



BANYAN TREE
VABBINFARU



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MARINE CENTRE VABBINFARU-IHURU



PADI BASIC TO PROFESSIONAL LEVEL COURSES

We organise daily morning II tank trips – departing at 8:30 am for two dives, returning around 1:00pm. The two dives are done at two different locations with a minimum surface interval of an hour between the dives. The dive sites are decided based on the condition and the experience level of the divers plus guest requests. All divers will be guided in small groups.

Full day Dive trips (minimum 6 divers required) – go out for 3 dives at three different locations to South Male' Atoll and Himmafushi area (North Male' Atoll). Lunch is provided onboard.

The dive boat is a spacious boat with shaded areas, comfortable seating area, huge sun deck on top, two toilets, fresh water shower and a large wet area for the equipment and gearing up. Maximum capacity of the boat is 20 divers.

DIVE SCHEDULE

Opening hours: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

MORNING

8:00 am to 12:00 pm

AFTERNOON

(on request)

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

NEEDED DOCUMENTATION FOR DIVING

- Internationally recognized dive certification Log book
- Medical Certificate

It is mandatory if the participant have a medical condition that may affect their safety while diving and if the participant is presently taking any prescription medication or if he/she is above the age of 70 years.

REFRESHER DIVE

Refresher dive is mandatory for all divers if your last dive was one year ago or more

KIDS DIVING

Minimum Age: 8 years

Available courses: Bubble maker, Discover Scuba Diving, Jr. Scuba diver & Jr. Open Water dive (for Discover Scuba Diving, Jr. Scuba diver & Open water diver minimum age 10 years)

Kids Equipment: Mask, Fins, snorkel, Wetsuit, BCD, Regulator and scuba cylinder.

Dive sites for kids: Easy long reef and lagoon.

HOUSE REEF

Rated as one of the best house reef of the Maldives. The reef is just with 10-15m from the shore and easily accessed from the shore. The reef is full of live hard corals; couples of overhangs are located around the depth of 4-8m, where very often lobsters, nurse sharks and sting rays can be spotted.

43+	28°C	15-40m
Number of Dive sites	Average water temperature	Average Visibility

SCUBA DIVING INSURANCE

A valid insurance covering scuba diving will be mandatory for all the certified divers. The following insurance plans are available at the Marine Centre:

Diving after flying:

The diver needs a 12 hrs rest after a flight to start with the diving.

Flying after Diving:

24 hours surface interval is mandatory prior to flying after diving.

FIRST DIVE

Your first dive is a mandatory orientation or check dive, conducted at our house reef. Regardless of your diving experience or level, you can choose between Ihuru or Vabbinfaru house reef for this dive. It is an opportunity to assess your performance and air consumption before joining boat dives.

DAN SHORT TERM INSURANCE PLAN

Valid only in the Maldives for age up to 70 years old

1 DAY	US\$ 11
7 DAYS	US\$ 19
14 DAY	US\$ 26

DAN Insurance is mandatory.

*For more information please contact the Marine Centre.

LOCATION & DIVE SITE

Our regular boat trips do daily trips to dive sites within one hour distance from the resort. The dive sites are suitable for all level of divers. Dive sites include sites with excellent coral life, thrilling channel dives and Thilas those are unique to the Maldives with their enormous congregations of fish and marine life, including sharks, rays, turtles and napoleons.



LANKAN MANTA POINT

Distance: 1 hour

Best time to dive: South West Monsoon

Average Visibility: 10 –25 meters

Depth of Reef: 8–20 meters

Features: Manta Rays, turtles, schooling fish, giant trevallies

Lankan Manta Point is located on the outside reef of Paradise Island Resort (Lankan Finolhu). Between 8 – 22 meters of water on the south east corner of Lankan Finolhu reef are several large rocks which mark the point where the Manta Rays converge during the south west monsoon.

KUDA HAA

Distance: 45 minutes

Best time to dive: All year round

Average Visibility: 20–25 meters

Depth of Reef: 6 – 35 meters

Features: Good coral life & reef fish

Kuda Haa" is a protected marine sanctuary shaped like a two-humped camel's back. Rising from 35 meters below the sea to six, this beautiful reef is covered in sponges and corals. The abundance of fish living here simply takes your breath away.



