

# Dive Trip Report

<b>Where:</b>	Lanzarote, Canary Islands
<b>When:</b>	August 2007
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<b>Dive Operation</b>	Safari Diving: <a href="http://www.Safaridiving.com">www.Safaridiving.com</a>

Whilst on a family holiday at Puerto Del Carmen in Lanzarote this August I managed to squeeze some diving in. After the usual internet searches I came across [www.Safaridiving.com](http://www.Safaridiving.com). They are situated right on the beach, Playa Chica, near the jetty and have a good set up including wash tanks, storage areas and a wet area. The bay is protected by rocky outcrops and is suitable for beginners and the more experienced diver, providing varied and interesting diving.



View of dive centre from the beach

After arriving my daughter and I walked down to the dive centre, a nice 15 min walk from where we were staying to check it out, complete the paperwork and most importantly book my days diving.

I took up the offer of pre-booking 6 dives in the UK and getting a 7<sup>th</sup> dive free. This was approximately £110. The boat diving and 15ltr tanks were also no extra cost. I booked 4 morning dives that went from the shore or jetty and 3 afternoon dives from the boat that could quite easily carry 14 divers.

The next day I was picked up along with my gear and headed to the dive centre. Once there I was allocated a bin for my dive gear to stow for the time I was diving there.

I kitted up and proceeded to the bay to do a kit check and start diving. I was lucky on 3 of 4 of the morning dives I was either diving with a guide or one other person, Ross a guy who I met on my 2<sup>nd</sup> dive and dived with me for the rest of the dives.

The dives were a mixture of reefs and wrecks. The wrecks were only accessible by boat hence these were busy.

All the reef dives explored the islands volcanic rock formations and the variety was astounding, from a small cave (The Chetherdral), small swim-throughs (The Blue Hole and Ritchie's Reef).

The wrecks were the old wrecks (Erizos), this is one intact old wooden wreck and several small broken up ones and The Punta Tinsos wrecks, these are two wrecks that are close to each other

The usual small fish were seen and several big fish including Grouper, Barracuda, Octopus, Rays, Moray eels on the wrecks and an Angelshark on the Erizos wreck. I also got see a seahorse at the House reef and on the way back from the Blue Hole. The set up to keep the prices down was that you had to make your own way down to the dive centre except the first and last one where your kit was collected and returned back to your accommodation

To sum up Safari diving - it was varied both in the sites available and its marine life; Safari Scuba team were extremely knowledgeable and helpful. It was a relaxing diving from which I got what I wanted.

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