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MALDIVES

story of a small island

Ocean stories

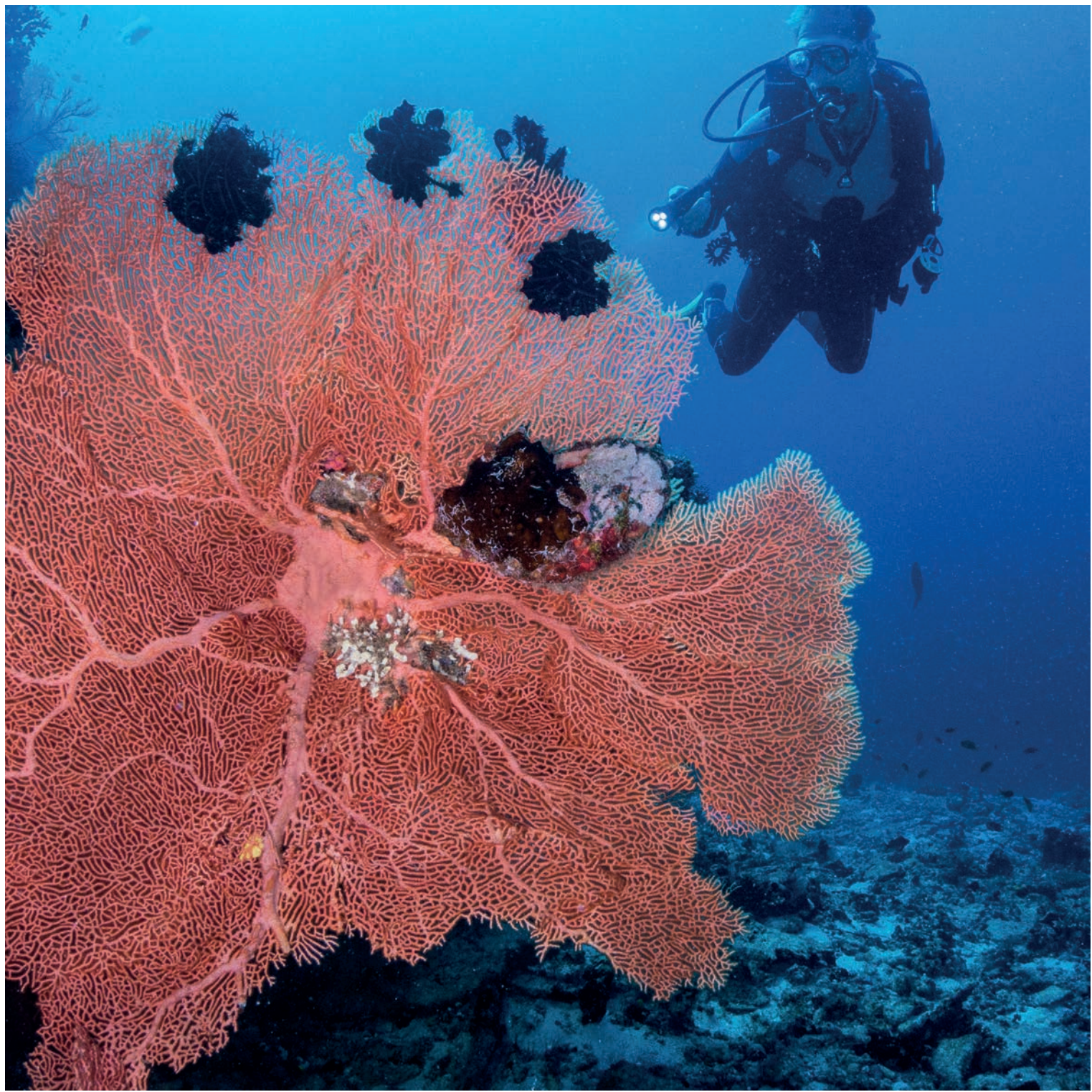


Our ocean stories

While the beauty of the Maldives is breathtaking, what you'll find below the surface is even more moving.

Our experienced team has the keys to the best dive sites in the atoll and welcomes everyone, from novices on their first dive to experts logging their 1000th dive.