DHON BIBI HAA

Distance: 30 minutes

Best time to dive: All year round

Average Visibility: 20 – 30 meters

Features: coral, small animals, stone fish, lionfish, frog fish, ribbon eel

Dhon Bibi Haa' is a small circular reef located in the inner atoll about 30 minutes from the resort. The top reef extends to about 60 – 70 meters in diameter with the top starting from 3–4 meters. The reef walls sheer to the sandy bottom to a depth of 25 – 30 meters.

HULHANGU KANDU

Distance: 45 minutes

Best time to dive: All year round

Average Visibility: 20 – 40 meters

Features: Pelagics, reef fish, eagle rays

Hulhangu Kandu" is situated on the corner of an outer reef next to a channel where the reef is formed with a few 'humps' (part of the reef coming out of the reef into blue water formed as humps). As the reef is not in one line the current keeps changing due to the protection of the reef.



OKOBE THILA

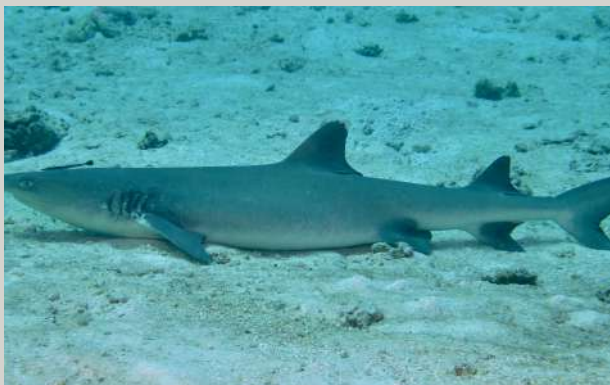
Distance: 40 minutes

Best time to dive: All year round

Average Visibility: 15 – 30 meters

Features: Pelagics, Reef fishes, anemones

The "Okobe" marine reserve is one of the most awe-inspiring dive sites in the Maldives, a small thila consisting of three large rock formations starting from 10 – 28 meters. A descent line is used due to the size of the reef to avoid being drifted off the reef.



NASSIMO THILA

Distance: 50 minutes

Best time to dive: All year round

Average Visibility: 20 – 30 meters

Features: Pelagics, soft corals, sea fans, pinnacles

One of the best sites for soft corals & marine life in North Male' atoll. It is an oval shape reef with the top from 10 – 15 meters with several large pinnacles of soft corals scattered at various depth from 18 – 25 meters. These rocks are exposed to full force of the current and a spectacular display of soft corals can be observed on the rock faces and overhangs.



RASFARI

Distance: 1 hour

Best time to dive: All year round

Average Visibility: 15 – 30 meters

Features: Sharks, Pelagics, eagle rays, trevallies

Rasfari" is a spectacular outer reef of Rasfari Island. There is plenty of variation on topography with sandy inlets and ridges cutting across a wide outside reef. Its large sloping wall falls from 10 meters to a depth of 28 meters.

BODU HITHI THILA

Distance: 1 hour

Best time to dive: All year round

Average Visibility: 8 – 25 meters

Features: Mantas, reef fishes, nurse sharks, reef sharks, lobsters

A huge thila located in the middle of the inner atoll. The reef top is 8–10 meters and there are three bays in the reef with sandy bottom between 15–25 meters. These sandy bays on the top reef are sometimes known as 'Manta Road', as this is where mostly they gather for cleaning.



BANANA REEF

Distance: 45 minutes

Best time to dive: All year round

Average Visibility: 20 – 35 meters

Features: Reef fishes, big-eye trevally, moray eels

Banana Reef is a very well known dive site in the Maldives – one of the first, one of the best and one of the more treacherous due to strong currents. On the eastern side of the banana-shaped reef, some rocks have broken away and created a perfect habitat for a surprising variety of schooling reef fish and large pelagic.



MAAGIRI

Distance: 1 hour

Best time to dive: All year round

Average Visibility: 15 – 25 meters

Features: Manta mobulas, pelagics, small fishes

Maagiri' is a huge 'thila' located in the inner channel of Kanduooggiri & Lankan Finolhu surrounded by a number of small thilas. North side of Maagiri is known as Maagiri caves which consist of small overhangs between the depths of 5 –30 meters, with a big rock at 20 meters appear to have broken away from the reef creating a canyon.

