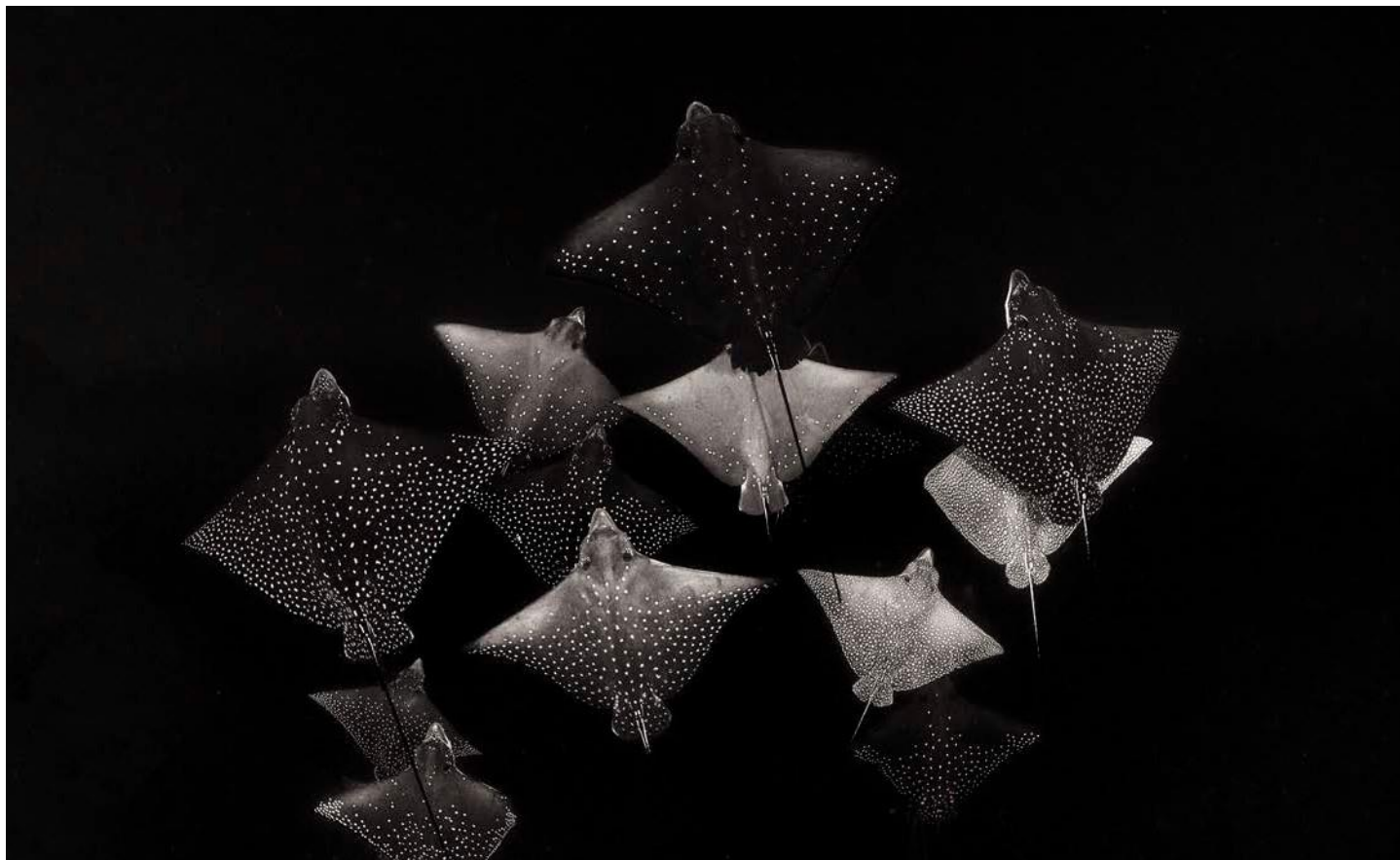




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General note:

- Activities are subject to weather conditions and/ or water currents.
- To avoid disappointment, please make your reservations at least a day in advance.
- All prices are subject to a 10 per cent service charge and prevailing government taxes.
- All booked activities cancelled less than four hours before the scheduled time will be charged at 50%.
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SCUBA DIVING



Located at Maldives' South Malé Atoll, COMO Cocoa Island has a marine-rich lagoon full of pristine dive sites, such as the dramatic Kandooma Caves and the ever popular shark cleaning station at Cocoa Thila. Divers will discover reefs and overhangs teeming with marine life, including green turtles, reef sharks, bigeye trevally and many other colourful reef fish. Dive trip experiences can be enhanced by bringing along our resident marine biologist.

Whether or not you are SCUBA certified, you can dive at COMO Cocoa Island. Those holding an international SCUBA diving license would be asked to provide a certification card and logbook. We offer a range of PADI-approved diving courses to earn their SCUBA licenses while at the resort for those wishing to get certified.

Wondering what it's like to take your first breath underwater? Join us at the Marine Sports Center for a Discover Scuba Dive to explore the breathtaking marine life.

Please refer to our diving rate sheet below for more information on equipment rental, courses and dive trips.

