



**Location:** Pulau Tioman  
**Reference:** M7

**Tioman** is an island, 39 km long and 12 km wide, located off the east coast of peninsular Malaysia. The beaches of Tioman were depicted in the 1958 movie *South Pacific* as "Bali Hai". In the 1970s, Time magazine selected Tioman as one of the world's most beautiful islands. The densely forested island is still sparsely inhabited, but is surrounded by numerous white coral reefs, making it a haven for scuba divers from around the region.

The island is accessible by ferry from the town Mersing on the mainland. One can also take a flight out of Kuala Lumpur from Subang Airport to Kg. Tekek on the Tioman Island. The journey takes about an hour. Flights from Singapore are also available.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Underwater topography is diverse and has extensive coral reefs teeming with a wide variety of tropical fish large and small. There are over 20 dive sites in Tioman with something for everyone from the newly certified to an experienced wreck diver. There are over a dozen wrecks (mainly scuttled wooden hulled fishing trawlers).

Our favourite sites are Chebeh, Labas and Tiger Reef with a chance to see pelagic like mantas, reef sharks and if you are blessed, the whale shark. Chebeh and Labas sites have depths of 13-27 meters and are located north-west of Tioman; a 20-30 minute boat ride from Salang Village. The tunnels, caves and huge boulder formations create labyrinths of adventure and make for excellent cavern diving and plenty of tight spaces to swim through. There are plenty of colorful soft corals and gorgonian sea fans. Turtles, puffer fish, moray eels, sweet lips, trigger fish and large groupers are some of the marine life

that you can expect to find. Keep your eyes peeled for small wonders like colorful nudibranchs, flatworms and tiger cowry.

Other dive sites which are just as good if not better include Magician Rocks and Golden Reef (submerged reefs), Malang Rocks and Soyak Island.

### ACCOMMODATION

A wide range of accommodation is available, from basic backpacker's hostels to 5-star hotels. Most of these can be found on the island's west coast. There are numerous budget chalet operations clustered around **Salang** and **Air Batang** (sometimes also referred to as **ABC** - although this is the name of the resort at the northern end of the beach, not the beach itself), and to a lesser extent **Tekek**.

### GOD's EXPERIENCE

We have been diving TIOMAN for the last 10 years and have certified many divers there. Its diverse dive sites is a nursery to new divers whilst some sites provide great challenges and thrills to experience divers like us. We know Tioman like the back of our hands. Nitrox is available especially if you want to dive at the Sawadee Wreck and Magician Rocks.

### BEST SEASON

March to October is the best time to dive in Tioman, as the other months are in the monsoon season.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

The main attraction of Tioman is its natural beauty. You can relax and get back in touch with nature in the untamed rainforest or the golden beaches. There are a number of places where you can rock climb, jungle trek and visit waterfalls. A round of golf is also possible as there is an 18-hole golf course. Island tour on a boat can be arranged to visit the various villages and do duty free shopping.

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