

EXPERIENCE 7 wild places to dive with sharks around the world



Travelers can experience the thrill of shark cage diving in locales around the world: the chance to encounter the apex predators as they come right up to a cage and look you in the eyes. And in some cases, you don't have to be a certified diver to see them from the safety of a cage. Before booking an excursion, do some research on the tour operator to ensure that they are following best practices to not disturb the animals' habitats or using unsafe baiting practices. Starting with shark cage diving at **Mexico's Guadalupe Island**, divers can encounter great white sharks in the waters surrounding the volcanic island, 170 miles west of Mexico's Baja California peninsula. Thrill-seekers can sign up for boat tours leaving from the shores of San Diego in the months of August through November when the great whites congregate around the island. Derek Bissell For Incredible Adventures



Just an hour south of **Durban, South Africa**, travelers can shark cage dive with oceanic blacktip sharks at Aliwal Shoal, one of the top dive sites in the world. Thrill-seekers can forego the confinements of a cage for unobstructed views, while cage-diving is available for those who prefer a barrier. There are often 15 to 20 sharks swarming the cage at a time, as well as other marine life in the area, including mantas, moray eels, huge stingrays, sweet lips, potato groupers and turtles. Durban Tourism