

## Thulusdhoo Island, North Male Atoll, Maldives Do your Advanced Course in The Maldives

### The diving

This course is the next step in increasing your knowledge and developing your skills to make your diving even safer and more enjoyable. If you're aged 15 or over then you're ready for action.

The course consists of 5 dives, each of them explores a new area of diving, like deep diving, wreck diving, navigation or underwater photography. It is a playful course, giving you experience and control in the water by simply diving with different purposes and goals. Bottom line, the course is awesome, and it for sure does not get less special if done on a beautiful tropical island, like Thulusdhoo in the stunning Maldives!

Together with your instructor, you will have a fun, safe and different course that will be something to remember.



### Area name / Island name

Thulusdhoo, Kaafu atoll, Maldives

### Nearest airport

Velana International, Male (MLE)

### Season

All year round - Best season is Nov. to Apr.  
for smooth weather  
The Manta Ray season: May-Oct.  
The surf season (swells): May-Oct.

### Center type

PADI/SSI dive centre

### Experience level

PADI Open Water or equivalent

### Minimum age for participation

15 Years

### Activity starts

on the day after your arrival.  
Activity starts from Dive center

The dive center will contact you 2wk. prior to arrival with the details of your speedboat/ferry transfer and meet you on arrival in Thulusdhoo

### Group Size

No limit

### Language

English

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**Location**

Thulusdhoo is an island where the surfing and the diving crowds live side by side on the beach. One block away is the real Maldives, the local village with its steady, slow pace of life, white sandy streets and green plants everywhere. It is all very pretty!

There is no alcohol on the island, but often, there is a really cool bar-boat just off the island, where you can quench your thirst with a cold beer, while the sun goes down and the tropical heat makes way for the comfortable evening breeze. From June to October you might even see manta rays feeding on the plankton which is attracted by the lights of the bar-boat! Take a mask and snorkel with you and join them in the warm water for an amazing encounter with these gentle giants.

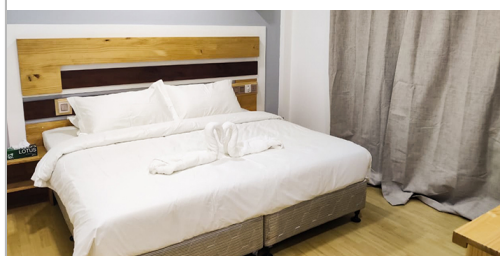
**Your guesthouse – Akiri Surf Grand**

Just 20 meters from the bikini-beach you'll find the relaxed guesthouse of Akiri Surf Grand, and a few minutes of walking in the opposite direction will bring you to the dive center.

Your breakfast will be served in the cozy restaurant or outdoors in the lounging garden which is lush and green with endemic vegetation and trees to provide shade. Step out of the garden right onto the Bikini-beach to enjoy the turquoise waters. The guesthouse is very popular with surfers as well as divers which provides a great atmosphere.

**Your Room**

Each room has A/C, Fan, WIFI, television, refrigerator and a private bathroom with a hot shower. The rooms are cleaned daily.



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### Introduction to course

The SSI Advanced Adventurer Course will get you even more comfortable in the water by simply completing five adventure dives under the supervision of an SSI Instructor. If you're looking to build your confidence and gain more experience, this is the natural next step on the ladder. The course is designed so you can go straight into it after the Open Water Diver certification. The course builds on what you have already learned and develops new capabilities by introducing you to new activities in diving.

Improve your skills by completing 5 adventure dives introducing you to:

- Underwater navigation (mandatory)
- Deeper water diving from 18-30 meters (mandatory)
- 3 More Adventure Dives of your choice, depending only on the availability of the conditions to match the theme of the dives.

You and your instructor choose from 15 themes of Adventure Dives to complete your course. The best part about the Advanced course is: there is NO exam... Just lots of good diving and fun.

