

SCUBA DIVING ON KANDOLHU



Just steps from your villa, a pristine coral reef protects and embraces the ivory sands and emerald heart of Kandolhu.

A number of resident turtles live on this reef and are easily approached by divers and can be observed feeding, oblivious to your presence. Many other interesting creatures inhabit this reef and any dive on the house reef will typically provide you encounters with hawksbill turtles, white tip and black tip reef sharks, eagle rays, jacks and a myriad of colourful reef fish species.





Kandolhu house reef is the perfect location for your first diving experience, your check dive, refresher course or for experienced divers, unguided house reef diving with your favourite dive buddy.

Kandolhu enjoys a privileged central location in Ari atoll, the atoll that most divers agree still offers the best diving in the Maldives and hence some of the best in the world. World class dive sites surround us and you can discover legendary Protected Marine Areas such as Maaya Thila and Fishhead, stunning coral sites and manta points to the West and North, a celebrated wreck minutes away, and even hammerheads to the North East. From Kandolhu, you can dive with the spectacular and magnificent as well as the small and the curious. A better base for your diving adventures would be hard to find.

(NOTE: unguided diving requires an Instructor to be on island to monitor our divers, and only when conditions permit for safety reasons, as strong currents can make it unsuitable for shore diving).



SPECIAL ADVENTURES



Full day dive safaris further afield, by dhoni or on our two mast 25m yacht Ari Explorer, to discover and investigate other spectacular sites.

Private yacht charter - high seas adventure sailing over the horizon for diving escapes off the island.

Dive three Protected Marine Areas in one day - choose from Maaya Thila, Fishhead, Orimas Thila and Kari Beyru Thila.

TRY OUR AMAZING FLUORESCENT NIGHT DIVE!

Guide your own dive and explore the secret corners of Kandolhu house reef with your partner.

GoPro filming - take your in-Room GoPro and star in your own underwater movie

PRIVATE DIVING

The choice is yours; create your own dive program with your personal instructor; explore sites of your selection at your time of the day; film it all with GoPro - all part of the service from your private guide.

We offer private yacht or private dhoni diving adventures for just a few hours or even sunrise to sunset, in our atoll and beyond.



DIVE FACILITIES



WHERE TO FIND US:

Step from your villa onto the beach; pause and ponder a moment; breathe in the reviving fresh ocean air; choose left or right and stroll; crunch your toes in the soft sand; feel the gentle warmth of the sun upon your face; a soft breeze caresses your skin; linger and gaze upon the serene magnificent ocean; at some point thereafter you will arrive at Noovilu Sports - our friendly dive and marine centre. You'll find us there ready to welcome you - from 08:00 to 18:00hrs. For those in a hurry, we are located next to Banzai!



OUR BOATS

12 Meter Hammerhead is our principal diving dhoni and is equipped for comfortable scuba diving and for our Après Dive REFRESH service.

Onboard:

- Freshwater shower
- Marine toilet
- Oxygen and First Aid Kits
- GPS
- Radio Mobile communications
- Life jackets

25 Meter twin mast motorsailer, Ari Explorer is a private yacht offered exclusively to resident guests of Kandolhu. Featuring wide teak decks for relaxing sundowners, a spacious upper sundeck ideal for warming body and soul and catching the breeze while surveying the horizon, she is the perfect vessel for unique diving adventures with your special companion or group of friends.



DIVE FACILITIES



SAFETY:

We have the best safety equipment and the best training for any emergency situation:

- Full safety equipment on the dive boat and in the dive centre
- All dive guides are Emergency First Responders
- Hyperbaric Chamber and Medical Centre staffed by European diving physician just 40 minutes by speedboat on Kuramathi
- We encourage you to dive with nitrox and enjoy the extra safety

EQUIPMENT:

Brand new and the best rental equipment:

- Scubapro BCD jackets, regulators and wetsuits
- Mares fins; Scubapro and Subgear masks and snorkels
- Subgear dive computers
- In-room GoPro Hero camera

Time trusted and reliable hardware:

- Bauer HP silent compressor
- NRC Nitrox compressor
- DAN Oxygen and First Aid kits
- Luxfer cylinders



DIVE SERVICES



BEGINNERS

Jump in. You're under the surface. Breathe. Hear the Bubbles. Schools of small fish engulf you in colour. Then you too are one of them; swimming, breathing underwater. Is it a dream? No - it's better - it's scuba diving.

There is no better place to start your diving than on Kandolhu; we offer a full range of beginner courses from just 10 years of age and even the Bubblemaker for 8 and 9 year olds; we have a wonderful house reef for your first dive where you have a great chance to see one or more turtles! We even offer one to one courses if you prefer individual attention.

CERTIFIED DIVERS

If you have dived before in the Maldives, you may well already know of the legendary sites in the area; if you have just happened upon Kandolhu then you are very lucky as we have 30 excellent sites in our immediate vicinity (60 minutes by boat) and many more, further afield (more about our dive sites and marine life in that section).

We provide you:

- A full program including single dives, early morning dives, two tank dives, full day safari, night dives, etc.

- A full range of Advanced courses

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DIVE SERVICES



- A comfortable boat with onboard après dive service and the dive valet equipment service - there is no need for you to handle your gear except under the water and during your pre-dive check; we serve you cool drinks, chilled towels and fresh fruits after your dive
- Experienced instructors who know the area and the marine life (please read on)
- A safe and professional, but fun and flexible service and crew
- Nitrox on the island
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- Fluorescent night dives - just amazing. Please ask us to explain
- Full day dive safaris; join us on an unforgettable diving adventure on the Indian Ocean as we travel afar by dhoni or even by 25m Yacht to dive spectacular sites beyond the reach of our daily dives
- Unguided diving with your buddy on the house reef; advanced buddy pairs with 50+ logged dives can create their own adventure on Kandolhu house reef
- GoPro filming dives - take your in-Room GoPro Hero camera with housing and create your own underwater movie(s)



DIVE SERVICES



PRIVATE DIVING

If you prefer to dive at your own schedule, choose your own sites and dive at your pace, private diving will likely appeal.

Select your own dive site(s) and scuba program for your private diving experience with your private dive instructor and own diving dhoni

- Full day or half day private diving voyages aboard our 25m Yacht Ari Explorer. Explore sites of your interest in our atoll, perhaps heading west to seek out mantas or visit neighbouring Rasdhoo atoll and dive its famous Hammerhead Shark Point

- Your private dives can be filmed by your dive guide on the GoPro camera as part of this exclusive experience

- Try our "fish whisperer" private diving experience with your dive guide; tailor your private dives to develop your knowledge about your favourite marine animal(s) and hopefully dive with the animal(s) as well

- If you would rather not go on the dive dhoni and feel like a private guided dive on our fantastic house reef any time during the day, please just ask

- A keen photographer? Then why not take one of our instructors with a good knowledge of underwater photography as your private guide, take your shots in your own time and with luck perhaps even improve your results as well

- Dive courses: if you prefer one to one instruction, then we offer private diving courses at your convenience

- Private Diving is subject to availability

