

Diving Information

Diving in the Maldives is an amazing experience. So to ensure your enjoyment, comfort and safety, we kindly ask you to read the following information. Maalifushi by COMO Marine Sports Centre requires all divers to hold an international SCUBA diving license and we ask you to show this, along with your logbook, at the Marine Sports Centre before diving. You may have to partake in an orientation dive on the house reef as part of Maldivian diving regulations.

Other Maldivian regulations include:

- 1. No dive deeper than 30 meters
- 2. All dives are to be no decompression dives.
- 3. Open water divers or CMAS 1 star are limited to 20m

Many of the dives in the Maldives involve currents and drift dives, so please listen to the advice and instructions of the guides and dive within your limitations. We want you to enjoy your dives safely.

General

Maalifushi Dive Centre hours are from 08:00 to 18:00. For added safety, we ask all divers to have 24 hours between the last dive and flying. We provide a basket for you to keep your diving and personal equipment in while diving with us. During this time we will take the utmost care of your equipment, but no responsibility for any loss or damage. Please do not leave valuables in the basket, hand them into the Marine Sports Centre, or please leave them in your room. Dive baskets and wetsuits are locked away at night. Wash tank and showers are available for washing of equipment.

Orientation Dive

Conducted at 9:30 and 14:00 daily. All divers require an orientation dive, unless you have proof of more than 30 dives and/or have been diving within the last three months. The orientation dive consists of a dive on the house reef or nearby dive site, with an instructor/guide, who will get you to demonstrate three skills*:

- 1 Regulator recovery and clear
- 2 Mask clearing
- 3 Alternate air source breathing

*After completing these skills, you will be guided around the dive site, being shown the interesting marine life and topography.



Diving Reservations

These can be made at the Marine Sports Centre reception, before 17:30 the day before the scheduled dive. We provide a description and dive map of each dive site to help you with your reservations.

If you are unsure whether you will dive the next day, we recommend you proceed with pre-booking your dive ahead of time. This will allow us to make the necessary preparations and will ensure you avoid disappointment should the boat or diving schedule be full. For cancellation, please contact the Marine Sports Centre before the time of departure. We do not charge for cancellation for diving.

Weekly Diving Schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8.00-10.30	2 tank	Morning	2 tank	Morning	2 tank	Morning	Morning
	Boat	Boat Dive	Boat	Boat Dive	Boat	Boat Dive	Boat Dive
10.00-12.00	Dive	Morning Boat Dive	ning Dive	Morning Boat Dive	Dive	Morning Boat Dive	Morning Boat Dive
9.30-12.00	Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning
	DSD HR	DSD HR	DSD HR	DSD HR	DSD HR	DSD HR	DSD HR
9.30-12.00	Orientation	Orientation	Orientation	Orientation	Orientation	Orientation	Orientation
	Dive HR	Dive HR	Dive HR	Dive HR	Dive HR	Dive HR	Dive HR
12:00-14:00				Lunch			
14.00-16.30	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon
	Boat Dive	Boat Dive	Boat Dive	Boat Dive	Boat Dive	Boat Dive	Boat Dive
14.00-16.30	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon
	DSD HR	DSD HR	DSD HR	DSD HR	DSD HR	DSD HR	DSD HR
14.00-16.30	Orientation	Orientation	Orientation	Orientation	Orientation	Orientation	Orientation
	Dive HR	Dive HR	Dive HR	Dive HR	Dive HR	Dive HR	Dive HR
18.15-19.30	Night Snorkel HR		Night Dive HR	Night Dive HR	Night Snorkel HR		Night Dive HR

^{*}To book Diving courses or Discover Scuba Diving, please contact the Marine Sports Centre or your Guest Services 1 day in advance, to avoid disappointment.



Dive Sites

With around 20 local dive sites, you will have many options to choose from, so please see the descriptions of the dive sites or ask our diving staff for recommendations. We endeavor to match up diving ability to local dive conditions to ensure your safety and enjoyment.

