Diving The World (Footprint - Activity Guides)
**Synopsis**

The newest addition to Footprint’s burgeoning series of activity guides, Diving the World, takes the underwater adventurer on a magical tour of many of the world’s top dives. Over 200 prime sites have been carefully selected, reviewed and photographed by experienced husband-and-wife team, Beth and Shaun Tierney. The guide also features personal opinions and anecdotes from both experts and other divers, as well as recommendations of what to do and see on dry land. Includes features on travelling as a diver - choosing, planning and costs; guide to airlines, baggage and packing; detailed health section written by renowned expert; information on climate and dive conditions; conservation issues and dive related topics explored and underwater photography explained.

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**Customer Reviews**

Wow! Fabulous book, fabulous info, fabulous photos, just simply fabulous! If you are a scuba diver, you need this book. It will inspire you to visit places you have seen only in travel magazines. This book is big and beefy, too. Not a typical travel book, this book gives pages and pages of good info and lush photos of ALL of the best diving destinations known.

My wife Sue & I have been very lucky to dive some of the best diving locations in the world, all of which are featured in this excellent and very readable book. First of all the descriptions are spot on
and you can tell that the text is taken from the experience of actually doing the dive or visiting the area, not just researching it (unlike so many guides). The book is not just a travel or dive guide, it's more like a wish list to the best diving in the world. If you are lucky enough to be able to do this sort of diving then I think owning this book is about as important as owning a mask.

This is an excellent guide for choosing a dive destination. My wife and I have had the good fortune to travel to a number of excellent dive locations in the past several years and this guide gets it right. Be forewarned, it makes no effort to be a comprehensive guide to the entire world (for that, try Dive by Monty Halls). But it does cover the most intriguing dive locations, so it is heavy on Asia and the South Pacific and light on the Caribbean and has no coverage of temperate destinations, such as California or British Columbia. It is more than a dive guide. It does cover the primary dive sites for each location, but the real value of this book is it's recommendations on accommodations and other activities. It is perfect for choosing a vacation destination and to get your planning started.

Beautiful book with many places that look wonderful. However, if you are not wealthy, you probably cannot afford to stay at the five star places shown. Still, I found it enjoyable to read about these places and see the pictures. Includes a handy appendix that shows the best time of year to visit each country featured.

The information in this book is soooo accessible. We were looking for the "best place in the world" to go diving. We thought we had an idea where that might be but we were wrong...here’s how we found our trip to remember...we looked for the largest cluster of "star sites", read the great information on the diving, the accommodation and the land content then compared it with the next area, using exactly the same format (comparing applies with apples). We made our choice, made our bookings and had the best diving experience of our lives. We will be back to the destination we chose...but only after we have tried out some other "star sites".

I don't know how long the specifics would be current, but even if some details change, it gives good info on how to research for your dive trip. I especially like the insight on air travel into or out of Europe. Admittedly, it does not cover every dive site there ever was, but it does a nice job hitting quite a few. I do not regret the purchase.

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