

Day 8 – Morning dive and reading – Rangiroa [Saturday 29-Jan-2011]

I woke up several times during the night with an incredibly dry mouth. It felt strange. I drank water each and it seemed to help. We ate breakfast and chatted with Freddie a bit. Lilli felt like she was up for a dive. My ear did not feel right. It's like a strange tropical cold.



This is where we are staying. The Lagoon is just behind it.



Lilli is riding in the back of the dive truck to the dive center. It's a 12km ride (8 miles).

While other went out with the boat, I relaxed and enjoyed the view. We were picked up by Yves who took us down to the dive center.



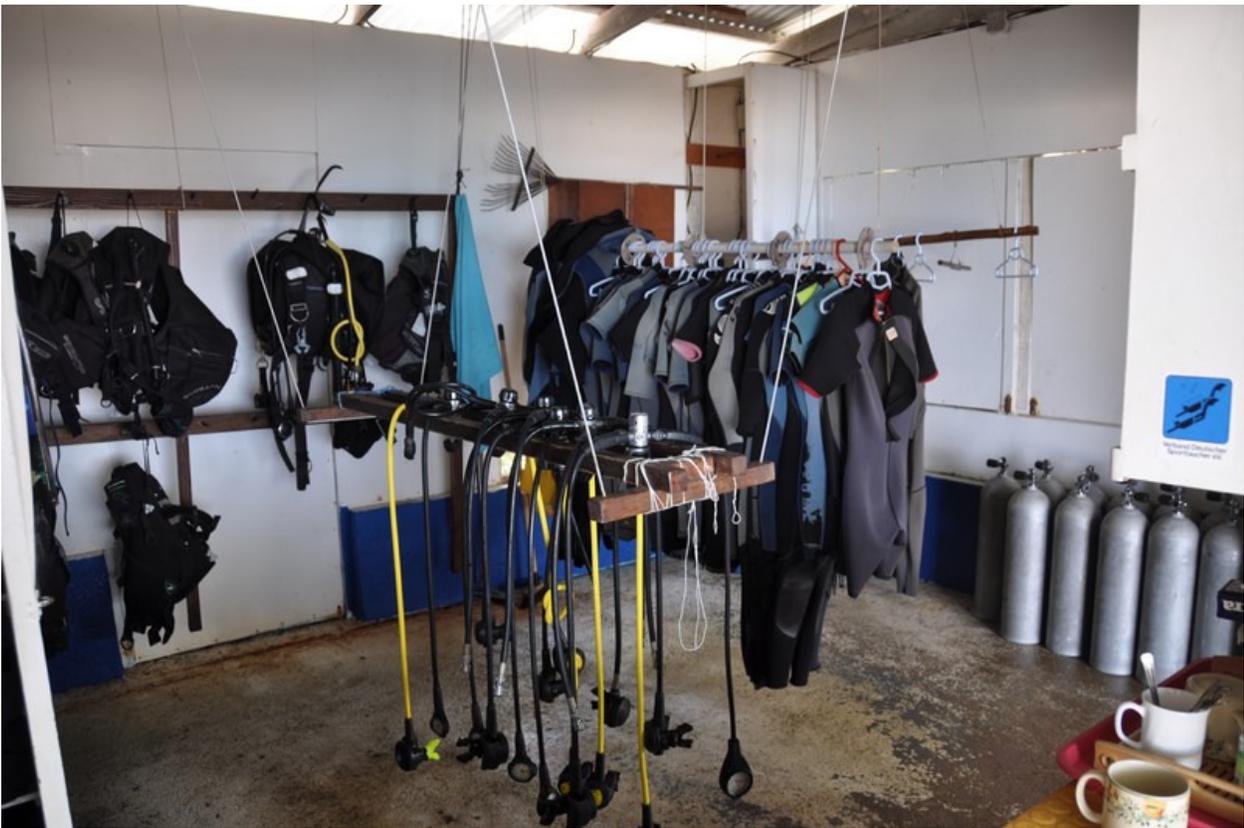
Yves Lefevre (Dive Master and owner of Raie Manta Club) and Lilli during a dive brief



Getting ready to take off for a dive with the zodiac



And the boat heads out towards the Pacific Ocean via the Tiputa Pass.



This is how it looks inside the dive center. Warm tea is always available.

Lilli was quite cheerful when we returned. We loaded up our gear and headed back to our house. When we returned back we hung around the lodge and read books.



A little lunch snack at our house. The cold beer tasted good.



What could possibly go wrong when you read a book under a coconut tree?



What a great dinner: freshly carved tuna (uncooked), with tartar sauce and fries.

Along with this, we got to watch a wacky fantasy movie dubbed in French. Since we do not have a TV where we are staying, it was a treat.



This is where we ate dinner, by the Avatoru Marina in Rangiroa

It gets dark very quickly here and it is pitch black. The wind had cleared all the clouds away and we had a beautiful star-lit sky.