Diving Options

We offer three boat dives a day to a variety of nearby reefs, two house reef dives per day, opportunities for half and full day diving trips by speedboat, night diving and a full range of PADI diving courses from first experience through to certification courses. A lot of the courses are now able to be conducted via e-learning, through the PADI website. To increase learning flexibility and maximize your diving experiences while on Maalifushi, you can complete your theory in the comfort of your own home.

Boat Diving

We have appr. 20 dive sites including our one day safaris around the atoll with travel time ranging between 10 minutes to 45 minutes. We endeavor to cater for all levels and experience, with safety and enjoyment our number one priorities. If you have any questions please ask our helpful instructors.

We ask you to be at the Marine Sports Centre 15 minutes before the dive time to give sufficient time for equipment inspection and pre-dive briefing. Our dives are conducted mainly from a locally made boat called a Dhoni, which provides a pleasant, relaxed atmosphere during the journey to and from the dive sites.

Time: 08:00, 10:00 or 14:00



Nitrox Diving

On request, we arrange complimentary nitrox dives for certified enriched air divers. If you are not certified yet, but would like to try, we can offer a Nitrox Introduction Dive or a Nitrox Diver Course. Please contact the Marine Sports Centre staff for further information.

House Reef Diving

If you choose to go house reef diving, we require you to join our Orientation Dive led by an instructor.

Time: 9:30 or 14:00

Half and Full Day Diving Excursions

Explore private diving charters by speed boat to a number of exciting locations in Thaa Atoll. Please ask the diving staff for options and availability.

Night Diving

Night dives are scheduled 3 days a week or on request. Please make a reservation at the Marine Sports Centre. A surcharge of US\$15 will be applied for night diving, which includes torch rental.

Time: 18:15 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday (or on request)

UV Night Fluoro Diving

UV Night Fluoro diving is a new experience, where you will see corals in an amazing new light. Book a night fluoro dive to experience it firsthand. Please make a reservation at the Marine Sports Centre. A surcharge of US\$40 will be applied for Fluoro night diving, which includes a torch and special lens rental.

Time: 18:15 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday (or on request)



PADI Diving Courses

We offer a wide range of PADI diving courses, from the first breath underwater on your Discover SCUBA Diving to advanced rescue scenarios during the Rescue Course. All our courses are taught by PADI certified instructors, ensuring an enjoyable learning experience by our professional staff. Our class sizes are limited to cater for each guests needs, combined with the excellent facilities and an open air classroom, it provides the right surroundings to learn in comfort.

We are able to offer each course in various languages. Please talk to our instructors if your language is available for you. All activities are taken at the guests' risk. The Marine Sports Centre holds no responsibility whatsoever for property damage or personal injury, which may occur to the guests during such activities. All prices are in US dollars.

	Equipment Included	Tank and weights
Snorkel lessons	US\$50	
Bubble Maker	US\$ 100	
Discover Scuba	US\$ 100	
Discover Scuba Diving Subsequent	US\$ 200 US\$ 150	
Scuba Diver	US\$ 535	
Upgrade - Scuba Diver to OWD	US\$415	
Scuba Review	US\$ 275	US\$ 255
Open Water Diver	US\$875	
Open Water E-Learning Credit	-US\$130	
Open Water Referral	US\$ 605	
Adventure Diver	US\$ 485	US\$460
Advanced Open Water Diver	US\$ 735	US\$710
Rescue Diver	US\$ 945	



Speciality Courses

Enriched Air (1 dive)	US\$ 295
Deep Diver (4 dives)	US\$ 630
Night Diver (3 dives)	US\$ 460
Drift Diver or PPB (2 dives)	US\$ 320
U/W Photographer (incl. camera rental) (2 dives)	US\$ 370
Emergency First Responder (EFR) (no dives)	US\$ 275

Diving Rates (Prices per Dive)

