

HIKKADUWA

ACCESS TO WORLD FAMOUS WRECKS, WARM SEAS GOOD VISIBILITY AND LITTLE IN THE WAY OF CURRENTS, THE SEASON RUNS FROM NOVEMBER THROUGH APRIL

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ABOUT HIKKADUWA

With a return to the idyllic setting that has characterized Sri Lanka for most of its history, we are witnessing a booming tourism and dive industry. Completing your, Divemaster, IDC and Instructor specialty training with Poseidon Diving in Sri Lanka is a great opportunity to be part of that growing market. Few places in the world offer the same potential employment opportunities. Contact us now to be part of this growing opportunity. Book now and you will receive access to our unique on line learning, to begin your Divemaster and IDC experience today.

Sri Lank is truly incredible. Check out my blog about the first ever IDC on Sri Lanka in February 2013 blog First Sri Lanka IDC. I had a wonderful time. The people and culture are incredibly hospitable, the diving and diving history is fascinating and the countries history is enlightening. Sri Lanka really offers everything to make your diving internship a fantastic experience.

The village of Hikkaduwa has been a tourist destination since the 1970s and boasts large, luxury hotels, but also independent guest houses, hostels and a large selection of private villas. It attracts visitors to the reef, beach and is renowned for the southern surfing beach.

You can choose from a large variety of locally-owned cafes and restaurants nearby.

DIVING ON HIKKADUWA

THE SAILING SHIP EARL OF SHAFTESBURY AND THE SS CONCH, THE WORLD'S FIRST STEAM-POWERED OIL TANKER, BOTH LIE WITHIN 20 MINUTES BOAT JOURNEY FROM THE SHORE

Hikkaduwa's diving season runs from November until late April

The village of Hikkaduwa sits just to the north of the historic town of Galle. Its position makes it ideal to visit some of the many interesting and beautiful historic wrecks.

Beginner's have the amazing chance to practise their shallow water skills in the safe waters of Hikkaduwa Marine Reserve reef. This gives them a great opportunity to experience sea conditions in a contained environment, as well as view the colourful reef fishes and resident turtle population.

Divers here can expect warm seas, with an average temperature of 26C, little in the way of currents and good visibility. Our rock formation sites vary from the unearthly, massive boulder floors of Goda Gala to the stunning pinnacle of Kirala Gala.

We have some excellent sites for spotting nudibranchs, morays, barracuda and rays. Large pelagic species are occasional treats, with passing whale sharks, mantas and sometimes a glimpse of dolphins or whales from the dive boat.



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OUR IDC CENTRE

OUR PADI IDC PARTNERS IN HIKKADUWA, SRI LANKA - POSEIDON DIVING STATION - Poseidon Diving continues to be an innovative force in the Sri Lankan dive industry, maintaining high standards and a strong commitment to quality diver education.

Poseidon Diving station is the longest established PADI Dive Center in Sri Lanka. Poseidon started in 1972 with the father of the present owner and his Swedish friend Eric. They founded many dive sites and wrecks and have a great little museum on site showing the early history of diving around Sri Lanka. They were also instrumental in protecting the reef that guards the beach of Hikkaduwa. That is why we are still have turtles and bumphead parrotfish swimming around us during our confined water sessions.

OUR HIKKADUWA IDC CLASSROOM

Several years ago Poseidon also established a dive centre in the north east of the island, Trincomalee, to dive great sites like Pigeon Island and the Hindu Temple. This allows 12 months a year diving. The centre in Hikkaduwa is open from November through to April. Trincomalee is April through to November.

OUR DIVING RESORT

POSEIDON DIVING STATION - Situated in the marine reserve of Hikkaduwa, Poseidon Diving Station overlooks the golden sands of Hikkaduwa beach.

The dive centre contains its own 18 room hotel, with a range of rooms from economy to more luxurious beach front AC rooms. There is free Wi-Fi throughout the centre.

Our beach front restaurant serves cooked breakfasts, simple or heartier lunch and evening meals and, as one of the few licensed premises in Hikkaduwa, it is perfect place for a sunset beer and relaxation.

We are situated just metres from the Hikkaduwa reef where you can snorkel with the resident turtle population or catch a wave off the reef break point just outside.

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ACCOMMODATION

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS DURING YOUR DIVING INTERNSHIP IN HIKKADUWA, SRI LANKA - IDC students in Hikkaduwa get free accommodation in the dive centre. We provide twin bedded rooms with ensuite bathrooms.

You can safely keep your gear in your rooms, or store them in our lockers or equipment room. Staying in the centre means our students get to learn about the day to day running of a busy centre, and form a strong camaraderie with the rest of the candidates and dive centre team.

There are a large variety of nearby hotels and spas nearby to consider if you want to experience a bit more luxury and Hikkaduwa has a wide selection of villas both on and off the beach at reasonable rates.

Eating out in Hikkaduwa suits every taste and budget, from roadside snacks at under a dollar, rice and curry lunch packets, through to fresh seafood restaurants and fusion cuisine.

GETTING TO HIKKUDUWA

FLYING INTO COLOMBO WE CAN ORGANISE A PICK UP FROM THE AIRPORT TO BRING YOU TO HIKKUDUWA AND YOUR DIVING INTERNSHIP - The simplest way to arrive from the airport is by taxi. An AC minivan currently costs \$70 from the airport to Hikkaduwa. It is about a three hour drive. The drive to Trincomalee is around 5 hours. You can also access both Hikkaduwa and Trincomalee with inexpensive and interesting train journeys from Colombo.

Train timetables can be viewed here: <http://www.eservices.railway.gov.lk/schedule/homeAction.action?lang=en>

You can also choose to take a bus from the airport to Colombo main station. From there you can take a bus or train to Hikkaduwa. Buses leave every 15 minutes and range from the more luxurious AC minibuses to the large, slow and slightly hair-raising government buses.

The dive centre is a 5 minute walk from the bus and train stations.

Visas are available upon arrival, for most nationalities, at the airport for 35\$USD

Check out <http://www.eta.gov.lk/slvisa/> to confirm eligibility for visa on arrival