### WHEN TAKING THE COURSE

**To enroll in the advanced course, you need to be certified as PADI Open Water Diver or equivalent. A refresher dive is recommended prior to the course if you've been out of the water for more than 6 months or have little experience. (Yet)**



### The course in short:

#### Number of Dives:

- 2 mandatory dives (deep dive & Navigation dive)
- 3 Adventure dives of own choice (Please seek advice of the instructor prior to choosing dives)

#### Knowledge Development:

Five theoretical modules matching the 5 dives in the course

#### Prerequisites:

- 10 years for Junior Advanced Adventurer Diver
- 15 years for Advanced Adventurer Diver

#### Materials you'll need:

Just a logbook

#### Equipment you'll use during the course:

Mask, fins, snorkel, tank, regulator, buoyancy compensator, weightbelt, submersible pressure gauge and a wetsuit (Included in your package)

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**Itinerary: 5 days and 4 nights - Advanced Open Water Course**

**Day 1:** Arrive Malé and hop on a speed boat to Thulusdhoo. The guesthouse will make your ferry/speedboat booking to Thulusdhoo and provide all details necessary for your transfer on an e-mail prior to your arrival. You will be met at the harbour on Thulusdhoo and taken to your guesthouse. Check in with the dive centre for a general orientation, to sign the papers for your course and to register for the theory materials if you did not do that prior to your arrival. You can receive the course materials prior to arrival if you want. You just need to request the link from the dive centre (you find the dive centre e-mail on your voucher). If you arrive in the morning and want to get in the water right away, step into the dive centre and register for the afternoon dive.

**Day 2:** Read the theory for your first adventure dives which you and your instructor discussed when you checked in at the dive centre on day 1, and complete 2-3 dives.

**Day 3:** Complete the remaining course dives to make a total of 5 dives.

**Day 4:** A day to get the Nitrogen out of your system, relaxing, or exploring the island. If you have a late flight on your departure day, you can do a few more fun dives in the morning (not included).

**Day 5:** Departure day.

Please allow 24 hours before getting on an airplane!

If you want a longer itinerary, you can add extra days of diving upon booking.



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**Transfer Information**

Unless you have booked a stay in Male or Hulhumale prior to departing to Thulusdhoo, you only need to walk out from the international terminal to the jetty where the speed launches stop for pick-up. (Just outside the airport).

There are three boat departures daily to Thulusdhoo, except on Fridays. The dive center will book you on the first boat after your arrival and send you all the details on how to find the boat, and what time to get on it by email, prior to your arrival in the Maldives. This will happen automatically 10 to 14 days prior to your arrival. However, you are more than welcome to contact the dive center for this information earlier, you will find the contact details on your voucher.



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## Do your Advanced Course in The Maldives

Prices below are based on 2 persons sharing accommodation, unless stated otherwise.

ADVANCED COURSE - PRIVATE ACC.	
Days / Nights	5/4
Amount of dives	5
Price (incl. accommodation)	735 EUR

Supplements	
Extra day diving (2 dives) + 1 night private acc	204 EUR
Extra night in private room (after package)	52 EUR
Extra night in private room (before package)	52 EUR
Refresher dive - added to first dive	11 EUR

Prices for supplementary accommodation are based on 2 persons sharing accommodation, unless stated otherwise.

### Supplements

A supplement can be chosen to add on your package. All supplements can also be booked on site. In high season, rooms and boats get filled fast - you might find trouble getting an extra night in your guesthouse or an extra day of diving. If you are booking a course, it is recommended to book an extra night of accommodation prior to your course, to get settled and get up front on the studying.



### Included

Accommodation  
Breakfast  
Water on dive trips  
Full set of rental equipment  
5 course dives  
Dive guide

### Not included

Dinner  
Lunch  
Course materials are paid locally choose between: SSI \$75, PADI \$130  
Transfer to island from Male (\$30 each way, subject to change)  
Green Tax (\$3 per person per day)

### Also available on site

Extra diving (can't be guaranteed in high season)  
Extra accommodation (can't be guaranteed in high season)  
Upgrading of room (can't be guaranteed in high season)  
Kitesurfing, Surfing, Stand-up paddleboards

### Continuing education

Courses are available on request for all levels of continuing education. The dive center is a PADI and SSI Dive Centre

### Cancellation

Please refer to FAQ & Terms on [www.blueventure.net](http://www.blueventure.net)

### Dive insurance

Basic dive travel insurance required

## General terms and conditions

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

#### CHANGES OF BOOKINGS:

You can change your booking request or start date free of charge.

If you need to change your booking you must contact the **dive center** directly by e-mail or phone. You will find the contact details on your voucher. For verification purpose, please remember to mention your name and booking ID.

If you want to change your start date, we recommend that you do so minimum 10 days before the beginning of your dive package. Later than this, might cause the accommodation to be fully booked for alternative dates. During high seasons, 10 days might not be sufficient time, please allow extra time for changes in the high season. As a reminder, you will receive an email with general information and contact information of your dive center 10 days prior to your start date.