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DIVING RATE SHEET



TITLE	PRICE (US\$)	SKILL REQUIRED/ TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY
PADI DIVE EXPERIENCES		
Bubble Maker/ Seal Team AquaMission	US\$200	Min. 8 years old
Seal Team	US\$500	Min. 8 years old (5 AquaMissions)
Master Seal Team	US\$550	Min. 8 years old (Additional 10 AquaMissions)
Discover Scuba Diving (DSD)	US\$250	Min. 10 years old (Theory, Confined and Dive - Max Depth 12 m)
Additional dive after DSD	US\$175	Min. 10 years old (Max Depth 12 m)
Introductory dive	US\$100	Min. 10 years old (15 min, Max Depth 5 m)
PADI ENTRY LEVEL COURSES		
Scuba Diver	US\$595	Min. 10 years old (Theory + Confined + 2 Open Water Dives - Max Depth 12 m)
Open Water Diver	US\$995	Min. 10 years old (Theory + Confined + 4 Open Water Dives - Max Depth 18 m)
Scuba Diver to Open Water Diver	US\$500	Min. 10 years old (Theory + Confined + 2 Open Water Dives - Max Depth 18 m)
PADI CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES (FOR CERTIFIED OPEN WATER DIVERS ONLY)		
Adventure Diver	US\$575	Min. 10 years old (Theory + 3 Open Water Dives + Certification)
Advanced Open Water Diver	US\$885	Min. 12 years old (Theory + 5 Open Water Dives + Certification - Max Depth 30 m)
Rescue Diver	US\$950	Min. 12 years old (3 to 4 days - 5 Theory + 10 Open Water Exercises + 2 Open Water Scenarios + Emergency Assistance Plan + Certification)
PADI SPECIALTY COURSES		
Deep Diver	US\$685	Min. 15 years old (Theory + 4 Open Water Dives + Certification)
Drift Diver	US\$405	Min. 12 years old (Theory + 2 Open Water Dives + Certification)
Enriched Air Diver (Nitrox)	US\$295	Min. 12 years old (Theory + 1 Open Water Dive + Certification)
Emergency First Responder	US\$300	Min. 8 years old (Theory + Certification)
Night Diver	US\$685	Min. 12 years old (Theory + 3 Open Water Dives + Certification)
Peak Performance Buoyancy	US\$450	Min. 10 years old (Theory + 2 Open Water Dives + Certification)
U/W Photographer	US\$400	Min. 10 years old (Theory + 2 Open Water Dives + Certification)
Wreck Diver	US\$630	Min. 16 years old (Theory + 4 Open Water Dives + Certification)
Other Specialties	Upon Request	
DIVES (FOR CERTIFIED DIVERS ONLY) (-10% - SPECIAL RATE ON THE DIVES WITH PERSONAL EQUIPMENT)		
1 to 5 Dives	US\$125	Per Dive
6 to 10 Dives	US\$115	Per Dive
11 to 15 Dives	US\$110	Per Dive
16 or more Dives	US\$100	Per Dive
Enriched Air Nitrox Tank	Included	For Certified Enriched Air Divers
Night Dive/ Fluo Night Dive *	US\$25	Per Dive
ReActivate	US\$170	Min. 10 years old (Theory + 1 House Reef Dive)
EQUIPMENT RENTAL		
BCD or Computer or Regulator or Wetsuit	US\$10	Per Dive, Per Piece
Underwater GoPro	US\$50	2 Hours / Plus Pen Drive
	US\$80	Half Day / Plus Pen Drive
	US\$140	Full Day / Plus Pen Drive
8GB COMO USB Pen Drive	US\$20	Extra
Dive Torch	US\$20	Per Dive
Fluo Night Torch + Mask Filter	US\$30	Per Dive

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TITLE	PRICE (US\$)	SKILL REQUIRED/ TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY
PRIVATE AND OTHERS		
Private Guide/ Marine Biologist*	US\$150	Per Dive
Private Photographer*	US\$200	Per Dive (Including videos and photos on USB)
Private Dhoni Trip*	US\$300	Per Hour, Minimum Two Hours, with Guide - Up to eight guests
Private Speedboat Trip*	US\$300	Per Hour, Minimum Two Hours, with Guide - Up to six guests
Private COMO Yacht Trip*	US\$800	Per Hour, Minimum Two Hours, with Guide - Up to eight guests
Non-Diver Boat Surcharge	US\$20	Per Person, Per Dive
Logbook	US\$20	Per Piece

* In addition to the dive price

Notes: All prices are subject to a 10 per cent Service Charge and prevailing government taxes.
E-learning credit: US\$ 100 net for all e-learning courses, if all e-learning has been completed and COMO Cocoa Island is selected as training location
Cancellation Policy: All booked activities cancelled less than four hours before the scheduled time will be charged at 50%. No-shows will be charged at 100%

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COMO Cocoa Island offers all levels of recreational diving training. Whether it's your first breath underwater or you have decided to discover new adventures in scuba diving, we will help you to explore the course of your choice in the way that best suits you.

DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING (DSD) *-10 years old-*

Have you ever wondered what it's like to breathe underwater? If you want to try scuba diving, but you are not yet ready to apply for a certification course, Discover Scuba Diving is the right choice for you. It is a quick and easy introduction to how to explore the underwater world. No previous experience in scuba diving is necessary, you need only to be at least 10 years old and in reasonable physical health.

After a short theory lesson to learn the basics, we immediately go into the water practicing a few fun exercises to familiarize yourself with the dive equipment. Soon after you will dive in a few meters depth, closed to the instructor, being part of the underwater world. You can then choose to repeat this experience or have it credited to the PADI Scuba Diver or Open Water Diver courses.

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BUBBLEMAKER *-8 years old-*

Bubblemaker is as fun as it sounds! It's a chance for kids to use scuba gear breathing under water, making bubbles, and diving around in shallow water.

They will have lot of fun trying scuba diving under the direct care and supervision of a PADI Professional Diving Instructor!

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SEAL TEAM *-8 years old-*

The PADI Seal Team is for young scuba divers who are looking for action-packed fun in a pool by completing exciting AquaMissions. Have you ever wondered what it's like to dive with flashlights, take digital pictures underwater or float effortlessly like an astronaut?

Beyond learning basic scuba skills, there are specialty AquaMissions, such as wreck diving, navigation, buoyancy and more. PADI Seal Team includes doing some cool stuff in the pool, meeting friends and sharing in the adventure of the underwater world. No prior experience with scuba diving is necessary, but kids should be comfortable in the water and the parental approval is required.

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PADI SCUBA DIVER *-10 years old-*

Scuba Diver is a short program that is well indicated for those who have little time but wish to become a diver getting a certification that never expires. You will always dive close to a professional Diving Instructor who will let you be more confident in diving. The course can be an intermediate step for those who want to earn the Open Water Diver certification, as it is the next goal to achieve.

