

dive center MARLIN



Yonaguni Island
JAPAN

DIVING

We only do drift diving in Yonaguni. Many divers come for the Yonaguni Monument and huge school of scalloped hammerhead sharks, but there are also beautiful coral reefs, arches and overhangs, caverns, white sandy area, and plenty of opportunities for macro diving too.

(1) Irizaki

(Hammerhead sharks: late December to mid-May)

Other pelagic fish: all year round except June and July)

One of the best spots for pelagic fish in Japan. It's a rare site that only takes a few minutes from the dock to see huge schools of hammerheads.

Other than hammerheads, there are giant trevally, dogtooth tuna, and barracuda. The dive is highly addictive, as every dive is different and exciting — you will discover something new no matter when and how many times you dive.

*The tide can be very strong at times. Irizaki in winter is blue water diving, so neutral buoyancy, smooth ear clearing, and smooth descent are essential.

Average depth 20m. MAX 40m.



(2) Yonaguni Monument

(August–November, March–May)

The underwater ruins, with a terrain like a giant temple — with big terrace, gates and stairs, a turtle monument, and more.

Whether they are manmade or natural is still a mystery.

Please come and see for yourself!

*The tide can be very strong at times. Average depth 10m. Max 15m.



(3) Agarizaki

(May–June, August–October)

You can enjoy the dynamic rock formations, where many young silvertip sharks swim around. Occasionally, adult silvertips about 3–4m can be seen at a drop off nearby. There are also many Scalefin anthias and Pterocaesio digramma, and the dogtooth tuna preying on them.

There are chances for mobras and napoleonfish too!

*The tide can be very strong at times. Average depth 20m. Max 35m.

Black water dive

July to September

We hang lights from the boat to attract juvenile deep-sea fish during a drift diving after dusk.

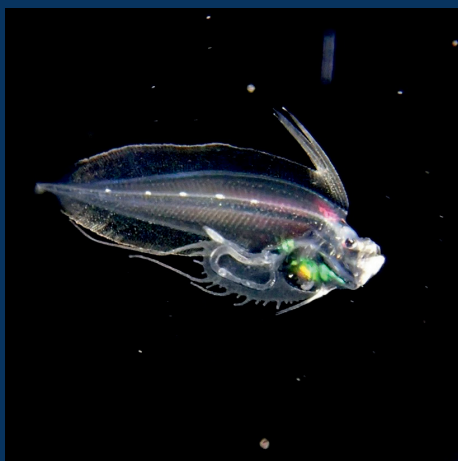
They say Kuroshio current starts at Yonaguni Island, and you can easily find rare fish like juvenile oarfish and konjac weasels, in the stages of growth that can't be seen anywhere else.

Early Morning/Sunset Diving

July to September

We dive in the morning and evening when fish are active, looking for school of mobulas, silvertip shark, giant trevally, dogtooth tuna, and marlin. The fish are more active than during daytime diving, and you can see them in a different light than usual.

Availability of this tour depends on the sea conditions.



Daily schedule

(Example)