#### CANCELLATION RULES:

Any customer has the right to cancel their booking with Blue Venture Diving. In order to do so, you must contact your selling agent. The cancellation fees and rules of your selling agent will apply for your cancellation.

Blue Venture is not liable for any cancellations done by the customer of personal reason such as/or in the same category as sickness, family, missed flights etc, or other circumstances that is beyond reasonable control such as force majeure.

#### Blue Venture booking cancellation

In the unlikely event that Blue Venture is forced to cancel a booking, the customer will get direct notice. A cancellation will only happen if Blue Venture finds that the contracted dive center can't perform the needed service of the booked package or if the dive standards can't be fulfilled accordingly. Minor changes in the itinerary will not be defined as a valid cancellation reason, as diving is dictated by the environment and the people enrolled in the activity.

Blue Venture will always do their best to find another operator of same or higher standard, but it is up to the customer to decide whether they want to accept the change or get a refund.

#### INSURANCE:

A cancellation insurance is not included. It is highly advised recommended that you obtain adequate travel insurance prior to your departure from your home country.

#### REFUNDS:

##### Medical Statement

To enroll in an Open Water Course, all students **MUST** fill in the Medical Statement. Please ensure that you have received the medical statement from your travel agent. If any questions are replied with a "Yes", the medical statement must be signed by a doctor. Failing the medical statement at the destination, and therefore not being able to enroll in the diving course, you will not be entitled to a refund.

**If you have not received your Medical Statement, please make sure to print it from this link.**

<https://blueventure.net/files/information/12.pdf>

#### Restricted dives

Diving is dictated by the environment and the people enrolled in the activity. All diving is performance based. It is up to the discretion of the dive guide/instructor to restrict divers from entering activities that goes beyond their experience level. All guides strive to reach the expectations of the customers. However, if they find that the safety of the group or an individual is jeopardized or at risk by one or several individuals, it is up to the dive guide/instructor to restrict any divers from entering the water.

In this event the dive center or Blue Venture is not obliged to give a refund.

#### Dives not completed

There is no refund for dives not carried out.

Refund for dives not done for any reason is up to the discretion of the dive center. Most dive centers do not give refunds for dives not done with personal causes such as seasickness, low on air situations or a failure in mastering the equipment etc. All log books will be checked prior to the dive and the dive sites will be chosen accordingly to the experience level. It is however expected that certified divers keep within their limits and do not cross their comfort zone. Blue Venture and your travel agent is never responsible to pay a refund for dives not done.

#### Courses not completed

There is no refund for courses not completed! All courses are performance based, but it is up to the instructor to pass the student. If a customer can not complete a course with success they will receive their course documents for an optional referral, but the contracted dive center, your travel agent and Blue Venture is not responsible to pay a refund.

**Boats or dives not departing**

If boats or dives are cancelled due to bad weather or sea conditions, it is up to the dive center to re-schedule and compensate with a similar dive trip when conditions allow. If the customer does not have adequate time to enroll in another trip/course it is up to the customer to make sure the dive center notify Blue Venture of this in order to secure a refund via the sales agent who completed the sale with the customer. There will only be refund on the diving and not the accommodation.

**ACCOMMODATION:**

Unless mentioned in the destination information folder the accommodation is always part of the package.

If the dive center by any means can't deliver the agreed accommodation, it is up to their discretion to supply immediate accommodation of the same or higher standard. (the destination information folder is found on the Blue Venture website.)

If the accommodation somehow does not live up to satisfactory standards of the customer, the customer must contact Blue Venture by phone or email as soon as possible (preferably while still on site) in order to solve the problem.

**DIVE INSTRUCTORS & DIVE GUIDES:**

All contracted dive centers has been handpicked based on their level of professionalism and expertise. Blue Venture ensures that all guides and instructors have the correct education and experience. In the unlikely event that a customer suffers a bad experience with any guide, instructor or dive center facilities, Blue Venture is entitled to know, but can't by any means be held liable.

At the end of you dive experience as questionnaire will be sent out to you, that we would like you to answer. By doing this, you help securing a high level of professionalism towards all customers.

**MEDICAL STATEMENT & LOGBOOK:**

If you are about to enroll in a dive course (entry level only), you must fill out the RSTC Medical Statement before you leave your home country. Please make sure your agent has provided you with the RSTC Medical Statement. You can also print the medical statement from the link, further up on this page. If you need the medical statement reviewed by a doctor, you have 10 days from the date of the booking with the option of cancelling for free.

If you are already certified as a diver and about to go fundiving, you must remember your current dive certificate and your personal logbook or dive computer.