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OPEN WATER DIVER *-10 years old-*

Dive today! This certification qualifies you to dive with a buddy, without supervision required. During the course you will learn the techniques and basic knowledge of how to dive. The Open Water Diver course is the most popular diving course; as soon as you get the certification, this will never expire and is valid all around the world!

You can attend the whole course when you arrive at the island, or expedite your experience by applying for e-learning theory lessons, studying the foundational knowledge before practicing in the water once you arrive at COMO Cocoa Island. Take the first step in this new dimension and be ready to experience breathtaking emotions!

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ADVENTURE or ADVANCED OPEN WATER DIVER *-10/12 years old-*

Do you already have an Open Water Diver certification or an equivalent license from another organisation? Would you like to discover new depths, meet new creatures and experience new diving adventures and environments?

Adventure (three dives) or Advanced Open Water Diver (five dives) programs allow you to try out different specialties while gaining experience under the supervision of your PADI Instructor.

Continue your diving education!

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ENRICHED AIR DIVER *-12 years old-*

Enriched Air Diver course is PADI's most popular specialty diving course and gives you more no decompression time, especially on repetitive scuba dives. If safer dives, staying down longer and getting back in the water sooner sounds appealing, then don't hesitate to become an enriched air diver!

SPECIALTY DIVER COURSE *-10 years old-*

Scuba diving is a way to explore the underwater world in new and different ways. Specialty Diver courses teach you new techniques and give you the tools to enhance your knowledge in diving. We do not only offer Enriched Air Diver or Deep courses, but more than thirty different specialties: Boat, Buoyancy, Wreck, Drift, Navigation, Night and more.

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Emergency First Response training focuses on learning how to be confident to rescue somebody when faced with a medical emergency. You will learn practical skills in primary and secondary care in case of a medical emergency.

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RESCUE DIVER *-12 years old-*

Be the hero of the most challenging and rewarding scuba diving course that a diver can take.

You will learn to prevent, recognise and manage issues in the water becoming more confident in your diving skills, knowing that you can help any other diver, if needed. Rescue Diver course prepares you to deal with dive emergencies, large or minor, using a variety of techniques. It is the perfect way to start thinking and acting as a professional diver.

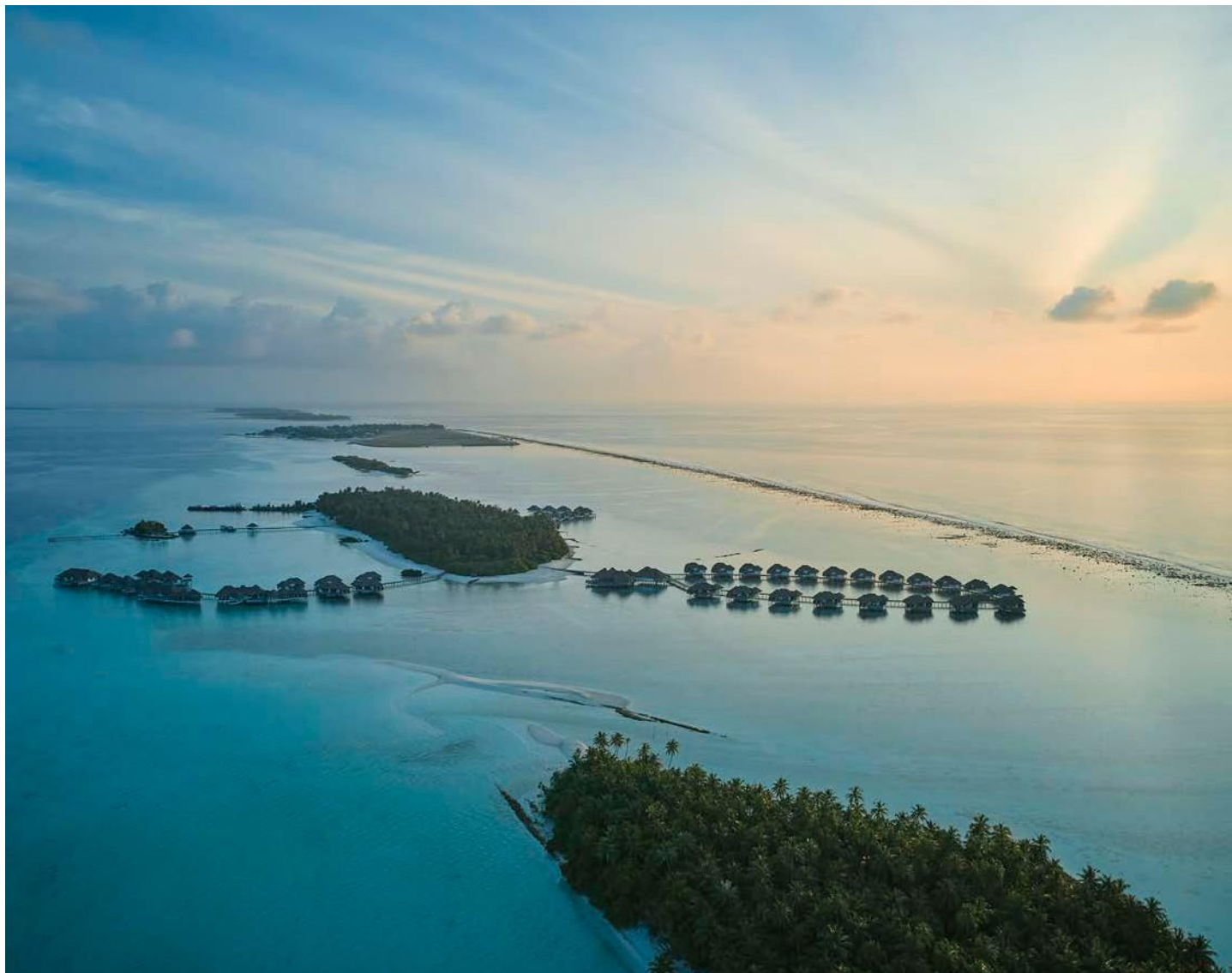
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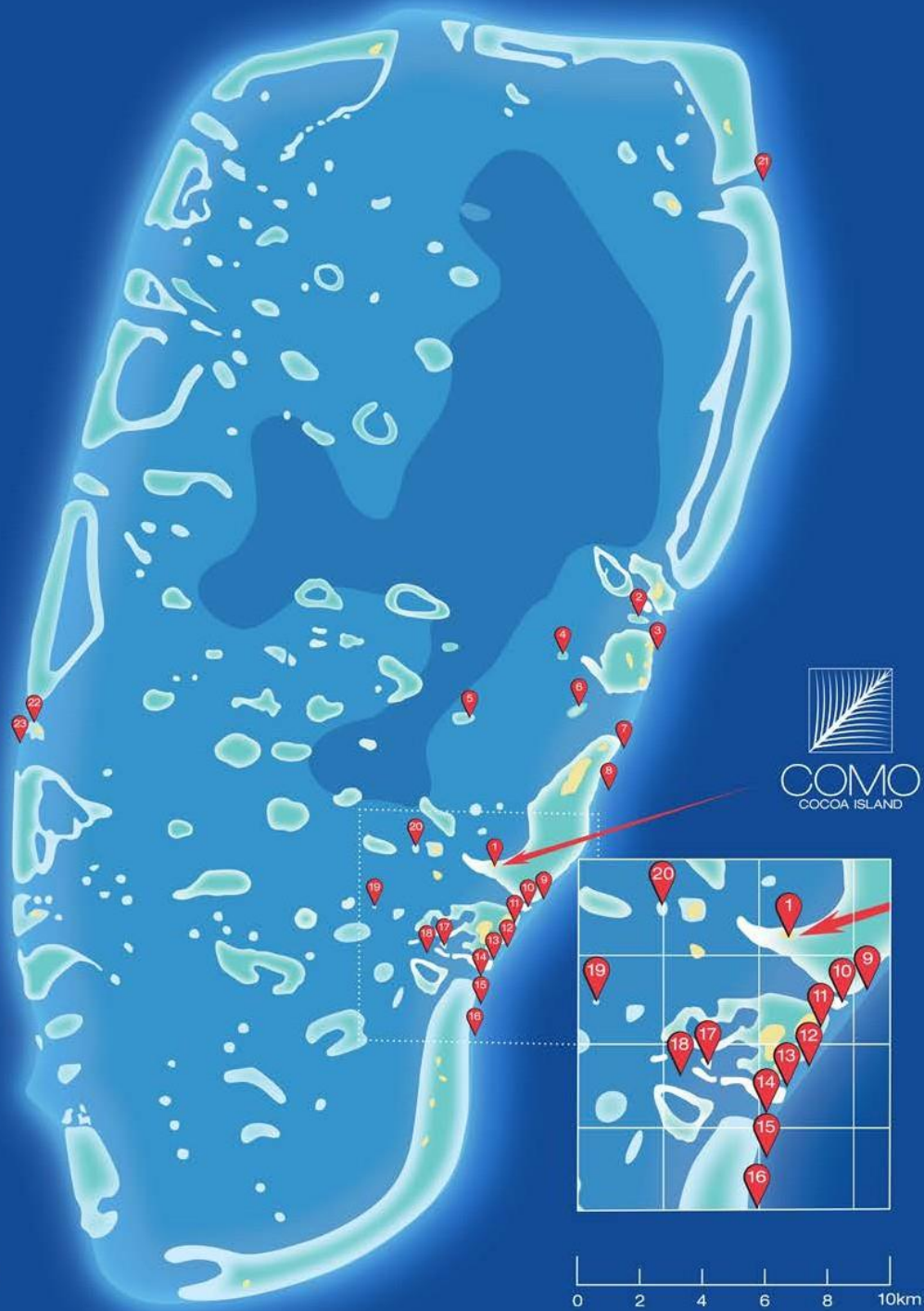


