



Adventures of the blue..



Who we are..

"Epic Encounters", is a dive and adventure center based in Kalpitiya Sri Lanka. Our goal is to introduce adventurous travelers to the diverse oceanic wildlife, in the seas bordering the Kalpitiya peninsula. We are, an experienced professional team, geared to offer you an unforgettable experience on our guided tours, with detailed information on oceanic wildlife, and great service from start to finish.

For this purpose, we use 19ft, 6 seater boats, powered by 25HP outboard engines and offer packages based on the following services.

Dolphin/ Whale watching Snorkeling Recreational diving Dive training

Safety is our main concern. Therefore, along with brand new quality gear, our boats are equipped with all the necessary safety requirements. Diving, and snorkeling trips are conducted by a PADI certified specialty instructor. Life jackets are provided in all sizes, including a child range.

Tea/ Coffee, snacks, and bottled water provided for all trips.





Dolphin watching

From all of the attractions Kalpitiya has to offer, Dolphin watching has become most popular. This is due to the large number of Spinner dolphins that can be spotted almost every morning, just a few miles off shore. Apart from the common sighting of Spinner dolphins, there are 10 more species of dolphin that can be encountered in the waters of Kalpitiya, including the magnificent Orca(Killer Whale), the largest of them all.

Dolphins in the lagoon

The putlam lagoon, is home to a pod of humpback dolphins. These majestic creatures can be spotted at high tide, as they venture in to the lagoon in order to feed. Even though they are shy, and difficult to find, for any marine mammal enthusiast, it is well worth the effort.

Season: Early-November to mid-April

Start time: 7.00am

Duration: 3 hours







Whale watching

Kalpitiya, is a known feeding ground for many species of whales. While Pilot whales can be spotted at times, in the midst of a dolphin pod, Sperm whales and occasionally Blue whales are usually found just a few miles beyond this point. These larger Whales, are best sighted during the months of March, and early April.

In Kalpitiya, the continental shelf ends and the ocean floor drops 1000m, just 9 nautical miles from shore. This is the depth required to encounter whales. Also, the shelf pinches in at this point, attracting them into the deep canyon so close to shore. Sperm whales, Humpback whales, Minke Whales, and many more species can be encountered on a Whale watching trip.

"It is this sense of tranquility, of life without urgency, power without aggression, that has won my heart to whales ... whales offer to human beings a lesson. They demonstrate to us that our ancient and ignorant belief in the inherent supremacy of our species over all others is utterly wrong."

~ Roger Payne ~

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Start time: 7.00am

Duration: 4 hours







Snorkeling

Just three nautical miles off the coast of Kalpitiya, is the Bar Reef Sanctuary. With coral formations stretching out for over 300 square Kilometers, it is in fact the largest reef in south Asia. The sanctuary is home to 156 species of coral and 283 species of reef fish, including Manta Rays, and reef sharks. The reef boasts ideal conditions for snorkeling, due to being a shallow reef, which as a result provides great visibility.

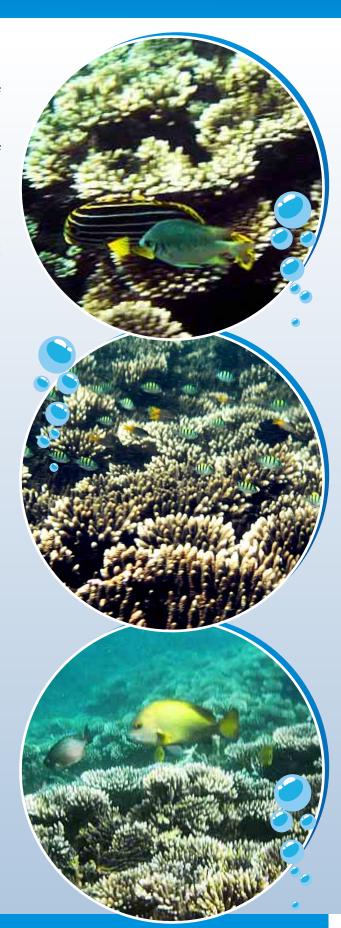
After a hot cup of tea, or maybe a refreshing glass of fresh juice, our guests would hop into our boats and arrive at Bar reef following a short drive. Our dive instructors, along with snorkeling guides, would navigate, and guide guests to the best spots with high concentrations of aquatic life on the vast reef. Choosing the right locations is impotent, as many parts of the reef can be quite shallow, and the sharp coral in these areas must be avoided, for a safe and fun snorkeling experience.

Season: Early-November to mid-April

Start time: 8.00am

Duration: 4 hours







Recreational diving

Epic Encounters, is the only certified dive center in Kalpitiya. Our very own PADI Specialty Instructors would exclusively plan and conduct your dive trip, based on your skill level, and experience. We provide full sets of equipment, tanks, weights, along with bottled water and snacks.

Boat diving is the way to go in Kalpitiya. We use 19ft, fibreglass boats, powered by outboard engines to reach the dive points, 10-15 minutes away. There are many locations to choose from, with wide ranging depths and marine life.

The first dive would be a maximum depth of 22-25 meters, with proximate bottom time of 40 minutes, followed by a second dive of 16-18 meters and the same bottom time.

We could also arrange for a 10 dive program, spanning 3 days, to explore many different sites, each diverse in characteristics in terms of marine life and geography. A close look at the marine biodiversity in the west coast.

Season: Early-November to mid-April

Start time: 7.30am

Duration: 6 hours









Dive training

We offer a full range of PADI courses including the PADI Open Water Diver Course. This is the world's most popular scuba diving course, and has introduced millions of people to the adventurous diving lifestyle.

If you've always wanted to learn how to scuba dive, discover new adventures or simply see the wondrous world beneath the waves, this is where it starts. You will learn what you need to know to become a certified diver. We also offer the PADI eLearning option for this course.

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