site can offer a multitude of dive combinations depending upon sea conditions and your experience.

ST LUCIA >> *Devil's Hole:*

This fascinating dive really starts at 15 metres, where a steep slope falls away into the deep. Large coral heads and barrel sponges are scattered along the way with grunts, blue chromes and sand eels - just some of the multitude of species that you'll encounter on this dive.



THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS ARE AN ALL-TIME FAVOURITE CRUISING GROUND FOR SUPERYACHTS, OFFERING SHORT DISTANCES BETWEEN PRISTINE ISLANDS, FROM THE REMOTE WINDSWEEP BEACHES OF ANEGADA, TO THE LUXURIOUS RESORT FACILITIES OF PETER ISLAND AND VIRGIN GORDA.

NORMAN ISLAND >>

The Indians:

These four rocks emerge from the water to resemble an Indian head-dress, hence the name. Here, there is something for everyone:

BVI DIVING

beautiful corals, multiple species of reef fish, a small sunlit cave and even a tunnel offering a fun swim through. This is an enjoyable dive for everyone on board, from novice to experienced divers, snorkellers and even those on deck can watch and wave due to the shallow nature of the dive and the crystal clear water.

SALT ISLAND >> RMS Rhone:

This 19th century Royal Mail steamer is the most celebrated dive site in the BVI and one of the world's best wreck dives. Hit by a hurricane in 1867, she sank close to the shore of Salt Island and lies at a depth of between 9 and 24 metres. Much of the wreck remains accessible, including the decking, parts of the rigging, the steam engine and the propeller. Situated in a National Park, it offers perhaps the richest sea life of any dive site in the area. The wreck makes an ideal two-tank dive for experienced divers, but the site can also be enjoyed by snorkellers who can explore various areas, including the massive propeller.

COOPER ISLAND >>

Inganess Bay wreck:

This former trader ship was deliberately sunk in 1996 and lies at 17 to 24 metres between Cooper and Salt Islands. Her interior is amazingly accessible and it is possible to penetrate inside the accommodation areas and enter the bridge and empty engine room. You will occasionally cross paths with stingrays, but mostly you'll encounter jacks, mackerel and barracuda.

DIVE BUTLER INTERNATIONAL

Few charter yachts offer on board diving facilities, therefore it's important to retain the services of a professional operator to support a dive programme during a superyacht charter. DBI can offer dive guides and instructors in almost any location on the planet, including unusual adventures like ice diving in the Nordic seas. DBI is fully insured (removing the insurance liability risk for superyachts and their owners) and can supply all scuba and safety equipment to the most remote destinations. Every diving itinerary is tailored to the abilities of each guest, with the utmost confidentiality. The company is also strongly focused on environmental awareness and conservation.

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- » Operating procedures covered by JustDive™ brand promises
- » Marine biologists and hyperbaric doctors available

LOCAL SECRET

"For the best diving in the area, by far, head to the tiny Dutch island of St Eustatius ('Statia') in the Leeward Islands, located south-east of the Virgin Islands and north-west of St Kitts. There are still unexplored reefs here, as well as amazing wrecks, pinnacles and walls. It's slightly off the usual cruising itinerary, so not crowded at all, yet still within easy reach. There are dives for beginners, but advanced divers will really love the deep walls, wrecks and pinnacles."

MENNO WALTHER, on site Dive Butler, St Eustatius

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