

## SCUBA DIVING OPTIONS BEFORE OR AFTER MAHINA EXPEDITION LEGS

### Leg 1, Auckland to Tahiti

Tahiti - Marina Taina where we end Leg 1; <http://www.fluidtahiti.com/english> a long established operator with dive shop. There is an airplane wreck nearby.

### Leg 2, Tahiti to Rarotonga

Tahiti - besides the above there a few on Moorea, 15 miles W of Tahiti  
Rarotonga has at least 4 options, but we think Dive Rarotonga has been around the longest.

### Leg 3, Rarotonga to Samoa

Samoa - There is only one small dive operation that we're aware of in Apia where we end the expedition.

### Leg 4, Samoa to Fiji

Fiji - BONANZA!!! The opportunity to dive at one of the top-rated operations in the world, Jean-Michelle Cousteau's <https://www.fijiresort.com/> is not to be missed according to our previous expedition members. We can contact the resort well before arrival to book you a two-tank dive. Incredible soft and hard coral, sea life and amazing visibility plus a totally five-star small and very eco-friendly resort – hard to beat!

Just a boat ride away from where Leg 5 ends (and Leg 6 starts) is [Subsurface Fiji](#), a PADI 5-Star operation owned by a friend and based at <https://www.musketcovefiji.com/> (where we got married on the beach and spend every free minute between expeditions). I enjoyed two excellent dives here in 2019 and our entire expedition team including Amanda signed up for their half-day Learn to Dive program with Subsurface 20 years ago: <https://fijidiving.com/learn-to-dive/>. Cost is an amazingly reasonable US\$149 including equipment rental!

### Leg 5, Fiji to Vanuatu

DOUBLE BONANZA!!

Not only the chance to dive in Fiji as above but also Vanuatu

Vanuatu - this expedition ends within swimming distance of two of the South Pacific's most amazing WWII dive sights: the wreck of the [SS President Coolidge](#) and [Million Dollar Point](#).

Amanda and I have snorkeled at both sites, and they are accessible from shore – no need for a dive boat!

[The Beachfront Resort](#) where we end Leg 5 and start Leg 6 is within a 15-minute taxi ride of both sites and provides complimentary snorkeling gear to guests. There are four dive operators nearby, and Beachfront's owner can recommend the right one for you.

### Leg 6, Vanuatu to New Caledonia

New Caledonia has the world's second largest coral reef and many incredible dive options. Extensive brilliantly-colored soft coral.

### Leg 7, New Caledonia to Australia

Amazing diving options on both ends!

### Leg 8, Australia to Auckland, New Zealand

Northern Queensland's myriad of dive sites includes wrecks and coral reefs  
NZ's Poor Knight's Islands, just north of Auckland are possibilities.

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