South Male atoll has many colourful and vibrant reefs, and every day we offer up to three dives at these wonderful locations. With a maximum of 30 minutes navigation by dhoni, we can easily reach and enjoy more than 20 world class dives sites. Guraidhoo Corner, Medu Faru, Lhos Fushi, Cocoa Corner, Kuda Giri, Kandooma Caves and the famous Cocoa Thila are only some of the possibilities offered by the area around COMO Cocoa Island.

All dives are guided, and divers are divided into small groups for maximum safety, comfort and underwater enjoyment. So just bring yourself, as we have everything else you require, including scuba diving equipment, towels, refreshments and many top dive sites awaiting to be discovered during your stay at COMO Cocoa Island.

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26. FOTTEYO KANDU^
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28. ALIMATHA^

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COMO COCOA ISLAND HOUSE REEF

You can dive almost directly into COMO Cocoa Island's house reef from your villa – one of our main highlights that make Cocoa Island a favourite bucket list destination. The reef itself is home to turtles, schools of jack fishes, white tip and black tip reef sharks, stingrays and octopus. It is quite common to meet hawksbill sea turtles and eagle rays too. A good spot for all level of divers and a perfect place to complete a diving course or to come in contact with the Maldivian underwater world.

Max depth	25 meters
Level	Beginners
Fish life	Comfortable clothing, sunglasses, sunscreen and camera
Travel time	0 mins
Rating	3/5

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GULHI THILA

Located in the middle of the Gulhi channel, this dive site is between Anantara Resort and Gulhi Island. It is a quite long thila subjected to constant currents that make for a scenic drift with the current. There are a number of overhangs which give good shelter in the strong currents often encountering nurse sharks, schools of blue striped snappers and humpback snappers as well as big schools of oriental sweetlips. Large groupers and Napoleon wrasse are quite common with visits from white tip sharks. What makes this dive site unique are the sea fans as well as colourful soft corals. A beautiful dive recommended for experienced divers due to the regular strong currents.