From kayaks and zayaks, to stand up paddle boards, windsurfing and catamarans, here's where your fun begins. For something completely different, make time for a trip over the reef in our transparent canoe and see what's really swimming beneath your feet.



Aquatic Centre

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The ocean stirs the heart, inspires
the imagination and brings
eternal joy to the soul

WYLAND

We share our passion and knowledge for marine life and our credo is to leave you with an enduring memory by unfolding and exploring the unheard stories about the marine life that surrounds us. At Milaidhoo we're fortunate to have a healthy house reef right on our doorstep, which is in a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve. The coral reefs are dazzling with the living colours of a countless number of fish species.

Marine Centre

At the Ocean Stories Aquatic Centre, our marine biologist and the team are here to enhance your underwater experience by answering any questions you might have about the underwater world or the environment.

You can join the marine biologist on different explorations and activities or simply come along to the Aquatic Centre where we'll be pleased to answer everything you always wanted to know about the fascinating marine life.

We'll do presentations about different topics to offer you more insight into the world of coral reefs.

You can also join a coral planting workshop or sponsor a coral and contribute to our reef rehabilitation programme.

Snorkelling

Our snorkelling trips are designed for all levels, from beginners to experienced snorkelers and we have several different trips to choose from. The abundance of marine life is characteristic for the reefs in Baa Atoll. Turtles, reef sharks, rays and even napoleons are often a part of our daily excursions. You never know what you'll see! Ocean Stories Aquatic Centre provides snorkelling equipment free of charge to our guests during their stay.

Water sports

Ocean Stories Aquatic Centre offers non-motorised water sports including windsurfing, catamaran sailing, see-through canoes, zayaks and stand up paddleboards [SUP]. For all Milaidhoo guests we offer complimentary sit-on-top kayaks.

Diving

Ocean Stories Aquatic Centre is a certified PADI 5 Star Dive Centre. Our team consists of professional PADI Instructors, who are all equally passionate divers and dive teachers and courses are taught in many languages for all levels: from absolute beginner to dive master.

Our PADI Professionals are ready to guide you on the morning two tank and afternoon single tank dives; private dives or night dives through the amazing underwater world of the Baa Atoll, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and a diving hotspot in the Maldives.



Environmental initiatives

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Without the ocean, there will be no
life on earth, let's return the favour

PETER BENCHLEY

Manta Trust and Maldives Manta Ray Project

Manta rays are among the most charismatic creatures living in our oceans and are now on the endangered list. With the largest brain of all fish, their intelligence and curiosity make encounters with these creatures a truly amazing experience. The Manta Trust was founded to learn more about the life cycle, population dynamics and habitat usage of the Maldives manta population, while also working with the government, tourists, local communities and tour operators to create greater awareness and protection for these graceful rays and their habitat. We collect data for the Manta Trust organisation by taking pictures of the distinctive spot patterns on manta rays' bellies, which, like finger prints for humans, are unique to each animal. All pictures are uploaded to the Manta Trust database enabling them to record manta sightings and count how many there are in the Maldives. Currently the population of manta rays in the Maldives is around 5,000.

Green Fins

Ocean Stories Aquatic Centre at Milaidhoo is a member of Green Fins. Our marine biologist and the team are dedicated to the care and the protection of marine life and participate in implementing environmental initiatives and educational programmes.

Green Fins is an initiative of UNEP (United Nations Environmental Programme) and the Reef-World Foundation. It's paving the way to unite politics and marine conservation efforts to ensure the sustainability of popular diving and snorkelling destinations around the world. Green Fins is a unique approach to conservation designed around threats to coral reef biodiversity.

People choosing Green Fins members as their dive and snorkel operators can be assured that members are working to reduce their threats to the marine environment.

Coral planting and reef restoration

Broken pieces of corals are harvested at the Milaidhoo house reef. These fragments are often broken off by turtles, fish, waves or humans. The fragments will be attached to a so called “coral frame”. After a month the coral fragment is settled and will slowly start to grow and attach to the frame. After a couple of years, the frames will be covered by corals and give food and shelter to a diversity of marine life.