8:00 Pick up at the hotel

8:30 Change into wet suit at the dive shop

9:00 1st dive

11:00 2nd dive

13:00 Change and have lunch at Marlin Cafe

14:30 3rd dive

16:00 Shower, payment

16:30 Drop off at the hotel

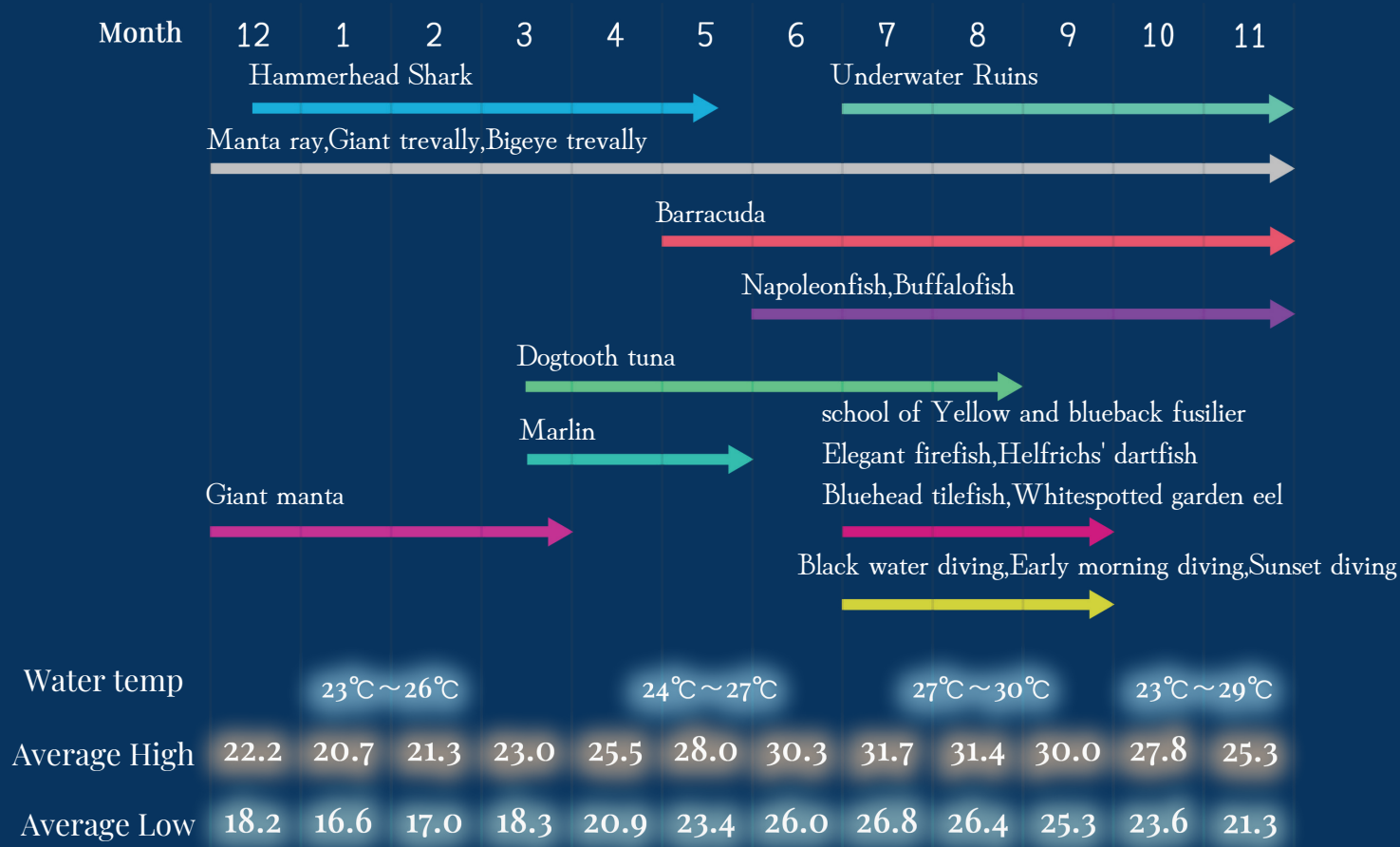
* We arrange transportations from/to your hotel and the dive shop.

*For only licensed divers, we will give a service ticket to eat at Marlin Cafe.

(There are ¥0 menus and upgrade menus which are about half the normal price with a service ticket.)

Please bring clothes to change, as the cafe is in the airport where you cannot enter wet. The cafe is a 3-minute walk from the dive shop.

It is a 10-minute drive from the dive shop to the dock. Once in the dive boat, it takes 3 minutes to Irizaki, the hammerheads area, 20 minutes to the Yonaguni Monument.



Prices

-Diving-

1 boat dive 14,000 yen

2 boat dives 19,000 yen

3 boat dives 24,000 yen

Additional 1 dive +7,000 yen

Early morning/sunset dive

(July-September only)

1D 14,000 yen

2D 21,000 yen

Black water dive (limited time only)

1D 17,000 yen

-Rental gear-

3-piece set (fins, mask, snorkel) 1,600 yen

BC 1,600 yen

Regulator 1,600 yen

Wetsuit 1,100 yen

Mask, snorkel, boots, fins, gloves, mesh bag

600 yen each

Full rental 5,600 yen

Q. What kind of wetsuits are available for rental?

There are 5mm one-piece suits for winter, and 2mm separate ones for summer.

Diving customers are asked to wear wetsuits to prevent injury.

We also rent hooded vests to wear underneath in the winter.

Q. Can I use a DIN valve regulator?

No. We're sorry. Only yoke valves are available. You cannot use DIN-specific regulators, so please ask us to rent one in that case.



