Jordan is invited to host the world's first US Patent Design moveable underwater hotel.

On the 22nd of March 1946 at the signing of the Treaty of London, a newly independent nation declared its independence. The land of Jordan that King Abdullah I reigned over would be unrecognizable from the modern, metropolitan land we know today. Ever growing and developing in the decades that followed Jordan has transitioned from its largely mineral based economy of the 60s to a modern industrial country with a growing manufacturing and commercial sector and as the world opened up the tourists have been flocking to this lesser known middle eastern pearl. In 1985 UNESCO recognized the ancient city of Petra as a world heritage site and over the years countless tourists have visited this amazing place and the many other ancient and natural wonders ranging from Wadi Rum and the Dead Sea to the ruined city of Jerash and the old city of Madaba. As Jordan continues to develop the tourists seeking new experiences are now looking beneath the waves to for their vacation experience and while Jordan only has 17 miles of coastline, these Red Sea waters are among the most biologically productive on earth. Many of the best dive sites on earth are just a short boat trip from the port of Aqaba.

Recently this has seen a tourism boom in the city and many hotels and dive schools have sprung up over the last few decades and this looks likely to continue for years to come.

Thanks to King Abdullah II's love of diving, the Aqaba Marine Park was created preserving a wide range of unspoiled dive sites that can be accessed from the shore or from small boats.

With more visitors set to visit Jordan to experience it's marine treasures, this raises the question what's next?

The dive tourism market is extremely competitive so it is no surprise that billions of dollars are spent building and developing dive resorts at beauty spots around the world with the option to stay in a number of multi million dollar sea front hotels and mega resorts that dominate the landscape or dive from villas standing on stilts above the reefs this is a rapidly growing market, but for many that is not enough. The fact is people visit these places not for the luxury hotels, but for the stunning marine habitats and the creatures inhabiting them but unfortunately once your pressure gauge enters the red zone you have to return to the surface leaving the watery realm behind.

That is how it has always been, but it is not how it has to be!

Wouldn't it be so much better if we could find a solution to allow us to remain beneath the waves as we eat, sleep and observe the stunning marine life from comfort? With the development of the Conrad Maldives Rangali Island underwater residence, it seemed like this would be a possibility, but the \$40,000 a night price tag means only for the richest. We the 99% still continue to have to come back up for air and sleep in a terrestrial hotel.

Now, the reality is changing, thanks to the Planet Ocean Underwater Hotel we don't have to come up for air any more!

Underwater sea bases have long been the realm of science fiction, but with the launch of Planet Ocean, a dive holiday beneath the waves for days can be a reality as you dine with a dolphin and sleep among stingrays. Planet Ocean is not just a luxurious underwater hotel, as it offers the full benefits fully functional marine research station, fully equipped for any scientific research project capable of handling a wide range of remotely operated underwater vehicles launched from the moon pools and constantly

providing scientists with live data from it's extensive camera network and sensor array topping off this facility, there is a fully functional laboratory.

The facility is fully self sufficient with renewable energy providing the electricity required to operate and the zero discharge waste management system. Planet Ocean has also earned the right to operate in the protected areas of the Florida Keys coastal waters.

If permission is granted to operate in Jordanian coastal waters, the entire facility can be transported across the Atlantic and down through the Suez Canal and into the Gulf of Aqaba.

With a capacity for up to 24 guests in comfortable state rooms, Planet Ocean provides an incredible opportunity to experience the best dive sites in Jordan in a new and exciting way.

With the underwater hotel on surface it can navigate safely and you will be able to enjoy an underwater cruise - on top of the water. At speeds of up to four knots, as you travel in comfort, in effectively the worlds first moveable underwater hotel.

Thanks to the cutting edge design the Planet Ocean Underwater Hotel will cost much less to construct and operate than some of the more expensive projects that have so far taken off with budgets approaching a quarter of a billion dollars.

Planet Ocean projections are much less. Even less than some basic underwater residences without the diving facilities that will be available at Planet Ocean. Existing underwater hotels have seen costs per room balloon to over \$11,000,000. Because of the Planet Ocean modular design and simplified manufacturing method, this design costs as little \$2.5 million per module. Thus making a stay at Planet Ocean far more affordable than you might think.

Planet Ocean Underwater Hotels is ready to take Jordan on the first steps into a new era of dive tourism. When coming up for air does not mean leaving the ocean and you can experiencing the majesty of the day and night underwater.

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