Shark Watch

We also participate in Shark Watch to observe the number of sharks in the Maldives. This is a project from the Darwin Reef Fish Project, Marine Research Centre, Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture, Male’, Republic of Maldives

Milaidhoo turtle ID programme

There are seven species of sea turtles worldwide, and five of them can be found in the Maldives with the hawksbill turtle and the green turtle being the most commonly sighted species. By taking pictures of the turtle’s head we can identify which turtle has been seen and add it to our Milaidhoo turtle database.

Olive Ridley Turtle Programme

We’re actively involved in providing data for the charity organisation Olive Ridley Project based in the UK about the Olive Ridley turtle.



Snorkelling

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Every time I slip into the ocean,
it's like going home

SYLVIA EARLE

Fluo night snorkelling

HOUSE REEF | 1.5 HRS | US\$85 PER PERSON

Join us for a completely new snorkelling experience: fluo night snorkelling shows the amazing underwater world in all its funky neon colours. Underwater fluorescence blue (near UV) flashlights are shone on corals and fish that contain proteins that absorb the blue light and re-emit the light in a different wavelength (colour). The result is incredible; on a UV night snorkel you can expect to see fluorescent pink scorpion fish, yellow shrimps and moray eels, orange crabs, green, pink and yellow corals.

A fish expedition

HOUSE REEF | 2 HRS | US\$80 PER PERSON

Join our scheduled snorkelling trip to our favourite UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve reefs for a mesmerising experience of the richest biodiversity in reefs.

It's all about Nemo

HOUSE REEF | 1.5 HRS | US\$49 PER PERSON

Nemo (clown fish) are one of the most fascinating fishes at the reef, and we have a very interesting story to tell you. Before we take you on a snorkel tour of the Milaidhoo house reef to find Nemo, we'll tell you all you need to know about this little cute marine creature and his family.

Night snorkelling

HOUSE REEF | 1.5 HRS | US\$80 PER PERSON

Ever wondered what the fish do at night? Our night snorkel will reveal this mystery to you. As the day shift goes to bed and the night shift takes over at the busy reef at Milaidhoo, you'll enter the water equipped with your own underwater light to discover the reef by night.

A turtle expedition

BY BOAT | 2 HRS | US\$80 PER PERSON

Different species of turtles are the happy inhabitants of our reefs. Join us on this snorkel trip to find the turtles and see how many we can identify in our database.

