



DIVING, WATER SPORTS AND SNORKELING EXCURSIONS ON MAAFUSHIVARU



Beautiful tropical scenery, luxurious villas and golden beaches encircled by a sparkling ocean, render the island of Maafushivaru and its private deserted twin island of Lonubo, a perfect vision of paradise. Here, the magnificent Indian Ocean is the essence of life that sustains the natural beauty of these islands and it beckons you to do more than simply touch its shimmering surface. Just put on your mask, pull on your fins and look below it to discover the other breathtaking world of the Maldives!

Our friendly, multi-lingual dive, water sports and marine biology team exists to help you discover and enjoy this ocean during your stay on Maafushivaru. Even if you don't know how to begin, we look forward to show you how to snorkel, paddle, pedal, wind surf, cat sail or scuba dive!

Maafushivaru possesses an enviable location on the southern tip of Ari atoll, a place worldfamous for **amazing scuba diving**, where whale sharks and manta rays can usually be seen year round. This beautiful island is an ideal place to learn to dive with easy conditions for beginners, a shallow lagoon for training and stunning reefs teeming with marine life for open water dives just a few minutes boat ride away. Each year these perfect conditions help us to introduce many guests to this incredible world.

Even if you decide not to dive, but still love to get wet and to discover the spectacular marine world, why not join our resident Marine Biologist for the numerous **snorkel adventures** on offer and enjoy *live* encounters with turtles, mantas and even whale sharks!

For those guests who generally prefer to stay on the surface, our **water sports** beachside shack located a few steps away from the dive centre, offers some excellent Indian Ocean experiences. Catamaran excursions, windsurf lessons and leisurely kayak or pedalo trips around the twin islands are just some of the favourite topside attractions.

On Maafushivaru, you are never more than a few minutes walk from the wonders of the Indian Ocean so whether you prefer to stay above the surface or explore below, please just drop by and see us at the dive centre or water sports centre. We look forward to being your guide on your ocean adventures.



SCUBA DIVING



If water is your element, then scuba diving is the ultimate way to explore the amazing liquid world of the Maldives. Maafushivaru is blessed with spectacular marine life and amongst many other unique species, manta rays and whale sharks can usually be seen here all year round here thriving in their natural habitat! We are an enthusiastic dive team of experienced, multilingual instructors and dive masters who will provide you with an excellent introduction to diving if you are trying scuba for the first time and safe, but fun and exciting dives if you are certified diver, whether a relative beginner or an experienced diver.

Highlights of diving on Maafushivaru:

- A close encounter with a magnificent whale shark
- Looking into the eye of the manta swimming next to you and wondering about life and the universe
- Exhilarating current dives on colorful thilas
- Your first shark encounter and realizing you are not afraid, but fascinated
- Taking your first scuba breaths underwater and realizing this is going to be a great experience
- Sharing a coral reef with a feeding turtle who slowly munches away, totally oblivious to your presence
- Sunning your body on the dhoni sun deck after another amazing dive as we cut across a flat calm ocean sending flying fish surface skimming in our wake
- Reviewing your shot of that manta and discovering wow - it is indeed perfect!



WHERE TO FIND US

The dive school can be found on the supply jetty which is a great location offering both direct access to our shallow lagoon for Discover Scuba or confined water and just a three step walk from the dive school to board the dive boat. The dive school can be easily located on your copy of the island map.



DIVING FOR BEGINNERS

If you like the ocean and snorkeling, the chances are you'll **love** diving!



So why not take your first step into the blue with us on Maafushivaru!? Ever imagined how it would feel to be immersed in a giant aquarium of color, light and life or even swim eye to eye with a turtle or a huge manta ray? Well - if you've dreamt of any of the above, in your mind you're already a diver!

We have many beginner courses for guests who are completely new to diving and children can even start from just 8 years of age. Please see our beginner courses descriptions in the next pages.



DIVING FOR CERTIFIED DIVERS

Maafushivaru is located in a great position in South Ari atoll and we can access more than 30 excellent sites by dive dhoni including year round whale shark and manta ray points. In addition, there are some excellent thila sites with canyons and swim-throughs. This great selection of sites offers challenging dives for the experienced diver, as well as easy, but spectacular sites for the relative beginner! Our program is flexible and varied so we offer daily dives for all levels. (A few sample dive site descriptions can be found on the next page) If you just have your Open Water, we have great local dive sites where you can really enjoy your Advanced course and experience five different specialty dives. If you are interested in any Advanced or specialty course, please read on for more information on the next pages.