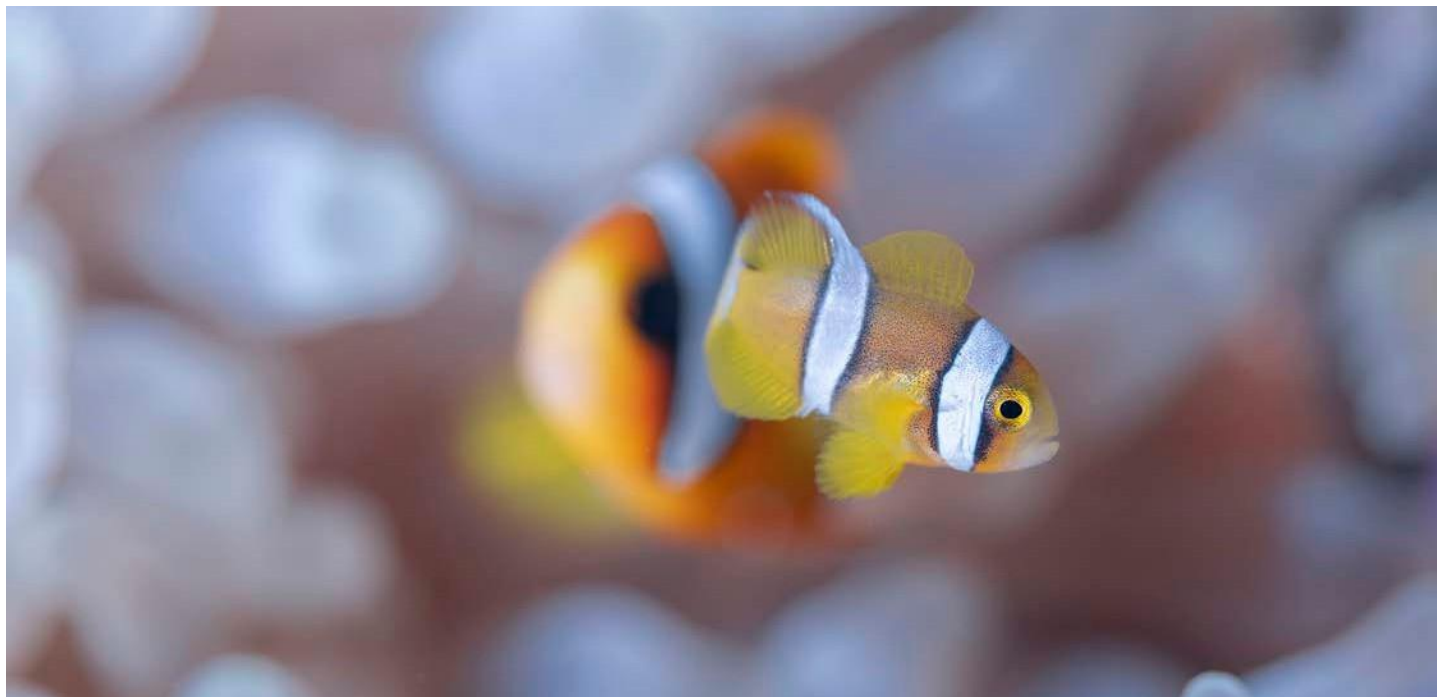
Max depth	30 meters
Level	Advanced Open Water Diver
Fish life	Great
Travel time	30 mins
Rating	3.5/5

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BUSHI OUT

The oceanic side of Anantara Resort reef, close to Bushi Island, is a wall dive suitable for every level of diver. The current here can be small so it is the ideal place to experience the first contact with a drift dive. It is common to spot different eel species, dogtooth tunas swimming in the blue and all kinds of Maldivian reef life.

Max depth	30 meters
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	25 mins
Rating	3/5

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KUDA GIRI

A sunken steel coastal trader is located in 20 – 35m of water, and now home to many small fish making for an enjoyable dive.

A large school of bat fish can be seen on or near the wreck making excellent photos. At various times of the year, the wreck's bridge is filled with yellow sweeper, with blue fin trevallies circling nearby waiting for an easy meal. After viewing the wreck, you can swim leisurely around the reef which is home to Clark's anemone, Maldivian anemone fish and fairy basslets.

Another feature is the numerous caves and overhangs which are filled with Soldier fish and sometimes large grouper.

Max depth	30 meters
Level	Advanced Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	20 mins
Rating	3.5/5

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BODU FUSHI

Attached to a sandbank, Bodu Fushi boasts a beautiful wall of soft corals with potential to see numerous nudibranchs, lion fish, scorpion fish and shrimps. It has interesting topography with overhangs and a swim through making for an interesting dive spot for divers of all levels. Remember to bring a torch to experience the beauty of the colourful soft coral wall.

Max depth	30 meters
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	20 mins
Rating	3/5

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MAAFUSHI CORNER

The North oceanic corner of Maafushi reef is a good place to drift along the outer reef and encounter fusiliers, barracudas, tunas, white tip, black tip and grey reef sharks. It's a dive site suitable for advanced divers because the currents in the area can be quite strong. Corners are the best places to experience the abundance of Maldivian marine life and to observe the different scenarios between an oceanic reef and the channel where we end the dive.

Max depth	30 meters
Level	Advanced Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	15 mins
Rating	3.5/5

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MAAFUSHI THILA

Another beautiful thila dive close to COMO Cocoa Island. A big thila located in the channel that separates the local island of Maafushi and Anantara Resort, it is constantly subject to currents that make this dive suitable for advanced divers. The area is well known for a large group of humpback parrotfish, as well as beautiful hard corals, where it is possible to spot turtles, cods, basslets and many other reef fish.