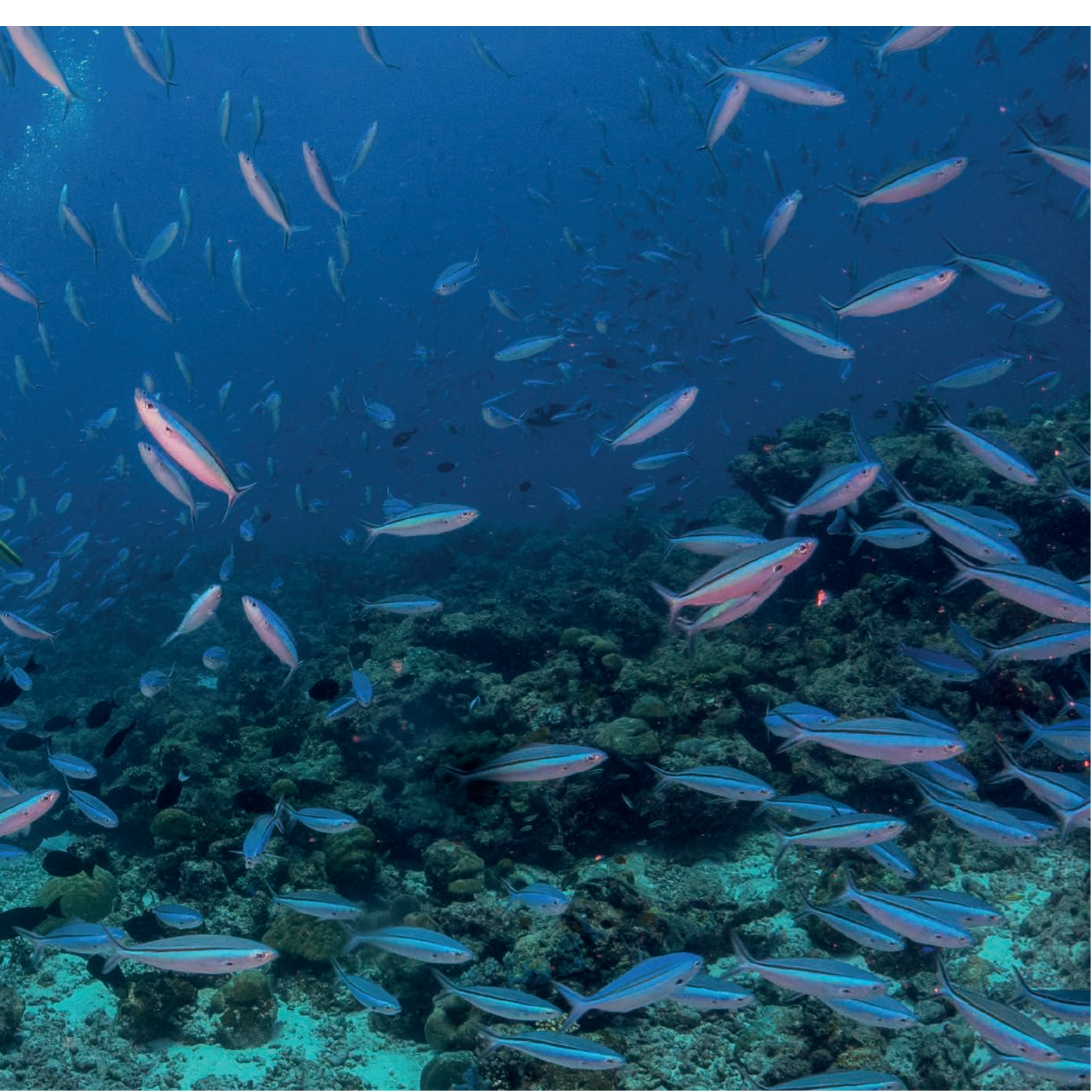
Manta ray reunion

HANIFARU BAY BY BOAT

2 HRS | US\$185 PER PERSON

From June until November the gentle giant of the sea, manta rays, come to the world's largest feeding station, Hanifaru Bay. With incoming tides, a feeding frenzy takes place where sometimes 50-100 manta rays can be seen in the water making turns and loops. We'll take you snorkelling alongside them.





Reef support sponsorship

HOUSE REEF | 1.5 HRS

Give us a hand and leave your eco-friendly footprint here. Help our Aquatic Centre team in their work to build a reef, which gives protection and food for the underwater ecosystem. Plant your own coral tray, write your own name tag and enjoy periodic updates with pictures of your coral frame.

Reef support sponsorship

STANDARD CORAL TRAY

US\$155 PER TRAY

HEART SHAPE CORAL TRAY

US\$179 PER TRAY

A PALM LEAF SHAPE CORAL TRAY

US\$430 PER TRAY

Be a marine biologist

HOUSE REEF | 3 HRS | US\$240 PER PERSON

Always wanted to have the greatest job in the world? Here's your chance. Look over the shoulder of our marine biologist and assist in the daily job getting hands-on experience with the coral planting project and learning inside information about the manta ray identification programmes.

Marine presentations

1 HRS

Want to know more about the ocean's life and her amazing but sometimes strange and mystic inhabitants? Then this is the place to be. Our marine biologist will hold an interactive presentation twice a week. If there's any specific topic you'd like to learn more about, just let us know and we're more than happy to hold a one-to-one presentation for you.

Private excursions

Private excursions

Love the sound of our trips
but would rather keep it to
just the two of you?

Then book a private trip
with us and create your own
unique moment. Benefit
from a personalised service
from your guide who'll tailor
the trip to what you would
like to know or to learn.

Couples activities

PRIVATE SNORKELLING LESSON

HOUSE REEF | US\$149 PER COUPLE

PRIVATE IT'S ALL ABOUT NEMO HOUSE REEF TOUR

US\$235 PER COUPLE

PRIVATE NIGHT SNORKELLING

HOUSE REEF | US\$295 PER COUPLE

PRIVATE FLUO NIGHT SNORKELLING

HOUSE REEF | US\$300 PER COUPLE

PRIVATE SNORKELLING TURTLE EXPEDITION

BY BOAT | US\$495 PER COUPLE

PRIVATE SNORKELLING FISH EXPEDITION

BY BOAT | US\$495 PER COUPLE

PRIVATE MANTA RAY REUNION

AT HANIFARU BAY | US\$615 PER COUPLE

Your day

BY LUXURY YACHT

Step on board of one of our yachts and tell us
what you would like to do. Maybe go diving,
visit a sandbank or go snorkelling and have
an amazing time. You name it, it's your day.