We have an excellent, multi-lingual instructor team who will guide you on your dives and provide instruction in your own language on any course you select. Naturally, your safety while enjoying your diving with us is paramount. Our safety system focuses on the prevention of any incident and we promote sensible practices to minimize potential problems. We provide nitrox free of charge and we try and encourage all divers to make the small investment to become nitrox certified. Nevertheless in the rare event an emergency situation should arise, we have the procedures, equipment and training to provide an immediate response and facilitate a favorable resolution.



In summary we offer the certified diver:

- a wide selection of more than 30 spectacular dive sites offering big fish encounters, thilas, canyons, colorful corals, an awesome night dive on a wreck and more!
- a very good chance to see the magnificent whale shark and graceful manta ray
- excellent instruction and courses in your own language (we speak French, German, Italian, Spanish, English + others) and a wide variety of Advanced and specialty courses for both the relative beginner and experienced diver.
- a comfortable traditional diving dhoni with toilet, fresh water shower and spacious sun deck and all safety equipment including oxygen kit, first aid kit and mobile communications.



- post dive refreshments onboard
- an experienced, enthusiastic, professional, yet fun team
- good quality rental equipment
- nitrox 32% for FREE
- full equipment valet service
- Emergency First Responder trained staff
- a varied and flexible dive program with single, double, triple, night, early morning and late afternoon tank dives
- Private guiding and private dive courses for those who prefer

DIVE SITES – A SMALL SAMPLE



1. **Kudarah Thila – medium to advanced:** Schooling Snappers, turtles, sharks, swim-throughs, nice coral
2. **Hudu Thila – medium to advanced:** Pelagics, barracuda, tuna, schooling fish, leaf fish, white tip reef sharks, grey reef sharks, sting rays, but also manta rays have been seen here; good with current.
3. **Five Rocks – advanced:** Nice corals, schooling sweetlips, nudibranchs
4. **Broken Rock – advanced:** Pelagics, nice corals, schooling sweetlips, nudibranchs
5. **Kudhimaa Wreck – beginner to advanced:** An impressive wreck, big parrot fish, frogfish, ghost pipe fish, batfish, stone fish, nudibranchs, morays, awesome night dive
6. **Boli Thila - beginner:** Turtles, reef fish
7. **Maafushivaru House Reef – beginner:** Nice coral, eagle rays, reef sharks
8. **Maamigili Faru –beginner:** Whalesharks, year round
9. **Dighura Etere – beginner:** The manta lagoon, year round
10. **Hukuru Elhi – beginner:** Manta cleaning station, December to May



ADVANCED COURSES - DEEPER INTO DIVING

NITROX COURSES

Do you think nitrox is some strange gas only used by hardcore technical divers who dive to extreme depths into the abyss? In fact, nothing could be farther from the truth. Nitrox is simply enriched air – i.e. more oxygen, less nitrogen and thereby you gain the advantage of extended no decompression time. This provides great safety advantages for every diver and this is one reason why we now offer two excellent combined courses including nitrox certification at very special prices:

SSI Open Water Diver + SSI Nitrox or PADI Open Water Diver + PADI Nitrox
SSI Advanced Adventurer + SSI Nitrox or PADI Advanced + PADI Nitrox

In addition, for some nitrox dives it is very rewarding to use some of that extra no decompression time to stay longer at depth and enjoy the marine life.

Still unclear about nitrox and its advantages? – then please just stop by the dive school and we can explain it in two minutes. **Theory duration: 1-1.5 hours. The course price (please see our pricelist) includes student manual, two dives, certification and instruction.**



THE ADVANCED COURSE

Do you already have your Open Water Diver certificate, but would like the freedom to dive a bit deeper or are you interested in learning a bit more about a special area of diving such as night diving, underwater photography, wreck diving, our amazing marine life or keen to improve your buoyancy and air consumption? The Advanced course is just five dives and is a lot of fun with



minimal theory. **Duration: min. two days; the course price (please see our pricelist) includes five dives, certification, student materials and instruction.**



REFRESHER COURSE



Already done a diving certification course, but life has been busy lately and you have not dived for year or two (or even more)? No problem. We do regular refresher courses for people just like you where we ease you back into diving with a few of the basic exercises and a nice, easy dive.

