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Malaysia Ranks High in Scuba Diving Top 100 Readers' Choice Awards

LOS ANGELES – Malaysia ranks No. 3 for Best Value for Diving Dollar in *Scuba Diving's* 2013 Top 100 Readers Choice Awards. Based on the opinions of thousands of divers from across the globe, the annual awards showcases the best scuba diving in the world.

Scuba Diving states, "For a quarter-century, Malaysia...has been legendary for its unique regions, amazing nature reserves and excellent bang-for-the-buck." The magazine adds, "The friendly Malay go out of their way to offer genuinely good service and the all-inclusive packages are usually a bargain with nearly endless diving options."

According to the magazine, most divers put Sipidan, Layang Layang and Mabul near the top of their must-dive bucket list. Sipidan Island is world-renowned for great wall and drift dives, and guaranteed colorful fish encounters. Layang Layang, known as "The Jewels of the Borneo Banks," is a ring of 13 coral atolls in the mist of the South China Sea. Mabul Island, off the mainland of Sabah, has more than eight popular dive sites to accommodate divers year-round.

Malaysia has been a perennial favorite in *Scuba Diving's* Top 100 Readers Choice Awards, and was voted No. 1 for Best Pacific Diving Destination in 2012. This year, in addition to being ranked high as a Best Value for Diving destination, the magazine's readers also ranked Malaysia No. 4 for Best Shore Diving and No. 5 for Best Macro Diving.

Beyond Malaysia's excellent dive offerings, "equally enthralling is the opportunity to visit to some of the nearby top-side treasures, often at moderate expense," says *Scuba Diving*. Wildlife encounters, unique cultural experiences, idyllic beach scenery, and much more can be found to indulge any traveler's sensibilities. Combined with a favorable exchange rate (US 1.00 = RM 3.13, as of March 2013), a trip to Malaysia is guaranteed to be a great value for Americans on- and off-shore.

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