Accommodation

Being a small island, accommodation is limited and sometimes very difficult to find a place. If you are arranging your own accommodation, we strongly recommend that you make a reservation early.

Marlin can arrange accommodation for you. Please contact us (as early as possible).

(1) Haidonan (Kubura)

3,500 yen to 8,800 yen

*Prices vary depending on whether the restroom is shared or not

Single or twin room

No meals

Airport transfer available

That hotel only takes bookings by phone, so please contact Marlin if you like to book there. (The hotel reception only speaks Japanese.)



(2) Okuya (Sonai)

10,000 yen/person (9,000 yen for the second person onwards)

+ cleaning 3,000 yen

Rent the whole house (up to 5 people)

Kitchen, shower, restroom available

No airport transfer

No meals

WiFi available



(3) Barya (Sonai)

5,000 yen/person

Shared shower and restroom

Shared kitchen available

Single or twin room

Airport transfer available

No meals

That hotel only takes bookings by phone, so please contact Marlin if you like to book there. (The hotel reception only speaks Japanese.)



(4) Minemura (Kubura)

3,500-4,000 yen

Single or twin

Shared shower and restroom

Shared kitchen available

Breakfast available, no lunch, no dinner

Airport transfer available

WiFi available



Payment for accommodation is by cash only, so please be sure to exchange to Yen before coming to Yonaguni. There is no currency exchange service on the island.

How to access Yonaguni Island

There are flights from Ishigaki Island or from Naha (Okinawa main land).

*Only JAL (RAC) flights are available.

✧ To Yonaguni

Ishigaki → Yonaguni 30 minutes (3 flights/day)

Naha → Yonaguni 80 minutes (2 flights/day)

✧ From Yonaguni

Yonaguni → Ishigaki 30 minutes (4 flights/day)

Yonaguni → Naha 80 minutes (1 flight/day)

-Diving on the day of arrival-

Arrival by 9am → 3 dives possible after arrival

Arrival by 10:30am → 2 dives possible after arrival

Arrival by 2pm → 1 dive possible after arrival



Meals

Almost all restaurants in Yonaguni are for reservation only.

Your best bet is Marlin Cafe and Restaurant operated by the dive shop, always available for our guests.

•Marlin Cafe

It's the cafe at the airport that you usually have lunch on a diving day. They are also open for dinner until 18:30 (closed Wednesday). If you would like to order a take out dinner, please let us know by 17:00.

•Marlin Shokudo (restaurant)

The dive shop becomes a casual restaurant in the evening. You can request in advance to have a hot pot dinner. If interested, please make a request along with the reservation for diving. (We need to order ingredients in advance, so it may not be available if requested on the same day. Much like the accommodation, early reservation is much appreciated!)

If you would like to use another restaurant, please ask the staff.



FAQ

Q. How can I make a diving reservation?

A. Reservations can only be made through the reservation form on the Marlin website.

*Please note that reservations cannot be completed by phone or official LINE alone.

Q. What languages are available at Marlin?

A. Our service is available in Japanese and English. There are staff who can speak English.

Q. What is the schedule for the day of diving?

A. We will make a schedule based on the sea forecast in the evening of the previous day. As the time varies depending on the sea conditions, we cannot tell you the exact time until the day before. An example of the schedule is shown [page](#) for your reference.

We will contact you as soon as it is decided!

Q. When is the best season for the underwater ruins(Yonaguni monument)?

A. The best season for the underwater ruins is September to November.

The sea conditions at the ruins become stable as the wind changes to the north.

The outside temperature is also warm, so we recommend it!

The sea is prone to roughness in winter, so in some cases we may not be able to guide you.

Q. When is the best season for hammerhead sharks?

A. Although there may be some variation depending on the year, you can see them from mid-December to early May.

Q. Is there a shuttle service?

A. Yes. We provide a free shuttle service from your hotel to the dive shop. Of course, you can also come by rental car!

Q. How can I make a reservation for accommodation?

A. We will help you to book accommodation!

Please let us know your check-in and check-out dates, number of people, and room type (single or twin).

Q. How do I pay for diving?

A. We ask that you pay in advance for diving.

Once your diving and hotel reservations are confirmed, we will send you an invoice of diving by email.

You can pay online from that email.

Please pay the accommodation fee in cash on the day in Yonaguni.

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