



DIVING on CHRISTMAS ISLAND

Common questions are answered:

- **What equipment is included?**

Weights, weight belts, tanks. Lunch, drinks and snacks are also included in price.

- **What is not included in the price and how much extra are they?**

WET'N'DRY	CI DIVERS
Wetsuits = \$10 Regulators = \$20 BCD = \$15 Mask + Fins = \$10 Full Kit discount - \$10 All charges are per day only basis.	Wetsuits = \$10 Regulators = \$20 BCD = \$15 Mask, Snorkel, Fins = \$15 All charges are per day only basis.

- **What are the best months to dive?**

The best part about diving in CI is that diving is great and possible all year round. The 'Best time' depends on the interests and 'wish list' of customers. If they wish to have predictable calm and sunny weather, awesome visibility 20+m and access to a wider range of dive sites, then the dry season (Apr-Nov) is the best. If clients want to see whale sharks and manta rays the Wet season (Nov-Apr) is best. Customers must be made aware that there is the possibility of dive cancellation due to bad weather during this period.

- **Which areas are best for diving**

Once again this depends on the interests of the divers. We offer slow/muck style diving (looking for tiny critters under rocks etc); wall dives; Caves and wrecks. Christmas Island offers a wide range of dive sites [49 in total] on West, North and East sides of island that can cater to all tastes. All dive sites are close to land as we have a fringing reef.

- **When are swells high?**

Swell season coincides with wet season; which is between Nov-Apr. Generally there are only a few short periods of high swells (up to a week) during the entire season. However the timing for these is becoming increasingly harder to predict.

- **Do you do PADI dive courses, how much and how many people can you take at one time?**

Wet'n'Dry have advised they do offer PADI courses up to Dive Master level. However, visitors need to book well in advance if they wish to do a course during their holiday. They also need to have a valid dive medical before arrival (as this takes many days to achieve on the island). The preferred number of students is 4-6.

- **What do divers need to bring when they come out diving with you?**

Wet'n'Dry usually collect gear from customers and have it set up on the boat each morning for them. Photographers will need their cameras etc and any towels, sunscreen etc. They encourage divers to leave gear bags at the shop to save space on the boat.

CI Divers recommend a camera, towel and sunscreen.

- **What kind of boat do you own, specs on boat?**

Wet'n'dry have an Aluminium pontoon-style, ex-rescue boat with centre console and half shade cover. 7m long.

CI Divers have an RHIV be Gemini 8.5m.

- **How many divers do you normally take out at one time?**

Wet'n'dry - Minimum 2 persons. Maximum 7 persons.

CI Divers – Minimum 2 persons. Maximum of 12 persons

- **Do you provide food/drinks on board?**

Wet'n'dry - Fruit, lollies, biscuits/cake, tea, coffee, water, soft drinks on board + a full lunch on return (as we begin diving at 8am the surface interval is usually too early for lunch)

CI Divers – Water, lunch and soft drinks

- **Do you pick divers up from their accommodation? And what time do you pick up and drop off?**

Wet'n'dry - If requested, yes. P/up is 7:50am if launching from Flying Fish Cove for an 8am start. If launching from Ethyl Beach pick up is 8am for 8:30am start. Drop off depends on conditions and sightings! – usually return back to the hotel by 1-1:30pm.

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- **What happens if the weather is bad and they cant dive?**

Wet'n'Dry - We offer nature tours as an alternative activity. We offer refund if the decision to cancel is made by operator (us). However, if customers want to cancel because they don't like conditions – full charge applies. We will always make this decision based on safety.

CI Divers – Will increase to 3 dives per day to compensate or will do dive on an alternate day.

- **What happens if passengers are sick and need to cancel on the day, what are the cancellation fees, if any?**

Wet'n'dry - If they can inform us before 7am on the day of diving – no cancellation fee will be charged. After this time however, they will be expected to pay full diving fee.

CI Divers – No refund with in 24 hours

- **What's the visibility like?**

There is very good visibility on Christmas Island up to 50m visibility, but commonly 25m – 30m. There is the occasional bad weather day and the worst ever is about 10m.

- **How deep do they dive?**

Divers are briefed according to their qualification level. However, the maximum depth is 30m. Dive companies are strict about this, as there is no decompression chamber on the island. We encourage divers to follow a conservative dive profile and have long surface intervals. The great visibility means that divers never miss out on things that swim by below them!