

## Joanna Hancox's Trip to Tenerife in October 2008

### Dive 1

Well this was my first ever dive as a qualified diver so you could imagine how exiting it was for me. Shall we start with the traveling? On the journey it was great fun the water sprayed at us like a vicious animal and we all wet before we even got in the water! Now for the dive itself! It was soooo incredible. Just the fact that I was seeing the fish in there natural habitat the odd rock forms were just fascinating but the thing I loved most about the dive was the fact that I was able to do it with dad which was great because I have never done it with him before and it was just an amazing experience, and diving with dad was something I had dreamed about ever since he became a diver. The fish amazed me there weren't very many in that dive but it was



still nice. The colours were amazing, black, yellow, blue, orange, purple and more! We saw a pinical, we saw a mummy and baby wide eyed flounder, we saw a lot! The main fish was a bluefin damselfish which was blue with bits of purple on its back, they were really shy and hid in the rock most of the time but we also saw parrotfish (male and female) and a couple of sharpnose puffers

### Lunch

Lunch was amazing! I was so hungry I didn't realize diving made you that hungry anyway we and dad both ordered a full English breakfast consisting of egg, chips, toast, sausage, tomato, bacon and a class of orange juice I managed to waft all this down within a couple of seconds along with a cup of tea and I have to say my suit did feel a bit tight afterwards! Then with my found energy I ran of into the sea and managed to get about 1 million and 1 stones in my boots when I was playing in the waves!

### Dive 2

This was one of my favourite out of the whole holiday, no that's wrong it *was* my best dive! The fish were just amazing there were absolutely everywhere wherever you looked all you could see was an interested fish staring at you or swimming around you! It was fascinating and it made the last dive seem like a swimming pool! It was amazing. The dive was called steeps and it felt like I was stepping into the impossible! There was a



huge colony of beautiful silver fish and we saw *two* octopuses! The fish weren't even scared and I could stroke ones that were normally really timid so it was really good and now I can't wait to do more dives! One of the things that amused us all was that when we got to the top my weight belt fell of and one of the other divers had to go get it!

## Day 2

### Dive 1

We did steps again but, hay, I love it so I'm not going to complain! There weren't *as* many fish but still loads! We killed loads of urchins and the fish went mad for the food! I lost my weight belt *again* but this time I got stuck upside down and I couldn't move! But one of the instructors helped me but it was still really scary, all I told myself was keep breathing and it worked, I was fine.

### Lunch

Another amazing lunch the full works and then another play in the waves the only difference was I wasn't as hungry this time so the breakfast didn't go down as quick, I think I got used to the diving a bit more. Mum did a try dive and enjoyed it but decided it wasn't really her thing, ah well.

### Dive 2

We did steps for a third time (third time lucky I won't louse my weigh belt!) I didn't though which is a plus I suppose, we saw a really weird spider-like thing with really thin legs and hardly any body there was also a sort of red star fish like thing it was all really interesting!

## Day 3

I am not going to do these dives separately as they were both pretty much the same as each other and the other 2 I did. The only change is that on the 1<sup>st</sup> dive I got a tad bit cold, although that is not unexpected as it was most defiantly the coldest day! Once again I had a full English although I could not eat the toast as then I would be too full!