The activities include boat trips when applicable, DAN dive insurance and a dive guide. All activities are subject to weather conditions. Prices are in US dollars, per person and include service charge and tax.



PADI diving courses

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Man cannot discover new oceans
unless he has the courage to
lose sight of the shore

ANDRE GIDE

Discover scuba diving

1 LESSON | US\$220

REPEAT DIVE US\$199 | REPEAT DIVE BY BOAT
US\$270

Have you ever wondered what it's like to breathe underwater? The PADI Discover Scuba Diving programme lets you experience the thrill of diving under the safe supervision of a PADI Instructor in ideal conditions. During your adventure you'll master some basic concepts and scuba skills before heading off for an open water dive.

Adventure dive

1 LESSON | US\$165

Have you always wanted to try digital underwater photography, fish identification or night diving? There's a long list of scuba adventures you can take part in during this programme.

Scuba diver

5 LESSONS | US\$679

Short on time and long on the urge to become a certified diver? The PADI Scuba Diver certification might just be for you. This course requires less time than the PADI Open Water Diver course. PADI Scuba Divers are qualified to dive under the direct supervision of a PADI professional to a maximum depth of 12 metres / 40 feet

Open water diver

9 LESSONS | US\$1015

Discover what lies beneath. Learn to dive, discovering and interacting with the amazing diversity of marine life to be found in the underwater world. Successful completion of the PADI Open Water Course qualifies you to dive independently to a depth of 18 meters in open water and is your internationally recognised passport to dive throughout the world.

PADI referral

4 LESSONS | US\$500

Start your PADI course at home and complete your open water dives here in the warm tropical water at Milaidhoo. Start your knowledge development and confined water/pool sessions with a PADI centre in your hometown, and take the advantage to complete the four open water dives in a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.

PADI upgrade

SCUBA DIVER TO OPEN WATER DIVER

4 LESSONS | US\$500

PADI E-LEARNING (6 LESSONS) | US\$925

Complete the additional lessons needed to earn the PADI Open Water Diver Certification which is an internationally recognised entry level diver qualification.

Adventure course

3 LESSONS | US\$555

Complete three Adventure Dives and you earn the Adventure Diver certification. It's a great opportunity to work with your instructor to build your scuba skills and gain more confidence. Get a taste of what you like and enjoy scuba diving more than ever.

Advanced course

5 LESSONS | US\$800

To complete your "Advanced Open Water Diver" certification, five Adventure Dives are required. With core dives, deep dive, a navigation dive and three elective dives to choose from.

PADI fish identification

2 LESSONS | US\$445

“What was that fish?” is a common question heard after a dive. If you want to be the scuba diver with the answers, then take the Fish Identification Speciality course. You’ll enjoy your dives even more when you recognise the creatures that you see and can identify the main fish families and their characteristics.