	Equipment	Tank and weights
1 – 4 Dives	US\$ 110	US\$ 95
5 Dive Package	US\$ 500	US\$ 425
6 – 9 Dives	US\$ 100	US\$ 85
10 Dive Package	US\$ 950	US\$ 800
11 + Dives	US\$ 95	US\$ 80
Night dive surcharge (incl. torch rental)	US\$ 15	US\$ 15
Fluoro Night dive surcharge (incl. UV torch)	US\$ 40	US\$ 40
Private Guide surcharge (up to 4 divers)	US\$ 250	US\$ 250
Enriched air per tank surcharge	Free	Free



Equipment Rental (Prices per Dive)

BCD	US\$8
Regulator	US\$8
Wetsuit	US\$8
Computer	US\$8
Torch	US\$ 15

Diving prices are inclusive of boat fee. Equipment included is mask, snorkel, fins, BCD, regulator, octopus, pressure gauge, computer, wetsuit, weights and weight belt and tank.

Diving Day Trip by Speedboat

This can be arranged on a private or request basis (minimum numbers required), please ask the diving staff, for more information.

Environmental Awareness

Our Marine Biologist, who is available to answer any questions you may have, also asks you to be aware of the reef, and marine creatures protecting them while you enjoy the amazing experience and colour of the underwater world.



Maalifushi by COMO offers a wide range of amazing experiences. We would like you to enjoy all the activities on offer in, on or under the water so kindly read the following information.

General

Maalifushi by COMO Water Sports and Excursion Centre hours are from 9:00 to 18:00. We will stop renting kayaks, windsurfing boards, SUPs and catamarans after 17:30, as sunset is very short in the tropics, and we want to ensure you are back from your fun and activities prior to this.

All activities are taken at the guests' risk. The Water Sports and Excursion Centre holds no responsibility whatsoever for property damage or personal injury, which may occur to the guest during such activities.

Snorkeling Equipment

We offer complimentary usage of snorkeling equipment during your stay with us, so that you may enjoy the amazing marine environment. These are available from the Water Sports and Excursion Centre. When snorkeling, be aware of currents in the water and practice safe swimming by wearing a life jacket, even if you are a capable swimmer. You should always ensure someone knows where you are snorkeling, and your return time. We provide detailed briefing on safety and snorkeling location upon issuing of snorkeling equipment. Kindly return your snorkel equipment until 5.30pm the day before your departure.

Environmental Awareness

We would ask you to be aware of the reef, and marine creatures preserving and protecting them while you enjoy the amazing experience and colour of the underwater world. Always snorkel horizontally, never kicking or standing on the coral reef. Please refrain from collecting or touching shells and marine creatures, as some are highly venomous. Explore the reefs with the marine biologist by joining the Aqua Safari, and learn as you enjoy the snorkel experience.

Marine Biologist Presentation

Spend an evening listening to informative talks once a week at Thila Bar, where marine life, environmental and marine ecosystem topics will be presented. You can ask questions, or just talk about your findings during your time around the island – be it shells, fish, birds or other island creatures – he is happy to assist with identification and how it interacts with the rest of the ecosyster. Our resident Marine Biologist is available to answer any questions you may have during your stay.

Time: 19:00 to 19:30 on Thursday at Thila Bar



Marine Life Reference Information

In the Marine Sports Centre are a range of fish and coral identification books so you can make the post cards home all the more informative or join our Marine Life presentation conducted by our Marine Biologist on Sunday at 18.30pm at Tai Restaurant including fish feeding.

Time: 18:30 to 19:00 on Sunday at Tai Restaurant

Water Sports Activities and Excursion Schedule

To book your activities and excursions, please contact the Marine Sports Centre or your Guest Service Agent. We would appreciate if you informed your intention in advance, to avoid disappointment. Please ensure your bookings are made prior to these times:

Snorkeling 17:30 the day before
Local Island Cultural Excursion 10:00 on the day of the trip
Splash Cruise, Sunset Fishing & 12:00 on the day of trip
Sunset Dolphin Cruise

SNORKELING EXCURSIONS

Coral Garden Excursion

Enjoy the vibrant coral colours found while guided around the reef. The untouched reefs, schools of fish and marine life are amazing.