Please see our pricelist for prices and options.

SPECIALTY COURSES



We offer a wide range of specialties so you can learn more about a specific area of diving that may particularly appeal to you. A few great specialties that are especially suitable for the Maldivian environment are: Enriched Air Nitrox, Digital Underwater Photography, Drift, Fish ID, Underwater Naturalist, Shark Diver, Manta Diver plus many others such as Wreck, Night and Deep.

Duration: Specialty courses include two to four dives depending on the individual specialty. All specialty courses include required student materials, required course dives, instruction and certification.

COURSE

(on request)

SSI STRESS AND RESCUE / RESCUE DIVER



A challenging and rewarding course, but still great fun. Increase your confidence as a diver, improve your awareness about the diving environment and gain some experience in emergency management and prevention. **Duration: min. two to three days; course price (please see pricelist) includes instruction, course dives and training, certification and student materials.**

DIVEMASTER COURSE (on request)



Dreaming about leaving the office and swapping your business suit for a wetsuit, then the divemaster course is an excellent choice and your first step to becoming a dive professional! **Duration: min. two weeks; Please enquire for prices and availability.**

BEGINNER COURSES



DISCOVER SCUBA / TRY SCUBA DIVING



DISCOVER SCUBA is perfect if you just want to try Scuba diving and see how it is to breathe and swim underwater. Join us in our shallow, sandy lagoon for a short and shallow dive. (Please note: If you wish to continue and make the boat dive described below in the next section (DSD), that performance of the basic skills of mask clearing and regulator recovery are required.)

Requirements: Min. age 10 years; fit to dive; Location: Lagoon
Usual duration: 1 hour (30 minutes in water) Max. Depth: 5 meters
Price: please see pricelist



DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING (DSD) / TRY SCUBA DIVING



If you enjoyed your Discover Scuba and now wish to make a real boat dive and see much more marine life, this is a great option for those not wishing to get certified.

Requirements: Min. age 10 years; fit to dive; completion of Discover Scuba skills

Location: local beginner dive site, maximum depth: 12 meters

Usual duration: 1 hour 30 minutes (up to one hour diving)

Price: please see pricelist

If you liked your DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING / TRY SCUBA DIVING experience, then take the opportunity to continue onto the SSI OPEN WATER DIVER or SSI SCUBA DIVER / PADI OPEN WATER DIVER or PADI SCUBA DIVER COURSE.

You have in effect already started both courses by doing the DSD which is equivalent to the first lesson and first dive of both courses!

THE SSI SCUBA DIVER COURSE / PADI SCUBA DIVER COURSE

THE SCUBA DIVER COURSE is a 2 day course (including the DSD) and includes one dive off the boat. This diver certification allows the holder to dive to max. 12m, but always accompanied by a SSI/PADI professional. The course is effectively the first half of the Open Water Diver course and is upgradeable to the OWD any time in the future. This course is perfect for guests who are short of time, but still want to get a certificate so next holiday they do not have to restart as a total beginner. This qualification is valid as a stand alone certificate without any time restriction and of course the possibility exists to upgrade in two days to the full Open Water Diver. Duration: 2 days including the DSD; the Course price (please see the pricelist) includes all equipment, two open water dives, confined water/lagoon lessons, instruction, certification, student materials, and logbook.

THE SSI OPEN WATER DIVER COURSE / PADI OPEN WATER DIVER COURSE

The OPEN WATER DIVER (OWD) course takes four days including the DSD. With three open water dives off the boat on the outside reef (and one in the lagoon) you have a great opportunity to see turtles, rays, sharks, morays and numerous other reef fish. Duration: four days including the DSD; the Course price (please see pricelist) includes all equipment, four open water dives, confined water/lagoon lessons, instruction, certification, student materials and logbook.



REFRESHER COURSE / SCUBA REVIEW

Finally, if you did a diving certification course sometime in the recent past or even in the distant past and it has been a year or five since your last dive, no problem! We offer a regular REFRESHER COURSE to put you back into dive mode. We ease you back into diving with some basic skills and a shallow lagoon dive with one of our instructors and the option exists to complete this with a nice, easy dive in a beautiful ocean off the boat. Please see our pricelist for prices.

