

Dive Review of Underwater Tribe in Indonesia/Tulamben, Bali

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"Photo workshop with Underwater Tribe"

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Dive Experience	501-1000 dives		
Where else diving	Caribbean, Great Barrier Reef, Fiji, Bora Bora, Raja Ampat, Wakatobi		
Closest Airport		Getting There	
Dive Conditions			
Weather	cloudy	Seas	calm, currents
Water Temp	to ° Fahrenheit	Wetsuit Thickness	5
Water Visibility	20 to 40 Feet		
Dive Policy			
Dive own profile?	?		
Enforced diving restrictions	[Unspecified]		
Liveaboard?	no	Nitrox Available?	no
What I saw			
Sharks	None	Mantas	None
Dolphins	None	Whale Sharks	None
Turtles	None	Whales	None

Ratings 1 (worst)- 5 (best):

Corals	N/A	Tropical Fish	N/A
Small Critters	N/A	Large Fish	N/A
Large Pelagics	N/A		

Underwater Photography 1 (worst)- 5 (best):

Subject Matter	★★★	Boat Facilities	N/A
Overall rating for UWP's	N/A	Shore Facilities	★★★
Comments	Bottom line - I learned a lot. No hesitation in recommending Underwater Tribe and their workshop.		

Ratings and Overall Comments 1 (worst)- 5 (best):

Accommodations	N/A	Food	N/A
Service and Attitude	N/A	Environmental Sensitivity	N/A
Dive Operation	★★★★★	Shore Diving	★★★
Snorkeling	N/A		

Overall Rating

Value for \$\$	★★★★★
Beginners	★★★
Advanced	★★★

Comments	<p>Not a dive trip but a photo workshop. Luca was my instructor. What makes this workshop unique in my experience is that it is one-on-one and very instruction oriented. Basically there was an hour or so of explanation/presentation on some aspect of UW photography. Then we geared up and walked in. Luca would ask me to photograph a particular feature, look at my photograph, make a suggestion as to something I would want to consider, and then we'd iterate until he was satisfied. Communication was via a slate.</p> <p>The workshop focus was on composition, lighting, aperture and shutter speed primarily for wide angle where it really matters. My equipment was not ideal for this as my strobe arms are not long. Nor was my experience which has been almost entirely macro. But that's why it was really useful for improving my skills.</p> <p>I was staying an hour away from Tulamben and they picked me up each day. They handled all gear and brought my equipment to me in the water (saving me a stroll across the rocky beach). They also provided drinking water and lunch. My only issue with these arrangements was that I had to ask what the arrangements were; that should have been in the information that they sent</p>
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me.

I am very pleased with the entire process and workshop. Based on these two days, I would not hesitate to join them on what of their underwater photography trips. It would likely be a real pleasure.

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