

Dive Christmas Island

19 - 26 January 2009

BONUS!
Underwater
Naturalist Course
with Neville Coleman

ex. Kuala Lumpur from \$ 1745

VQ3 Lodge	Twin	Single
8 Days / 7 Nts (Standard Room) from	\$1745	\$2025

Per person price Includes:

- Return airfares Kuala Lumpur / Christmas Island - Australian Indian Ocean Territories Airline (special conditions apply)
- 7 Nights accommodation standard room VQ3 Lodge
- Return airport transfers
- 10 boat dives with **Christmas Island Divers**: incl. tanks, weight belts and dive guide services, lunch & drink (5 days diving based on 2 dives per day)
- Underwater Naturalist Specialty Course **with Neville Coleman**
- Departure and applicable airline taxes (subject to change)

Price does not include: Travel insurance, meals or personal expenses.

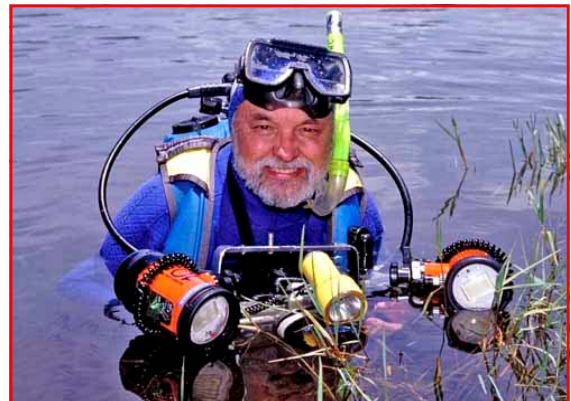
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Christmas Island is located 2600 km north - west of Perth, W.A. and approx. 1400 km south of Kuala Lumpur (2 hours flying time), Christmas Island is a tiny speck in the vast Indian Ocean. The islands close proximity to South East Asia and the Equator has resulted in a diverse range of flora and fauna.

Christmas Island is the tip of an ancient volcanic mountain rising 3000m from the depths of the ocean floor. Close to the shore lies a coral reef, which extends to the edge of the spectacular drop off into the Java Trench. With visibility often reaching 50m, divers can clearly see into the depths and admire the magnificent drop offs and the amazing forest of fan corals. As the Island is surrounded by deep water, it attracts a large array of pelagics including tuna, trevally, white tip reef sharks, maori wrasse and occasionally the hammerhead sharks. The Island boasts endless kilometres of spectacular wall diving, pristine corals, a myriad of tropical fish, dolphins, crystal clear warm waters and sea caves.

From November through to April the world's biggest fish, the **whale sharks** visits the island and are often seen in large numbers. Underwater their massive bulk is a breathtaking sight. If a diver remains stationary these gentle giants of the deep often circle several times and can get so close that one may need to move aside to let them pass by. Being a plankton feeder their arrival coincides with the spawning of the red crab eggs. The larval stage of the crab provides a ready food source for the whale sharks. This is an experience not to be missed. There are only a few locations in the world that can offer this magnificent experience.



Neville Coleman

Neville is one of the most accomplished underwater educational natural history authors in the world. He has to his credit over 1,000 published articles in 150+ magazines, a collection of 100,000 images and 65 marine life natural history books of which 33 are self published. As a multi-award winning photographic environmentalist, Neville has been earnestly recording the aquatic wildlife of the Asia-Pacific region since 1963.



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