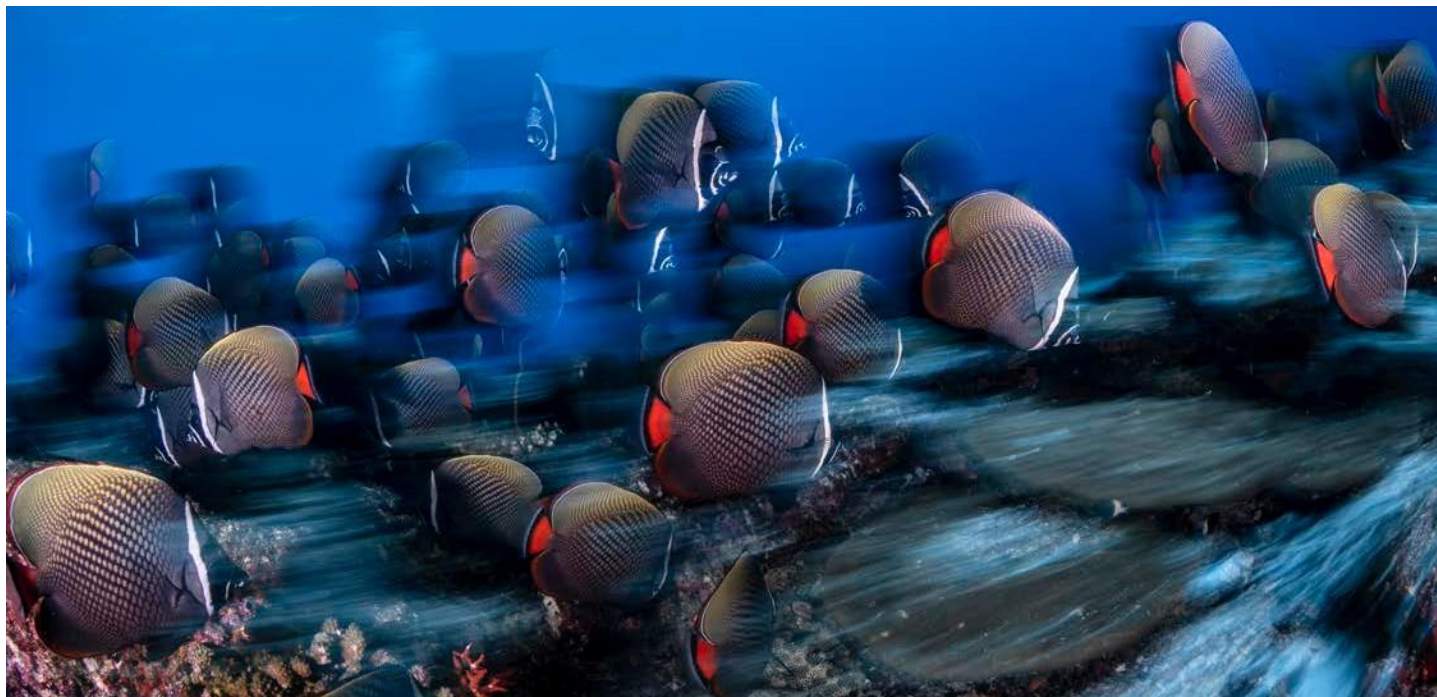
Max depth	30 meters
Level	Advanced Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	15 mins
Rating	3.5/5

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BACK MAAFUSHI

Close to Maafushi island, this oceanic wall dive can be the perfect place to drift and enjoy a small current. It is a very relaxing dive, one that is suitable for every level of diver, making it possible to complete a diving course and encounter all the reef life that makes Maldives a breathtaking diving destination. Expect humpback parrotfish and large schools of fusiliers to dogtooth tunas patrolling the reef.

Max depth	30 meters
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	15 mins
Rating	3/5

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COCOA CORNER

Drifting along the outer reef you can spot many fusiliers, turtles, white tip sharks, spotted eagle rays and grey reef sharks near the corner of this channel. Small overhangs with beautiful soft and hard coral, sea fans and sponges adorn the reef wall providing a kaleidoscope of colours making an attractive dive. Many groupers, sweetlips and soldier fish can be seen inhabiting the caves and an occasional honeycomb moray along the reef.

Max depth	30 meters
Level	Advanced Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	10 mins
Rating	3.5/5

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COCOA THILA

Located in the middle of the Cocoa channel, this dive site is just a short distance from the back of our island and is known as one of the 10 best sites of the Maldives. It is subject to constant currents, making the entry to the dive very important to be able to experience the full benefit of this spectacular dive. We descend into the blue water and let the current drift us onto the reef, where huge schools of fusiliers, red snappers and big eye trevally congregate at the Thila corner. Large tuna and giant trevally ride the currents with frequent sightings of up to five to 20 spotted eagle rays as you drift along the thila edge.

There are also colourful soft corals giving you a stunning view. On top of the reef, beautiful hard corals, reef fish and big green sea turtles can also be spotted. Drifting towards the end of the thila you will find common sightings of grey reef sharks and white tip sharks.

Max depth	30 meters
Level	Advanced Open Water Diver
Fish life	Excellent
Travel time	10 mins
Rating	5/5

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KANDOOMA CAVES

A group of four large caves in a row, with one over 70m long – making it one of the biggest underwater caves in the Maldives. Remember to bring a torch, because there are some beautiful sea whips, fans and soft coral around the entrances. Inside you will find soldier fish, bright yellow sponges dotting the roof of the main cave like stars, morays and often turtles or stingrays sheltering from the currents outside. Strong currents can be experienced making for a whirlwind dive.

Max depth	30 meters
Level	Advanced Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	15 mins
Rating	3.5/5

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BACK KANDOOMA

A very leisurely dive with many schools of fish located on the edge of the drop off. You can spot large schools of blue striped snappers, two spot snappers, fairy basslets, black pyramid butterfly fish and green turtles, which can be approached closely (please remember not to touch). Often skipjack tuna, trevally and napoleon wrasse can be seen along the drop off. A relaxing dive for all levels of divers.

Max depth	30 meters
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	15 mins
Rating	3/5

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LHOSFUSHI

An enjoyable dive along the outer reef slope, where you can encounter many schools of fusiliers, including the spectacularly colorful yellow backed fusilier. We descend to 30m to show you the elegant fire goby which is only found at this depth. You can also see blue and juvenile ribbon eels at the same location. As we ascend to the reef, white tip sharks are often seen sleeping on the bottom of the channel with frequent sightings of grey reef sharks and dogtooth tuna, and an abundant school of banner fish congregating near the corner of the channel. Depending on the current your exit point will be either drifting through the channel or following the reef into the shallows, but on both you will spot many butterfly and surgeon fish.

