

## BURMA

**Myanmar Andaman Resort, 2007, Paul Tischler, Bethesda, MD.** Experience: 200+ dives. Vis: 20 to 70 feet. Water: 80 F, calm and flat. A good experience if already in area. Otherwise, too hard to get to. Three dives a day. Had to carry own equipment to small boat both ways in shallow water. Dive site 10-20 minutes, usually 3-6 divers for the one boat. Resort is good.

## INDONESIA

Indonesia is the hottest dive destination on the planet, thanks to superlative diving. Good air-fares and inexpensive food and hotels make it reachable for many Americans who can afford at least two weeks' time. Bali's culture is fantastic (especially go inland) and the diving is good (but even better elsewhere) and inexpensive. Bali-based live-aboards regularly visit the excellent diving near and around Komodo Island and stage land visits with the famed Komodo dragons. The Lembah Straits are renowned for muck diving. Perhaps no more diverse marine life exists anywhere than that around the Raja Ampat islands, offshore Irian Jaya, which shares the same landmass as Papua New Guinea. Check with the State Department before travel, but nearly all diving is far from terrorist targets.

### Bali

**ENA Dive Centre, March 2007, Robert MacDonald, Kamloops, BC.** Experience: 101-250 dives. Vis: 30 to 70 Feet. Water: 82 to 85 F, choppy. Our visit

was scheduled by a non-diver travel agent — the only mistake. The diving was phenomenal: corals and critters were abundant. Had we known more about Menjangan Island, we would have arranged a stay of a few days to take in Secret Bay and other dive sites. ENA Dive was professional and helpful finding critters to photograph. Their dive masters were friendly and courteous — a real pleasure to dive with. We toured the island, staying at a number of locations. ENA's resort in Lovina was nice, but the nicest was Mimpis in Tulamben.

**Udayana Eco Lodge, March 2007, Serena Black, Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles.** Experience: Over 1000 dives. I spent March diving in North and South Sulawesi, Indonesia. The trip required overnighiting in Bali on 3 separate occasions. Udayana Lodge was so delightful I stayed there the next 2 times. The lodge is in the Jimbarang Heights above Denpasar, about a 20-minute drive from the airport. The rooms are immaculate and air-conditioned. The swimming pool is in the middle of a garden. Meals are served on a fan-cooled verandah with a view of the bay and Mt Agung. Many of the staff speak English. This was a tranquil place to recover from the 40-hour trip to get to Bali.

### Maumere

**Ankermi/Happy Dive, August 2007, Michael Bode (michael@bodeweb.de), Braunschweig, Germany.** Experience: 501-1000 dives. Vis: 10 to 20 Meters. Water: 27 to 28 C, calm, currents. Ankermi/Happy Dive is a small resort 29 km east of Maumere, whose top critter dive site, Wodong Beach, is just in front. Here you find frog fish, flying gurnards, Pegasus, different kinds of