Time: 10:00 to 12:00 on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday

Price per person: US\$50/2 hours (minimum 1 guest)

Price per child: US\$25/2 hours (age 4 and below is complimentary)

Private Charter: US\$300/2 hours (maximum 4 guests) by Wahoo Speedboat

US\$500/2 hours (maximum 6 guests) by MLF 6

Turtle Expedition

Head to one of the turtle rich reefs where encounters with turtles are a highlight. The Marine Biologist will also give you some interesting facts and antidotes prior to heading out to start the expedition.

Time: 10:00 to 12:00 on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday

Price per person: US\$55/2 hours (minimum 1 guest)

Price per child: US\$27.50/2 hours (age 4 and below is complimentary)
Private Charter: US\$300/2 hours (maximum 4 guests) by Wahoo Speedboat

US\$500/2 hours (maximum 6 guests) by MLF 6

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Guided Aqua Safari*

Join the Marine Biologist to expand your marine knowledge, and unlock the mysteries of the coral reef, as they guide you around, pointing out and explaining the relationships and marine life interactions.

Time: 14:00 to 16:00 on Tuesday
Price per person: U\$\$70/2 hours (minimum 1 guest)
Private: U\$\$200/2 hours (per couple)

Time: 14:00 to 16:00 on Friday

Price per child: US\$35/2 hours (minimum age 7)

Maximum: 2 children (parents to sign a waiver of liability prior to the

excursion)

Night Snorkel

See the Maalifushi nightlife - coral reef style. Explore and find the shy creatures only seen at night. Small numbers ensure a comfortable experience, and a highlight of a holiday. Torches will be provided.

Time: 18:30 to 19:30 on Thursday and Sunday

Price per person: US\$70/1 hour

Price per child: US\$35/1 hour (minimum age 7)
Private: US\$200/1 hour (per couple)

Whale Shark Night Snorkel (only from Dec to April 6-10pm)

Price per person: US\$150/2 hour for boat observation (minimum 2 guests)
Price per person: US\$250/2 hour for snorkeling (minimum 2 guests)
Kindly register with the Marine Sports Center due to limited spaces available.

UV Fluoro Night Snorkel

Maalifushi 70s disco underwater. Using special torches and lenses for your mask to see the radical colours that corals emit, making the coral reef a disco dance floor. UV special fluoro torches will be provided.

Time: 18:30 to 19:30 on Thursday and Sunday

Price per person: US\$100/1 hour

Price per child: US\$50/ 1 hour (minimum age 7)



CRUISES AND EXCURSIONS

Splash Cruise and dolphins

Try a sunset cruise with a twist – or a splash – and join us on our Splash Cruise. Bring your swim wear and relax in the cargo nets as the water washes over you. If we are lucky some dolphins can be encountered on the way. With the sun setting on the horizon and a refreshing drink in your hand, there is no better way to end the day.

Time: 16:30 to 18:30 on Tuesday, Wednesday and

Price per person: Sunday US\$95/2 hours

Private Charter: US\$500/2 hours (on availability)

(+ 25\$ per person for food and drinks)

Price per child: US\$47.50/2 hours (minimum age 7)

Sunset Dolphin Cruise

Shortly before sunset we invite you for an exciting encounter you will never forget. Prior to heading out, our Marine Biologist will give you a short informational briefing about these amazing mammals. Then watch our wild local dolphins in their real environment while they are migrating in pods of sometimes 50-100 animals through our atoll. Watch their aerobatic jumping out of the water or them bow riding along our boat. After that you can enjoy the beautiful sunset while sipping wine or champagne with a gourmet canapé platter while heading back to the harbour.

Time: 16:30 to 18:30 on Monday, Thursday and Saturday

Price per person: US\$95/2 hours

Private Charter: US\$500/2 hours (+25\$ per person for food and drinks)

Price per child: US\$47.50/2 hours

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CRUISES AND EXCURSIONS

Local Island Cultural Excursion

Join the 2 hour cultural excursion to the local island of Guraidhoo, where time slows, being relative to the rising and sinking of the sun. See how island life has existed for hundreds of years. Stroll the streets while your guide points out the features of the island, then return to enjoy a local café for some short eats where you may find a few children kicking the ball around the coconut trees prior to returning to Maalifushi.