PADI rescue diver

7 LESSONS | US\$925

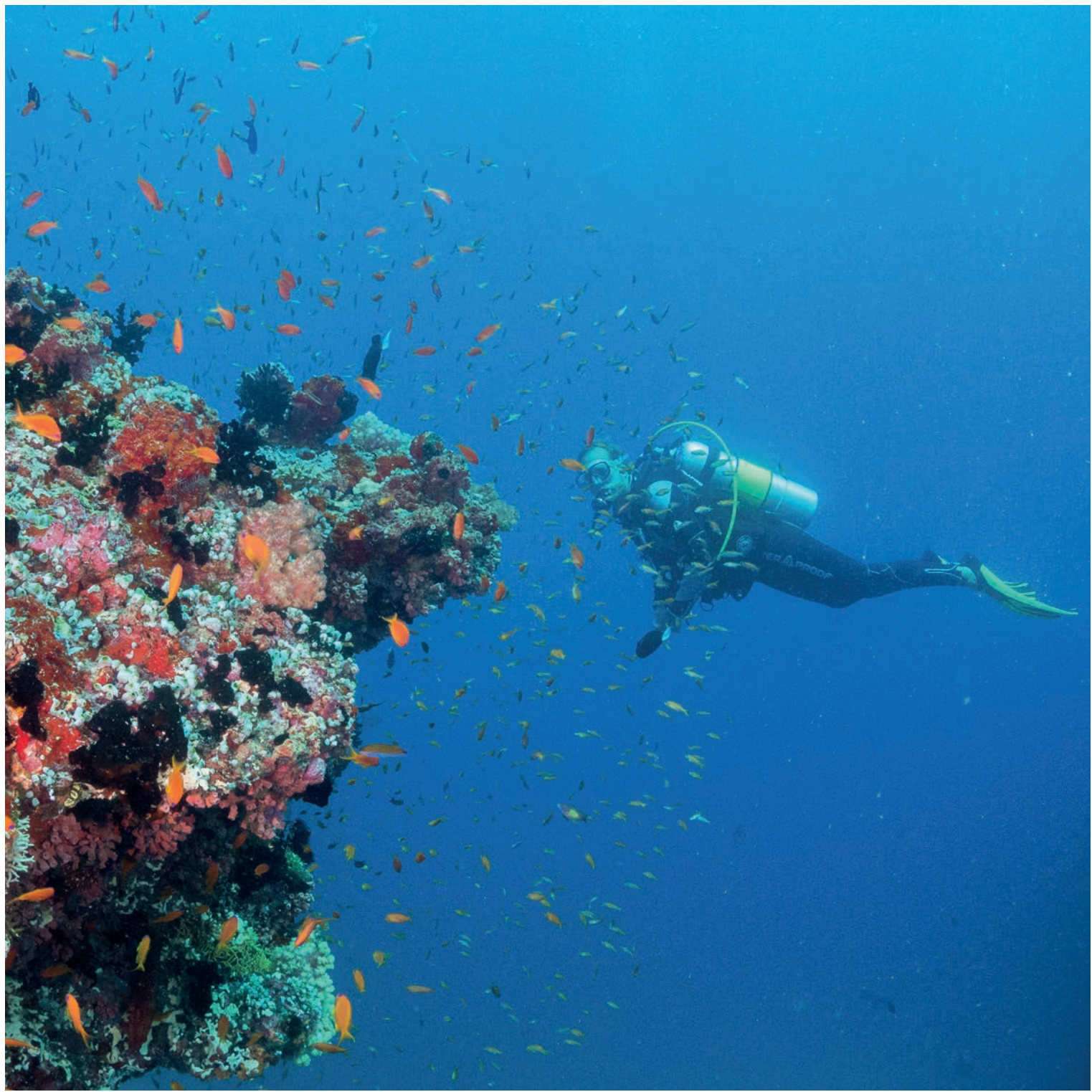
Do you know how to handle or prevent a diving emergency? Would you know what to do if you came across another diver panicking on the surface or unconscious on the sea floor? The PADI Rescue Diver programme will equip you with the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to deal with these scenarios... and more.

PADI nitrox course

2 LESSONS | US\$395

Feel the refreshing increase in oxygen and glide through the water knowing you have extended your no decompression limit and shortened your surface interval. Nitrox dives are completed with 32% nitrox.





Diving

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The ocean, once it casts its
spell, holds one in its net
of wonder forever

JACQUES COUSTEAN

Milaidhoo Maldives has the privilege of being in a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve which is known for its richness and diversity in marine life. All our dive spots are top class, pristine reefs with fascinating scenery. From thila diving, dive spots with overhangs or sites with rays, tuna, napoleon wrasse, sharks and turtles, it's all here.

Orientation dive / check-up

COMPLIMENTARY | DAILY 20 MINUTES

After a complimentary check-up dive, over 30 world top dive spots are awaiting you. If you've not been diving in a while, this is where you brush up your skills with a refresher dive.

Two tank dive

DAILY 8.30 – 12.30 HRS | MEETING TIME 15 MINUTES BEFORE BOAT DEPARTURE

We offer a two tank dive in the mornings on our comfortable dive boat. Refreshments are served during the trip. Nitrox filling for certified nitrox divers.