Max depth	30 meters
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	15 mins
Rating	4/5

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MEDU FARU

This is a very scenic dive with beautiful soft coral, and thousands of scalefin anthias often swirling in the current. There are a number of overhangs which give good shelter in the strong currents often encountered here. Large tuna are quite common and sometimes white tip sharks can be seen in numbers near the channel entrance. What makes this dive site unique is the regular sightings of large schools of grey reef sharks and eagle rays with a good incoming current. A decent dive, but recommended for experienced divers due to the regular strong currents.

Max depth	30 meters
Level	Advanced Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	15 mins
Rating	3.5/5

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GURAIHOO CORNER

Starting the dive along the outer reef provides a spectacle of many fusiliers and dog toothed tuna. Then as you drift towards the corner a large school of schooling banner fish feed in the current, indicating that the corner to the channel is close by. You will stop on or near the corner holding onto the bottom to watch the action of white tip sharks, grey sharks, spotted eagle rays, Giant trevally and large Napoleon cruising in current. If you are lucky a friendly Napoleon will approach you, making for excellent photography. From May to November hammerhead sharks can be seen in the right conditions, ensuring an unforgettable dive.

Max depth	30 meters
Level	Advanced Open Water Diver
Fish life	Great
Travel time	15 mins
Rating	4.5/5

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BACK GURAIIDHOO

A nice easy dive drifting along the edge of the reef where you can see many types of moray eels from honeycomb, white mouth, yellow mouth, giant moray and more. There is a good chance to spot octopus and lobsters, banded shrimp as well as mantis shrimp. There is good hard coral life here, as well as the chance to spot bigger fish such as giant trevally, dogtooth tuna, barracuda, eagle rays, turtles and white tip sharks.

Max depth	20 meters
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	20 mins
Rating	3.5/5

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BACK AQUARIUM

Located in a very sheltered area, this dive site is perfect for beginners and for all the divers looking for a quiet and relaxed way to enjoy the reef life. Schooling blue stripe snappers and humpback snappers swarm around the reef coral blocks and octopus can be found hiding away along all the length of the dive site. During the Manta season is possible to spot manta ray and spend time with these gentle giants as they dance or take some memorable photos and videos.

Max depth	20 meters
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	15 mins
Rating	3/5

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SAND DUNE

A popular site during Manta season, as it is a Manta cleaning station. With the right currents two or four Manta rays can be seen at any one time circling the single rock, waiting to be cleaned. We spend a minimum of 20 minutes waiting or watching Mantas circling only metres away, making for an amazing experience. On the rock there are many different species of shrimp and anemone fish with a vast number of garden eels at the bottom, making for an interesting dive on its own.

Max depth	20 meters
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	15 mins
Rating	4/5

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WAGGIRI

A sheltered reef which is home to many interesting small marine creatures and soft coral. A good dive to find nudibranchs, shrimp, scorpion fish, fire and arrow goby located around the reef. There is a very good opportunity of spotting the longnose hawkfish which inhabits the small black coral trees at around 20 – 25m, where you can also see hundreds of very long garden eels feeding in the gentle current. The dive will take you right around the small reef, providing many new or interesting sightings to put into your logbook.

Max depth	30 meters
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	15 mins
Rating	3/5

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BIYAADHOO GIRI

Another sheltered reef close to Cocoa Island, it is a perfect spot to find nudibranchs, eels, shrimps, have a relaxing dive or complete a diving course. Protected from the oceanic currents, it offers an abundance of schooling fish. Butterfly fish, moorish idols, oriental sweet lips and schools of blue-striped snappers, fusiliers and unicorn fish can be found in large numbers across the length of the reef.

Max depth	30 meters
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	10 mins
Rating	3/5

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EMBOODHOO EXPRESS

Embudhoo Express is a two-kilometre drift dive through the protected marine area of Embudhoo Kanduu. While you are traversing the channel, it is very likely to spot grey and white reef sharks, Manta rays, eagle rays, barracudas, big-eyed trevallies, Napoleon wrasses, batfish and yellowfin tuna. The current can be quite strong, which is why Embudhu Express is only recommended for advanced divers with drift diving skills. You can dive here year-round but the best diving conditions are found during the wet season, between June and November..

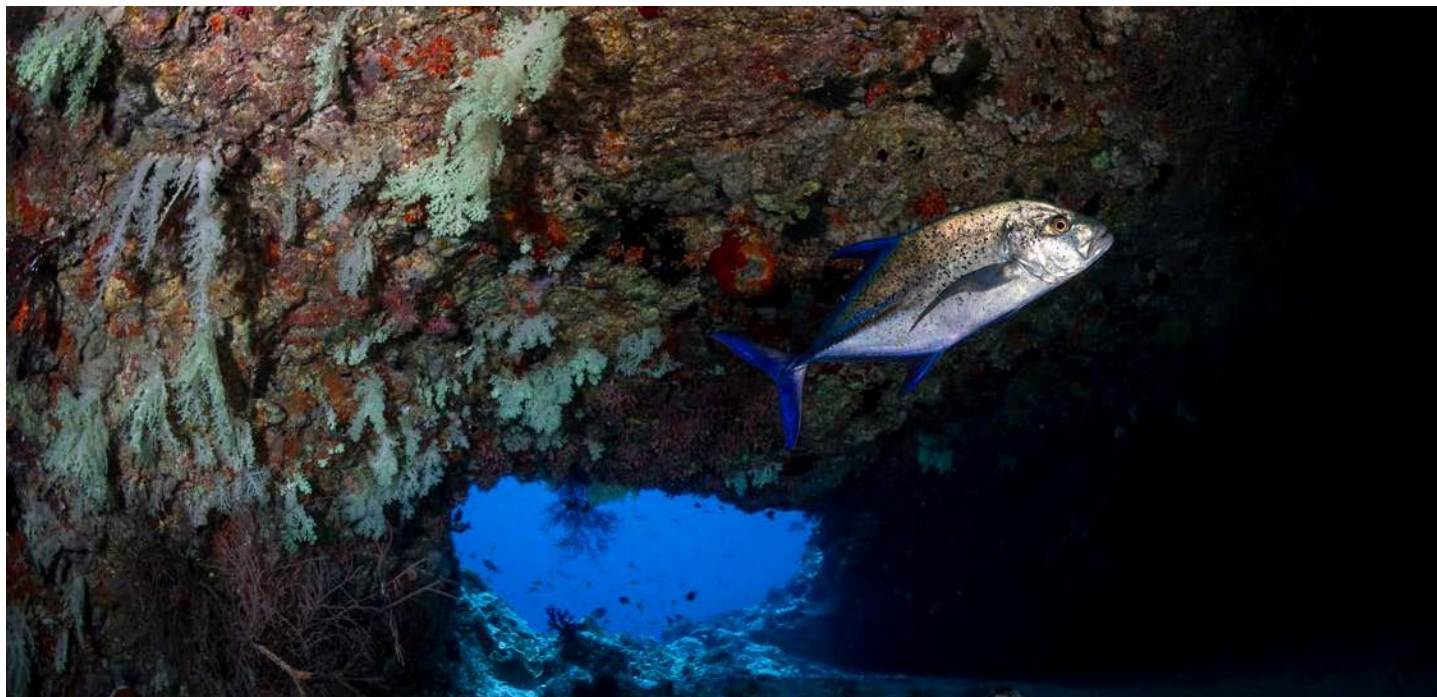
Max depth	30 meters
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	45 mins
Rating	3.5/5

