



Diving

Standing at the water's edge overlooking across the lagoon to the north of the North Male Atoll, our diving centre offers a large array of diving opportunities for the beginner through to advanced divers. We are open all daily from 09:00h until 18h30 for you to come and browse through our shop and pick up some snorkeling equipment and chat with our friendly staff about diving and snorkeling in the local area. Come along and meet our qualified PADI instructors and they can give you all the information that you need on all the options for diving, introductory diving or our full range of certification courses that you may wish to take while you are staying on our little patch of paradise.

Please note:

Anyone wishing to participate in any diving activity must complete a standard PADI medical form. If you're unable to complete the medical form, then please bring a medical certificate from your doctor stating that you are fit to dive. Divers between the ages of 8-18 will require a parent/guardian to complete the medical form on their behalf.

Learning to dive

FLOAT is a PADI certified diving centre and offers a large range of courses for those who wish to try diving, with our "Bubble Maker" course for 8-10 year olds and "Discover Scuba" for 10 years and upwards. If you wish to complete a certification course during your holiday, then we can offer the PADI "Scuba Diver" course which takes 2-3 days or the full "Open Water" course which takes 4-5 days. For those of you who are qualified divers, we also offer the opportunity for you to continue your diver education with a full range of PADI courses including Nitrox.

Dive sites around Huvafen Fushi

Well known for having some of the best diving opportunities in the world, the Maldives is an underwater paradise. In a quiet location on the western side of the North Male Atoll, we sit alone in a diver's paradise. In this secluded corner of the Atoll, we don't have much boat traffic and therefore we are fortunate to have the dive sites all to ourselves. Between January and April, we can take a 30-minute boat ride to go and look for Mantas. There are many opportunities to go on a variety of different and wonderful dives during your stay with us, from seeing Mantas, Eagle rays, Grey reef sharks and, of course, lots and lots of schooling fish. Not forgetting that both soft and hard corals can make for colorful and spectacular dives both day and night.

Just to wet your appetite, here is a list of a few of the dive sites accessible from Huvafen Fushi:



Boduhithi Thila:

Location: 30 minutes north of Huvafen Fushi.
Rating: Beginner to intermediate.
Description: Three bays in a long reef with fascinating overhangs and the possibility to see big fish.
Type of dive: Drift dive.
Depth range: 6 - 25 meters.
Marine life: From January to April, Mantas can be seen here

Coral Garden:

Location: 7 minutes north of Huvafen Fushi.
Rating: Beginner.
Description: A pretty and enjoyable dive for all levels of divers.
Type of dive: Long reef.
Depth range: 5 - 20 meters.
Marine life: Turtles, Moray eels, Lobsters and lots of different schools of fish life can be seen here.

Kandu Thila:

Location: 10 minutes west of Huvafen Fushi.
Rating: Intermediate to Advanced.
Description: Two thilas located in the channel between Rasfari Island and Huvafen Fushi.
Type of dive: Drift dive which can sometimes be difficult with strong current.
Depth range: 10 - 30 meters.
Marine life: Schools of red and white Snappers, Eagle rays, White tip sharks, Napoleon Wrasse.

Kuda Haa:

Location: 50 minutes southeast of Huvafen Fushi.
Rating: Intermediate.
Description: Two thilas with many spectacular rock features covered with soft and stone corals, make this a beautiful underwater experience.
Type of dive: Can be difficult when strong currents are present.
Depth range: 6 - 30 meters.
Marine life: Schooling Blue striped snappers and Fairy basslet along with Scorpion fish and a diversity of coral and fish life.

Madigaa:

Location: 50 minutes north of Huvafen Fushi.
Rating: Beginner to Advance.
Description: An underwater inlet in the reef protected from the current.
Type of dive: Dive suitable for all divers with sometimes excellent visibility..
Depth range: 8 - 30 meters.
Marine life: Eagle rays, Frogfish, Stingrays, White tip reef sharks.

**Mas Thila:**

Location: 10 minutes north of Huvafen Fushi.
Rating: Intermediate.
Description: "Mas" is the Maldivian word for fish and when you see the quantity of fish life on this dive site, you will understand why it has been given this name.
Type of dive: Wall dive.
Depth range: 8 - 30 meters.
Marine life: Barracuda, Rainbow Runners and large Tuna can often be seen here along with schools of Banner fish, Fusilier and Snappers.

Nakatcha Thila:

Location: 10 minutes north of Huvafen Fushi.
Rating: Intermediate.
Description: Medium sized thila with big bright caves and magnificent overhangs.
Type of dive: Wall dive.
Depth range: 5 - 26 meters.
Marine life: Consisting of a series of beautiful overhangs and caves containing a large variety of soft corals and fan corals. Often Napoleon Wrasse and White tips can be seen here.

Nassimo Thila:

Location: 1hr: 30 minutes southeast of Huvafen Fushi
Rating: Advanced
Description: A magnificent dive site with lots of overhangs and some blocks that are surrounded by very colorful soft corals which give shelter to a lot of fish.
Type of dive: Drift dive.
Depth range: 10 - 26 meters.
Marine life: Yellow Snappers, Napoleon Wrasse, Groupers, Turtles, Stingrays.

Okobe Thila:

Location: 1hr 15 minutes south of Huvafen Fushi.
Rating: Intermediate to Advanced
Description: One dive site consisting of three thilas making for an interesting navigational exercise.
Type of dive: An interesting thila dive with lots of variety.
Depth range: 10 - 25 meters.
Marine life: White tip reef sharks are common here along with schools of Barracuda, Trevally and old Dog-toothed tuna.

**Rasfari Corner:**

Location: 10 minutes west of Huvafen Fushi.
Rating: Intermediate.
Description: A very interesting dive as you move your way along the reef exploring the rocks and overhangs along the way.
Type of dive: Drift dive.
Depth range: 8 - 20 meters.
Marine life: Reef sharks are a predominant feature here along with the resident Turtles and Napoleons. Dolphins can often be seen on the surface here.

Rasfari North:

Location: 20 minutes north of Huvafen Fushi.
Rating: Beginner to Intermediate.
Description: North end of the Rasfari lagoon. This is our manta point between January and April. Enjoy the mantas while they hover over you in just 5 meters of water and then drift along the outside reef.
Type of dive: Long reef.
Depth range: 5 - 30 meters.
Marine life: Mantas, Scorpion fish, Moray eels, Stingrays.

Rasfari Out:

Location: 15 minutes west of Huvafen Fushi.
Rating: Beginner to advanced.
Description: Outside of the Atoll with many large Pelagics often seen here.
Type of dive: Drift dive.
Depth range: 10 - 30 meters.
Marine life: Grey reef sharks, Eagle rays and schools of Big-eye jacks and Barracuda are often spotted.

Woshimas Thila:

Location: 45 minutes north of Huvafen Fushi.
Rating: Advanced.
Description: "Woshimas" means dog-toothed tuna in Maldivian. A deep and small thila with vast amounts of pelagic fish.
Type of dive: Deep dive only suitable for experienced divers due to depth and currents which may require negative entries and fast descents.
Depth range: 18 - 30 meters.
Marine life: Grey reef sharks, schools of Barracuda, Do-toothed Tuna, and schools of yellow Snappers.