

# Day Trip Dives with Sea Hunt Scuba

*Here are some examples of the day trip dives we take during the week:*

## Jupiter

Jupiter is located about 15-20 miles north of West Palm Beach. Most of the reefs in Jupiter are very tall, some as tall as 30 feet. We mostly do drift dives, even on the wrecks in this area. This region is also well known for its large marine life such as, turtles, eels, groupers, rays, and sharks. Certain times of year the Lemon sharks also pass through this area. Divers get a chance to get pretty close and personal with these animals. Whether you are shooting with a camera or a spear gun, you will love Jupiter!

## West Palm Beach

West Palm Beach is known world wide for great diving. The Gulf Stream water flows very close to shore, resulting in some of the clearest and warm water in the continental US. Water temperatures here, even in the winter, will normally be in the low 70s, but usually it is above 80 degrees. This warm, clear water also brings in many tropical fish. Most dives are drift dives, because of the Gulf Stream currents. This means almost effortless diving. Come sea why most of the world ranks this area so high!

## Lantana

Lantana is about 10 to 15 miles south of West Palm Beach. This area has similar water conditions to West Palm Beach without the crowds. Scuba Steve says this is his favorite place in the state to dive. The reef and fish off Lantana, in his opinion, are healthier than anywhere else in the state. Large schools of grunts, snapper, and other tropical fish can be found. There is one site to the North we like to dive when conditions are right. It has so many fish that it is common not even to be able to see the reef.

The wrecks here are also great. Castor, Captain Tony, and Bud are three freighters we dive on a regular basis. The Captain and crew of the boat we use are very laid back, but still very efficient.

## Boca Raton

Boca Raton's underwater world is filled with spectacular sea life, where you can enjoy tropical warm blue waters and Caribbean-quality visibility, while exploring reefs, coral encrusted shipwrecks, and fish filled natural wonders.

Boca Raton and the Palm Beaches offer divers the opportunity to dive in warm, crystal-clear waters year-round. This is where the Gulfstream passes closest to the Florida coast, bringing a large variety of sea life to the vibrant reefs less than two miles offshore. Drift diving is the most popular way to explore the reef lines. Dive charters put you in the water on the southern end of a reef so that you can observe the bright corals and sponges while watching numerous tropical fish as you gently drift northward.

Thanks to the Gulfstream, divers can expect to see huge schools of large fish such as grunt, snapper, jack, and grouper. This area of southeast Florida is also the best place to spot sea turtles. Check out the Gumbo Limbo Environmental Center in Red Reef Park to see these magnificent animals and learn more about their habitat.

## Pompano

Pompano means great wreck diving at Sea Hunt Scuba. Pompano has an impressive artificial reef program that has produced some spectacular dive spots! There are now approximately ninety artificial reefs including ships, concrete modules, offshore oil platforms, and more. Some of the wrecks are in as little as 25 ft of water.

The reefs here can also start pretty shallow. Three distinctly different reef lines, one is as shallow as 10 ft, are all a sight to see.

Whether its wrecks or reefs, Pompano can please!

## Key Largo

Key Largo, the northernmost island of the Florida Keys island chain, is only 6 hours from St. Augustine, yet is a world away. Key Largo is home to one of the world's largest artificial reef, the 510-foot USS Spiegel Grove. It also contains John Pennekamp Coral Reef Underwater State Park and the famous Christ of the Abyss underwater statue. Key Largo is best known for its shallow reefs and deep wrecks. The shallow reefs provide world class diving for scuba divers of all ages and skills. The deep wrecks offer some of the best wreck diving found anywhere. The magnificent natural coral reefs, a few miles offshore, are world renowned for their beauty. Underwater treasures await divers as well as snorkelers, who enjoy the colorful and tranquil sea life in these clear, tepid, azure waters. Visitors to Key Largo quickly understand why it is titled the "Dive Capital of the World".

## Manatee Dive

Manatees are docile seal-like animals that inhabit the Florida Waters. Discovered by Spanish Explorer's, these animals were hunted to near extinction for their meat, oil, and hide. Protected since about 1900, snorkelers and divers can now get the opportunity spend real quality time up-close and personal with these gentle creatures.

## Florida Springs

The state of Florida is dotted with warm crystal clear water perfect for scuba diving. Bass, Brim, Perch, Mullet, Carp, Gar, Flounder, Cats, and even, Tarpon are some the fish divers see while enjoying the relaxing calm springs. Florida Springs are world renown for cave and cavern diving. Ginnie Springs, less than two hours from St. Augustine, has been ranked as the world's best shallow fresh water dive. Other sites such as Devils Den, Blue Grotto, Manatee Springs, and Alexander Springs also hold the worlds high regard.