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VAAGALI CAVES

This dive is located on the west side of South Male atoll and offers plenty of colourful fish life and amazing features of overhangs. The formations of this reef and channel are the territory of Napoleon wrasse and groupers, along with barracudas. A dive spot where it is easy to see eagle rays, tunas, blue fin jacks, trevallies, black snappers, white tip reef sharks and nurse sharks. The top reef is completely covered with hard coral and it is quite common to finish the dive surrounded by a large school of banner fish.

Max depth	30 meters
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	45 mins
Rating	3/5

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VAAGALI THILA

This small thila located in the Vaagali channel on the west side of South Male atoll can be dived around within one hour.

The thila has many blocks and a nice terrace, with the top being 10 metres deep, suitable for beginner divers too.

Vaagali Thila offers a steep reef with stony corals and on the Indian Ocean side, crowds of unicorns, sweetlips, yellow and five line snappers, red tooth trigger fish, mackerels, barracudas and huge tunas provide a fascinating backdrop. On the outside reef it is possible to spot grey reef and white tip reef sharks, as well as many adult lobsters and different species of moray eels in the small reef overhangs.

Max depth	30 meters
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Great
Travel time	45 mins
Rating	3.5/5

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FISH TANK

Located in North Male atoll, Fish Tank, also known as Fish Factory or Stingray City, is one of the most thrilling dive sites in the Maldives. With a large school of stingrays and all types of moray eels, this dive site gives divers of all levels the opportunity to visit an extremely easy but breathtaking habitat bursting with multiple species of tropical fish.

Max depth	30 meters
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Great
Travel time	60 mins (by speedboat)
Rating	3.5/5

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MIYARU KANDU

A protected marine area, Miyaru Kandu offers divers a wonderful place to explore many caves, coral formations and ocean life in Vaavu Atoll. Located on the southern side of the passage, next to a prominent reef, this particular site is comprised of the main channel which runs nearly 300 metres and is filled with marine life.

Here it is possible to see many coral rocks and formations that are covered in coral growth as well. There is one particular rock that rises a stunning 10 metres above the ocean floor and certainly makes for a popular sight. In addition, there is a rather prominent cave on the north corner of the site that is roughly 30 metres deep.

Max depth	30 meters
Level	Advanced Open Water Diver
Fish life	Excellent
Travel time	60 mins (by speedboat)
Rating	4.5/5

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FOTTEYO KANDU

Fotteyo Kandu is a North-facing narrow channel that features swim-throughs and large overhangs, as well as several nice caves located between 25-40 metre depth near the entrance of the channel. It is best to start this dive at the outer corner of channel at about 22 metre depth. This place is a Mecca for marine biologists and a paradise for photographers. Vast array of marine life can be found here, as well as a wide variety of colourful soft and hard corals, making this dive unforgettable. If diving early in the morning, you will have a chance to see hammerhead sharks, eagle rays (on the outer side of the channel), titan triggerfish (many of them inside the channel), potato groupers, grey reef sharks, schools of white trevally, tuna, barracuda, surgeon fish, swordfish, as well as turtles. At the end of the day it is sometimes possible to encounter a group of about 50 dolphins drifting down the channel.

Max depth	30 meters
Level	Advanced Open Water Diver
Fish life	Excellent
Travel time	80 mins (by speedboat)
Rating	5/5

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DEVANA KANDU

The channel is divided in the middle by a 250-metre long reef. The entire channel encompassing both the north and south passage has been declared a marine protected area. With an ingoing current, divers can experience one of the most exhilarating drift dives in Vaavu Atoll. On the outside reef are caves and overhangs that drop vertically from 30 metres to the depths below. Grey reef sharks, eagle rays and pelagics are seen around the entrance to both passages, mostly during the north-east monsoon.

Max depth	30 meters
Level	Advanced Open Water Diver
Fish life	Great
Travel time	70 mins (by speedboat)
Rating	4/5

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ALIMATHAA

Located in the Vaavu Atoll, Alimatha Jetty is one of the most beloved dive sites in the Maldives. The shallow reef is home to a multitude of nurse sharks, rays, schools of giant trevallies, eagle rays and reef sharks. It is truly a great spot for underwater photography. A very easy and relaxed dive, it is the perfect place to complete a diving course or enjoy the abundance of marine life that make this spot unforgettable

Max depth	25 meters
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	50 mins (by speedboat)
Rating	4/5

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