

The best places in the world to dive with sharks

It's officially Shark Week on the Discovery Channel, perhaps the most posted-about TV event of the year that doesn't involve Jon Snow. If watching all that ferocious fish action has you thinking, "Man, watching this on TV ensures I keep all my limbs, but it sure would be cool to swim with them!" then there are tons of places around the world where you can do it. And most of them will ensure you leave in one piece. From the Galapagos Islands and Fiji to unexpected hotspots like North Carolina, here are the best places in the world to go diving with sharks and what you can expect to see there.



North Carolina

Where you're going: Morehead City

What you're seeing: sand tiger sharks

Though North Carolina surely sticks out among tropical destinations like Bali and Mexico, it's one of the most underrated diving spots in the world. That's because diving in Morehead City is a two-for-one diving experience — the spots you're most likely to see Sand Tigers are around sunken ships. That's right, wrecks and sharks! It's also the most convenient place to shark dive if you live in the contiguous United States, and though these big boys can get as long as 10 feet and weigh near 200 pounds, they've never killed a person. Olympus Dive Center does a number of wreck dives here with two tanks for \$130.