Time: 14:00 to 16:00 on Monday and Saturday

Price per person: US\$60/2 hours (minimum 1 guest)

Price per child: US\$30/2 hours

Private Charter: US\$300/2 hours (maximum 4 guests)

Private Boat Charters

for maximum 6 Persons on Maalifushi 6

Private boat charters can be tailored to meet your particular waterborne interests. Please note that if you like to visit the nearest resort which is 1 hour away from Maalifushi, we need to seek advanced permission prior to confirming.

Half Day Charter

Price per trip: US\$1000/4 hours (maximum 6 guests)

Inclusions: snorkeling equipment, soft drinks, water and fruits

Full Day Charter

Price per trip: US\$1500/8 hours (maximum 6 guests) snorkeling

Inclusions: equipment, soft drinks, water and fruits

A separate selection of food & drinks is available for you to choose from our menu at additional cost.

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CRUISES AND EXCURSIONS

Sunset Bottom Fishing

Head out to enjoy the spectacular sunset and put your luck and skill to the test with a spot of reef fishing, the way Maldivian fisherman have done for centuries. Your catch will be brought to the MADI restaurant and our chef will cook it to your liking for the next day's lunch.

All hand lines and bait will be provided. For more information and bookings please contact Guest Services or drop by the Marine Sports Center to make a booking.

*We practice responsible fisheries in Thaa Atoll where we are allowed to keep maximum of one fish per person or three fishes per couple. Once you have reached your quota, you may continue to fish using the "catch and release" method. The size of the fish to keep has to be more than 10 inches or 25.5cm long. Anything of this size or below has to be released back to the ocean."

Time: 17:30 to 19:30 on Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Price per person: US\$120/2 hours (maximum 10 guests)

Price per child: US\$60/2 hours

Private Charter: US\$500 (+40\$ per person cooking)

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WATER SPORTACTIVITIES

For other on the water fun in the sun activities, please visit the Water Sports Centre next to the Reception where one of our staff will help you.

We kindly request that all water sports equipment is returned before 17:30, for your safety and so you can be back on the island to enjoy the spectacular sunsets.

Kayak, Stand up Paddles (SUP) and Windsurfing complimentary rental We offer you a range of kayak, SUPs and windsurfing equipment for you to enjoy the beautiful lagoon area. These are available from the Water Sports Centre, and are on first come, first served basis. We have different levels of windsurfing boards, and a selection of sails for you to use.

A private tuition can be arranged with our water sports staff.

Water Ski Lesson	US\$80/30 mins.
Windsurfing Lesson	US\$75/hour
Sailing Lesson	US\$75/hour

Guided Kayak and SUP

Join the Kayak or SUP Tour, cruising and visiting local points of interest. The tour is 2 hours in length, so we suggest suitable sun / weather protection according to the days' conditions.

Time: 15:00 to 17:00 on Tuesday and 10:00 to 12:00 on Friday for Kayak

Snorkel Adventure

Price per person: US\$40/2 hours

Time: 14:00 to 16:00 on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday for Guided SUP Tour

or Kayak Tour

Price per person: US\$40/2 hours



Catamaran Sailing

Enjoy the peaceful experience or exciting action that sailing a catamaran can offer. Sail around the lagoon and get away on your own. If you are unsure how, or you would like the experience of our Captain, we can provide a Captain to take you away, pointing out the interesting sights, or provide some pointers for your future sailing outings. A 10 minutes check sail will be required should you sail without Captain.

Time: On request and availability

Price: US\$70/1 hour (maximum 2 guests)

Guided Catamaran Sail & Snorkel

Head out and away, with our Captain, sailing and snorkelling around the atoll, visiting the many uninhabited islands and sand banks, travelling in harmony with the wind and the water. For reservations please contact your Guest Service Agent or the Water Sports Centre the day before.

