



TOPDIVE
TIKEHAU

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TIKEHAU, THE MANTA'S EDEN



An essential part of a dive trip to French Polynesia, diving on the atoll of Tikehau offers magnificent dives in a haven of tropical fish. This Tuamotu atoll remains unspoilt, with fauna such as **Blacktip and White tip sharks, barracudas, napoleon wrasses, rays, lionfish** and the **famous manta rays**.

Your dives, whether made in the lagoon of the atoll or at its outskirts are awesome for the avid divers. The **TOPDIVE** center is located in the Tikehau Pearl Beach Resort south of the atoll. The center offers a service that meets this 3-star hotel for you to discover the atoll at its best. This journey will take you to 4 notable dive sites.

TIKEHAU DIVE SITES

The Pearl farm

This dive takes you on a visit in the lagoon around the surroundings of an old pearl farm. At around the depth of 50 feet, you will feast your eyes on the majestic manta rays that come to the spot to get a beauty treatment from the wrasses and other "cleaner" fish that inhabit the lagoon. The sandy bottom punctuated by coral heads is an ideal spot to observe these gentle giants sailing overhead. This site is ideal for all diving levels from the beginner to the seasoned diver.

Teonai

A gentle slope overlooking a reef that drops off to a depth of around 60 feet. Follow the left hand side of the drop-off in the direction of the pass; you may be surprised what marine encounters await you. Play with the clown fish, photograph picturesque lionfish but don't forget to look up at the surface, here life is everywhere, swarming and beautiful, sometimes you will see shoals of fish intermingle. The undersea reef life unfolds before your eyes...watch and observe its beauty.

Tuheiaiva

Fly with the incoming current to the secure enclosure of the lagoon. Along the way, you will surely encounter **Silvertip** and **White-tip reef sharks** as well as **Napoleon wrasses, jacks, barracudas, tuna, turtles and moray eels**... the little pass is teeming with life and you will be amazed as to how close you can get to the wildlife.

In the outgoing current, the south angle of the pass becomes the meeting point. Attempt to make out a leaf fish or a stone fish hidden in the reef bed while the sharks and barracudas wander above in the blue.

The sharks hole

This deep dive reserved for seasoned divers starts with a drop off at the depth of 45 feet right above a carpet of scarlet squirrel fish. The more adventurous brave up to 150 feet, where the famous "hole" begins - A vertical passage that hosts anemones, clown fish and a wall of gray sharks. There may be a dozen or a hundred, a huge shoal dwells deeper and surfaces with the currents. Continue your descent slowly along the wall where you feel thousands of eyes watching you from the reef.

DIVE CENTER Services and facilities:

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

Superior service

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

Personal Comfort

- No tank carrying - gear prepped and ready on the boat

Safety

- 5 Star PADI dive facility
- Professionally trained dive masters, instructors (PADI, ANMP, FFESSM, CMAS)

Dive schedule

Schedule depending on the slack tide
Every morning for 2 dives, baptism and introduction dive
Every afternoon on request
Sunset dive on request

Transfers

Pick-up by boat from all hotel/pensions on the atoll.

Specialities

Shark diving
Drift diving
Ray manta diving
Private dives