One tank dive

DAILY 14.30 – 16.30 HRS | MEETING TIME 15 MINUTES BEFORE BOAT DEPARTURE

We offer a one tank dive in the afternoons on our comfortable dive boat Refreshments are served during the trip. Nitrox filling for certified nitrox divers.

DIVE PRICES AIR OR NITROX		OWN EQUIPMENT	RENTAL EQUIPMENT
1-5 dives	Per dive	US\$110	US\$140
6-11 dives	Per dive	US\$105	US\$135
12+ dives	Per dive	US\$100	US\$130
Private guide single tank	Per dive	US\$205	US\$235
Private guide two tank	Two dives	US\$320	US\$350

Night dives

DAILY 18.00 – 19.30 HRS | MEETING TIME 15 MINUTES BEFORE BOAT DEPARTURE

Prepare for mystery and adventure as you descend for your night dive on the Milaidhoo house reef.

The activities include boat trips when applicable, DAN dive insurance and a dive guide. All activities are subject to weather conditions. Prices are in US dollars, per person and include service charge and tax.

Fluo night dives

DAILY 18.00 – 19.30 HRS | MEETING TIME 15 MINUTES BEFORE BOAT DEPARTURE

The latest trend in night diving is fluo-night diving. Equipped with blue lights and a barrier mask, the reef turns into a neon disco ball.

DIVE PRICES AIR OR NITROX

Night dive	Per dive
Fluo night dive	Per dive
"The story dive" with Marine biologist	Per dive

OWN EQUIPMENT

US\$115
US\$125
US\$200

RENTAL EQUIPMENT

US\$156
US\$166
US\$230

Equipment rental

FULL SET

[BCD, Regulator, Computer, Wetsuit]
Per dive US\$30

SINGLE PIECE OF EQUIPMENT

US\$11 Per dive

GO PRO HERO 4 BLACK + USB STICK

US\$55 Per dive

OLYMPUS TOUGH 4 + USB STICK

US\$49 Per dive

Equipment

High quality dive equipment is provided including regulators, BCD, dive computers, long and short wetsuits 12 ltr and 15 ltr tanks, torches and cameras. All is supported by a Bauer air and nitrox compressor.

Insurance

All dive participants are insured by our DAN insurance policy within the country boundaries of the Maldives.

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Water sports

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The ocean is calling and
I must go...

JOHN MUIR

Our water sport activities and excursions are subject to availability and to prevailing weather conditions.

Zayak

ONE ZAYAK | 1 HRS US\$25

Gently float on the water's surface watching the beauty of the fish and coral underneath you through the viewing window.

Transparent canoe

ONE KAYAK | 1 HRS US\$35 | 2 HRS US\$60

Set off on an exploration of the underwater world as you canoe across the lagoon with clear views of what lies below.

Stand up paddle board [SUP]

PRICE FOR ONE SUP

1 HRS US\$35 | 2 HRS US\$60

Enjoy a perfect view from the top of the water with our stable stand up paddle boards.





Windsurfing

WINDSURFING

1 HRS US\$45 | 3 HRS US\$110 | 5 HRS US\$170

LESSON PER PERSON

1 HRS US\$80 | 3 HRS US\$220

Learn to windsurf on our beginner boards. For the more advanced surfer we have a selection of boards.

Sit on top kayaks

COMPLIMENTARY FOR 1 HRS

A complimentary activity and great exercise. Don't forget to bring your camera to take pictures from a different angle.

Catamaran

FOR ADVANCED SAILORS ONLY (FREE CHECK-UP)