AFTER YOUR CERTIFICATION COURSE

Congratulations! – if you have done a certification course, you are now a certified diver. Maybe you are now addicted to scuba diving and feel the need to do some more dives. If so, if you did the Open Water diver certification you may consider enrolling on the Advanced course (five dives – minimal theory – lots of fun), a nitrox course or even a specialty course like the popular Digital Underwater Photographer. Alternatively, if you feel you would just like to make a couple of more dives, then speak to your instructor who will recommend some great sites.

STILL UNCONVINCED?

Still not convinced about scuba diving? Stop by at the Dive Centre or and have a chat with one of our friendly instructors – they will show you how easy it is to breathe underwater!



WATER SPORTS ON MAAFUSHIVARU



Join us for some fun and adventure in the turquoise waters surrounding Maafushivaru. We offer a range of non-motorised water sports activities, introductory lessons and island short escapes by kayak, catamaran or pedalo.

Water sports highlights include:

- **Paddle your kayak or pedal your pedalo over to the beautiful desert island of Lonubo;**
- **Catamaran sailing with your private captain to a deserted sandbank, secret reef or local island;**
- **Sailing on the Indian Ocean as the sun sets into the Indian Ocean after another amazing day in paradise;**
- **Getting up and staying up as you sail your windsurfer across the lagoon and venture out into the blue!**



WATER SPORTS ON MAAFUSHIVARU PRICELIST

Rates are in US \$ and are subject to 10% service charge and GST (currently 12%). Private lessons offered below are “one to one”.

LEARN TO CAPTURE THE WIND – PRIVATE CATAMARAN SAILING & WINDSURF LESSONS!

The islands lagoon is perfect for introductory lessons and your private guide will show you how to fill your sail and soon have you sailing or surfing across the Indian Ocean.

WINDSURFING Private lesson (per hour)	60
Three or more WINDSURFING lessons (per hour)	50

CATAMARAN Private lesson (per hour)	75
Three or more CATAMARAN lessons (per hour)	65

WINDSURF RENTAL



If you are already an experienced surfer, do a quick competency check and then rent a surf rig for an hour or so and cut across the ocean!

WINDSURF Competency Check (1 hour)	25
Rental (per hour)	30
Three or more hours (per hour)	25



CATAMARAN TRIPS & TOMCAT RENTAL



Cool runnings catamaran sailing adventures on our 16 foot TOMCAT. Solo sailing for experienced/licensed catamaran sailors (after competency check) or customized Cat sailing trips with your own skipper for beginners and landlubbers.

TOMCAT Competency Check (30 mins)	35
TOMCAT Solo (per hour)	50
TOMCAT Solo 3 or more hours (per hour)	40
TOMCAT with Captain (per hour – from 10.00 am to 4.30 pm)	65
TOMCAT Sailing Excursion with Captain (2 hours)	110
TOMCAT Sunset sailing with captain (1.5 hours)	100

MARTINI TWIN SEATER PEDALOS



Pedal power - the perfect way to leisurely cruise the ocean with your favourite companion on a calm day.

Rental (per hour)	35
Two hours	65

KAYAK



Explore the tranquility of Maafushivaru lagoon under your own power and at your own pace. If you are feeling adventurous and conditions are good (just check with your water sports guide!) why not paddle over to beautiful Lonubo!

KAYAK single – single seaters (per hour)	15
KAYAK double – two person kayak(per hour)	25

PLEASE KINDLY NOTE:

All prices for all activities are per person per hour unless otherwise stated and are quoted in US\$ and are subject to 10% service charge and applicable GST (currently 12%). Please remember, all participants in all activities do so at their own risk and all water sport activities are subject to weather conditions. We reserve the right to suspend any given activity at any time. Lost or damaged equipment will be charged at replacement cost rates.



All participants in all water-based activities are required to complete our liability release and must wear a life vest (except for Scuba Diving!). Proof of sailing licence and/or competency assessment (at a small fee) is required for the use of windsurfers and the catamaran unless under instruction. Cancellations made less than 24 hours in advance of a booked activity may incur a penalty fee that may amount to 100 % of the price of the activity.

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