Time: 14:00 to 16:00 on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Price per couple: US\$120/2 hours

Water Skiing, Wake Boarding and Water Toys

Let us take you out and just have some fun, be it water skiing, wake boarding or water toys. Whether you are experienced or trying for the first time we will provide suitable equipment and experience for the thrills that you seek. We request that you make a reservation at least two hours prior to the activity at the Water Sports Centre.

Water Ski	US\$70/20 mins
Wake Board	US\$70/20 mins
Ring or Inflatable Tube	US\$70/20 mins



Complimentary

Enjoy your holiday around the water: complimentary use of mask, snorkel, fins, kayak, SUP, windsurfs and catamaran (without Captain) and life vest, during your stay at Maalifushi by COMO.

Children

Infants and toddlers age 0 to 2 can join all excursions complimentary. Children age 3 to 11 will be charged at a 50% discounted rate for excursions and food & drinks only. All children age 12 and below need to be accompanied by a parental quardian.

Lost Equipment

Any lost, damage or unreturned rental equipment will be charged and added to your room account.

Others

All diving/activities are taken at the guests' risk. The Marine Sports Centre holds no responsibility whatsoever for property damage or personal injury, which may occur to the guest during such activities.

Settlement

For your convenience, any charges relating to diving and activities will be charged to your room account and can be settled on your departure from the resort.

Gratuities

In appreciation of outstanding service, gratuities for our team may be left at your discretion. For your convenience, gratuities may be charged directly to your room.

Charges

A 10% service charge and prevailing government tax will be added to all services.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Excursions & Water Sport Activities

Should you wish to cancel your watersport activities, please allow us 2 hours notice prior to the trip or a 50% cancellation fee will be charged. 'No Shows' will be charged at the full activity price. Cancellations through the Marine Sports Center due to bad weather will not be charged.

Diving

Please contact the Dive Centre prior to dive departure time to advise cancellation. No cancellations fee applies for diving activities.



SPORTS AND GAME FISHING INFORMATION

Fishing has traditionally been carried out from every inhabited island of the Maldives. With fish being an integral part of the Maldivian diet, it is also their livelihood and their heritage. Head out on to the sea, and put your skills to the test with help and knowledge of our Maldivian crew on board.

Fishing Tour Options

Half day Charter 4 hours between:

Morning: From 6 am till 10 am* Price: 4 hours at US\$1000

Afternoon: From 2 pm till 6 pm Price: 4 hours at US\$1000

Full day Charter 8 hours:

Between 6 am till 4 pm Price: US\$1500

Fishing trips can be arranged outside these times upon request.

To support sustainable fishing in the Maldives, we request all billfish to be catch and release. Your fish will be cooked to your liking by our professional kitchen team the day after in MADI Restaurant.

Full fishing guidance and coaching by our professional guide on board. All charters inclusive of soft drinks and water. Rates are based on up to 4 persons, add US\$20 per extra person, max 2 extra persons. Charter extension US\$150 per hour (subject to availability).

*Breakfast will be delivered and served on the boat.



FISHING BOAT AND EQUIPMENT

Boat Specifications

Boat Name: Maalifushi 6

Boat Type: Gulf Craft/Sport Fishing 38

Length / Width: 11.6m / 3.3m

Engines: 2 x 200 hp Cruising Speed: 32 knots

Amenities on board: Toilet and ice box

Game Fishing

We use some of the best equipment, with tried and tested lures for the local conditions to help improve your luck.

Game Fishing Equipment Specifications

Rods, Penn International 15, 24 and 37 kgs.

Reel, PennInternational II, 2 speed reels.

80 W

50 SW

30 SW

Line, tournament 24kg and 37kg monofilament. Hooks,

Mustad stainless steel game hooks.

Lures, a selection of locally proven skirted and bibbed lures. The crew will select lures to be used, based on a number the following factors: Water visibility, action of the lure, colour of the lure, light conditions, time of day, current and season.

SPORTS FISHING

Working the reefs that adorn the atolls, large reef fish such as Giant and Blue Fin Trevally, Red Snapper and Dog Tooth Tuna are the prize catches in casting. Experience the thrill or frustration of fighting a true champion of the reef, but don't always expect to be a winner.