1 HRS US\$75 | 3 HRS US\$200 | 5 HRS US\$310

LESSONS

1 HRS US\$110 | 3 HRS US\$315

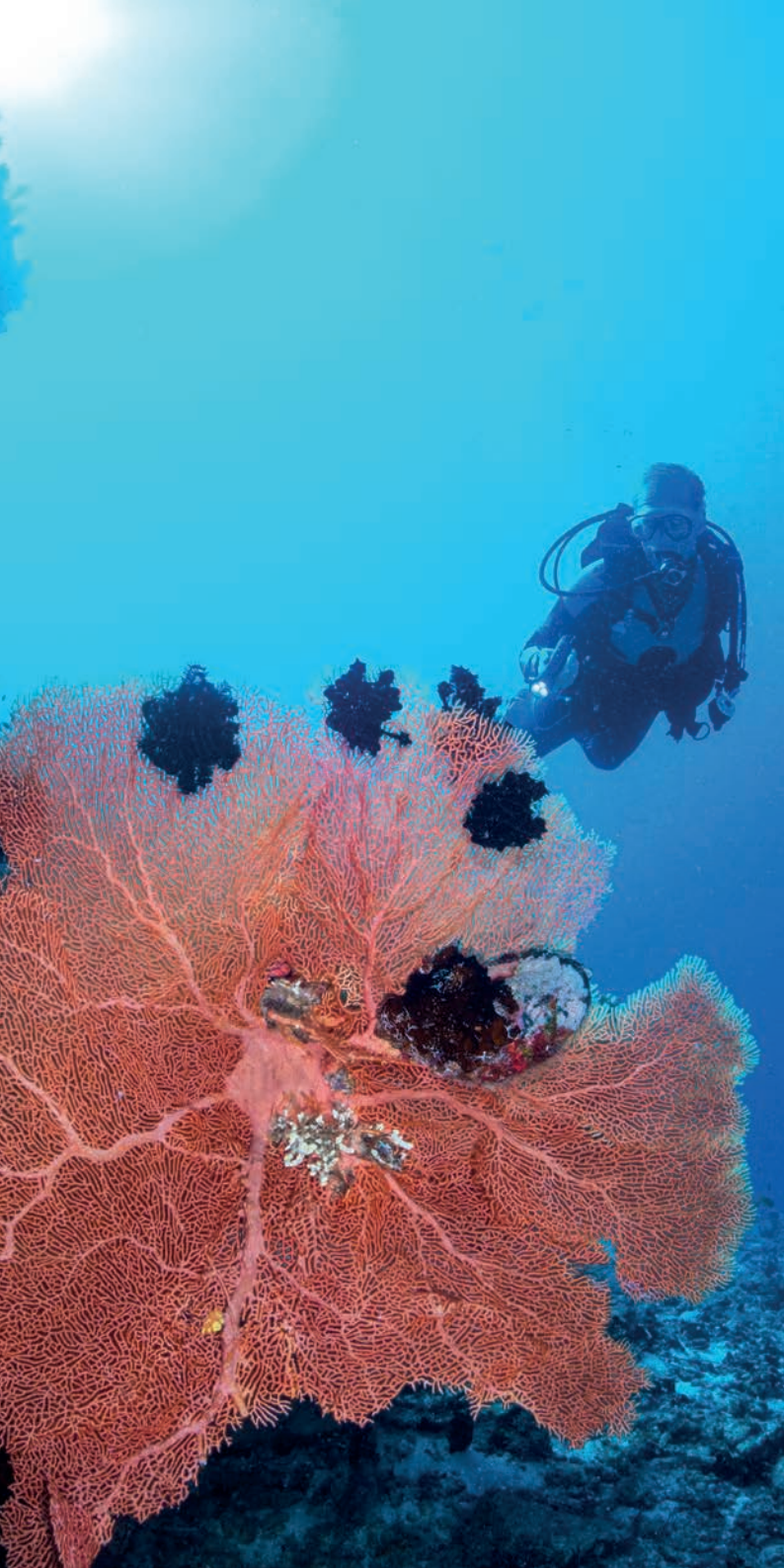
EXCURSION WITH SKIPPER (2 GUESTS MAX)

1 HRS US\$110 | 2 HRS US\$200 | 3 HRS US\$295

Cruise through the atoll, dock at a sandbank and go for a snorkel. Our skipper will be your guide to sail you around Baa Atoll.



Camera rental



Camera rental

OLYMPUS TOUGH 4 CAMERA RENTAL

Half day US\$49

Full day US\$75

GO PRO HERO 4 BLACK EDITION RENTAL

Half day US\$55

Full day US\$89

Add unique pictures to your photo album by taking shots of the colourful underwater world. Nemo would be a perfect model to capture on camera. Rent one of our easy-to-use underwater cameras. All images will be downloaded to a complimentary USB stick.

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