



TOPDIVE
FAKARAVA

Rotoava Main dive center
White Sand Beach Resort
Motu Penu South coast dive center
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FAKARAVA, UNPARALLELED DRIFT DIVING



Classified as a **UNESCO Biosphere Reserve** due to the rich diversity of its ecosystem — **Fakarava** is a walk on the wild side where diving is concerned. The 2 passes that connect its lagoon to the ocean are **GARUAE** and **TUMAKOHUA**. The northern pass of **GARUAE** is the largest in the Tuamotu Islands and probably holds the **highest density of fish** with the most **amazing pelagic encounters** ever seen.

Diving Fakarava, one is at the mercy of the tide tables which regulate the strong currents that sweep the passes. Dive schedules will vary timed with the incoming slack tide.

Our **main dive center** is situated on the **northern side** in the village of **Rotoava**. A main meeting point for divers before and after dives. Our **second base**, also located in the northern side is located in the hotel **White Sand Beach Resort**.

On the south side of the atoll, a **third dive center** is located on the **Motu Penu**.

FAKARAVA DIVE SITES

The Garuae Pass

The widest in Polynesia - about a mile long. World renowned for its biodiversity, it is famous for drift diving. A dive in this north pass will be an unforgettable adventure. Giant specimens can appear at any moment from beyond the fore-reef. In the pass entrance, you will likely run into the famous "**raira**", Grey reef shark, cruising by the dozen in a haze of fish and color. Be prepared for the Ali Baba canyon where the fish gather to shelter from the currents! This dive is from around a 50-70 foot depth. It requires significant experience with strong currents and divers in full command of their buoyancy and ease of movement.

The Tumakohua Pass

Situated in the south, it takes a little more than an hour's boat ride to get from the north to **Tetamanu**. Trips there are planned to take the whole day. Much narrower than Garuae, this pass is just as interesting as its larger counterpart, with currents much calmer and depths shallower. This pass is appropriate for all levels of experience in both inflowing and out flowing currents. Like its counterpart in the north, this pass is extraordinarily diverse in animal and plant life. You'll see the famous grey shark wall and the shark grotto; immense schools of yellowfin goatfish; turtles and manta rays.

DIVE CENTER Services and facilities:

As a commitment to all our clients, **TOPDIVE Fakarava centers** maintains 3 gold standards:

Superior service

- Open 7 days a week, all year round
- Diveshop for purchase of equipment and merchandise
- Latest **Aqualung** brand gear used for all dives
- Dive boats: aluminium hulled and semi-rigid dive boats fit for diving safety and fast paced dives
- Multi-lingual staff with instructors and dive masters versed in English, French, Italian and Spanish.

Personal Comfort

- Hot showers at the dive center
- Individual compartments (lockers) for your personal effects
- Changing rooms
- No tank carrying - gear prepped and ready on the boat

Safety

- 5 Star PADI dive facility
- Professionally trained divemasters, instructors (PADI, ANMP, FFESSM, CMAS)
- Free Nitrox – enriched air tanks
- Dive gauges with integrated computers

Dive schedule

2 fun dives in the morning and 2 fun dives in the afternoon depending on the slack tide
Schedule for Fakarava north
- 08:00am & 02:00pm : Fun dives
- 10:30am : Introductory and certification dives (Fun dives on request)
Sunset dives on request

Transfers

Pick-up by mini-van from all pensions on the north side of the atoll.
Pick up by boat from all pensions on the south side.

Specialities

Nitrox diving
Drift diving
Private dives (1/2 day or full day)
Daytrip to the South side

