# The Diving Centre

# Underwater exploration

Our diving centre of submarine itself can boast of its flawless reputation. Created in 1977, it is one of the first scuba-diving centres to have emerged in Mauritius. Our diving centre is affiliated with the Mauritian Scuba Diving Association (MSDA) and the World Underwater Federation (CMAS). Demonstrating great professionalism and extensive experience in the field, our expertly fervent team of instructors will give you the appropriate supervision and monitoring required for secure and happy diving trips.

We speak French, English and German.

# Useful information

#### **SECURITY**

A diving certification is required (logbook recommended)

Diving is authorized as from the age of 14 years.

A recent medical certificate without contraindication for the practice of scuba-diving is compulsory for minors. This is highly recommended for adults also, but if they don't have one, they will be asked to sign a medical consent form on site.

Hyperbaric oxygen and first aid kit available onboard and at the diving centre.

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy is at 30 minutes from the diving centre.

The boat follows the divers during the dive.

#### **AMENITIES**

2 air compressors, 1 Nitrox station (Nitrox of 32% possible)

60 steel bottles of 12 litres (INT/DIN).

15 complete sets of equipment (vests, regulators, fins, masks, snorkels, wetsuits)

We recommend wetsuits of 3 to 5 mm

#### NOTE:

The dive centre offers PADI and CMAS courses up to Divernaster level, in French and English.

# **SCHEDULES:**

From 9:00 to 13:00.

Two dives per day, Monday to Saturday. Closed on Sundays and Mauritian public holidays.



### Diving sites

It is the best representation of Indian Ocean's fauna and Flora that divers can admire allaround of Mauritius. With its volcanic origin, diving sites also have remarkable rock formations while the reefs serve as shelter for a multitude of fish species. Diving sites around Flic en Flac have the advantage of being mostly protected from wind and the calm waters provide enjoyable dives.

In front of the hotel, discover a scree covered with corals which is home to fish-banks (fusiliers, mullets, groupers, butterflyfish, moray eels, and scorpion fish) at a depth of 9-20 metres.

# Tug

At 20 metres of depth, you will discover the rest of a tugboat sank in 1982 on a sandbar which suited as an artificial reef. The shipwreck is full of fish and invertebrate species like the sand eel, and the leaf fish.

#### Cathedrale

This is the most famous diving site on the island and it has a depth of 17 to 30 metres located just 10 minutes away from the diving centre. You will have the opportunity to discover a reef covered with fire corals, walls, caves, chimneys and a variety of fish species (squirrelfish, red lionfish, jackfish, tunas), shrimps and lobsters.

## Rempart Serpent

A dive of 24 to 26 metres. This is a relatively small reef which shelters immobile and hidden predators (scorpion fish, groupers, moray eels, sole fish...) and is usually visited by rays and fish of all kinds.

#### Stella

This former fishing boat became artificial reef concealed at a depth 38 metres offering all the charm of coral life.

# Cassava

A deep dive of 40 to 50 metres in the middle of a unique coral formation and sea fans with a beautiful crayfish cave frequently visited by jackfish and tunas.

