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Big Blue Divers, Rasdhoo, Maldives

Fundiving Rasdhoo Island (private room)

The diving

Dangling like a string of pearls below the Indian subcontinent, the Maldives has always been the epitomy of tropical island holidays. With no mainland within hundreds of miles, the crystal clear waters of the Indian Ocean is a divers paradise. What sets the Maldives apart from other destinations is the teeming abundance of marine life. Due to the strict sustainable fishing policies, the ecosystems are intact and the reefs are healthy.

The location of our dive center on Rasdhoo is within easy reach of the most legendary of the dive sites in The Maldives! We invite you to go diving where beautiful Hammerheads, Manta Rays and all kinds of sea creatures gives the impression of an undersea rush hour. And with the numbers of divers per site being much lower than elsewhere, many of these fabulous creatures are as curious about the divers as the divers are about them!

For that reason, We LOVE the Maldives!

Area name / Island name
Rasdhoo, Alif Alif, Maldives

Nearest airport
Male (MLE)

Season
All year round

Center type
PADI Dive Centre

Experience level
None
Students must be able to swim 200 meters and thread water for 10 minutes

Minimum age for participation
10 Years

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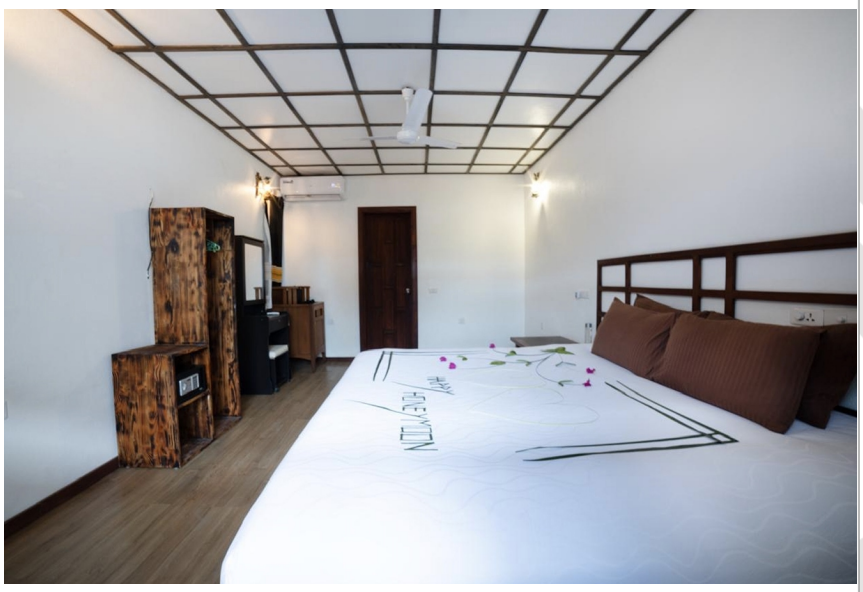
Location
Rasdhoo is a fine little atoll 32 miles west of the capital Male. Consisting of only four islands and a deserted sandbank, the numbers of visitors to this atoll is charmingly low, and Rasdhoo Island still enjoys a largely undiscovered status. Staying on a local inhabited island provides a very different, very REAL Maldivian experience, where the locals are eager to welcome explorers. Rasdhoo has a population of 1200, and is very proud to have a post office and even an ATM.

Your resort
Madivaru Kro is a guesthouse in Rasdhoo on the main street. It has a cozy shared lounge area, and a lovely terrace for relaxation. Guests can enjoy an on-site barbecue if they wish, as well as room service. Free Wi-Fi is also available. Bikini Beach is just a short walk away.

Your Room
All rooms at the guesthouse include a wardrobe, air conditioning, and a safe box. Each room has a private bathroom with a bidet, free toiletries, and a hairdryer. There are six rooms in total—four rooms are quadruple and two of them are double room.



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This is only a selection of the many dive sites represented on this particular destination. The diving is dictated by the safeness of the environment.

Madivaru Corner
A few minutes by boat from Rasdhoo lies the uninhabited island of Madivaru, home to Madivaru corner, Madivaru channel and the famous Hammerhead Point dive sites. Madivaru corner is rated as a 5-star site, boasting superb overhangs and a dizzying array of large species such as Grey reef sharks, white tips, eagle rays, napoleon wrasse, schools of barracuda, giant trevallies to name but a few. On occasion mantas and dolphins are seen here, to add to an already dazzling display. With visibility seldom less than 20m and often exceeding 40m, this site never disappoints!

Manta Point
Inside the North Channel, in the manta season (from November to April) there is a good chance of seeing mantas on this dive. A big coral block in 14 metres, with a top at 10m is an attraction for many species of fish. Best is to sit next to the block when mantas are around and watch them circle.

Rasdhoo Channel
Another great dive site for the experienced divers with Deep Dive Training or Advanced level because of the negative entry and the depth. All thilas (submerged pinnacle) are already well-colonised on the atoll drop-off edge at the depth between 20-25m between Kuramathi and Rasdhoo Island. On the sandy bottom between the thilas, look for sting rays or white tip reef sharks. While crossing the channel, almost anything is possible like grey reef sharks, eagle rays, napoleon wrasses and many more.

Conditions:

Visibility
20m - 40m

Water temperature
Year round 27-29 Celcius

Current
Mild to strong currents, sheltered bays with no current

Depths
5m - 40m
Average is 12 - 15m

Special marine life
Manta rays, hammerheads, dolphins, whitetip reef sharks, grey reef sharks big schools of barracuda and batfish

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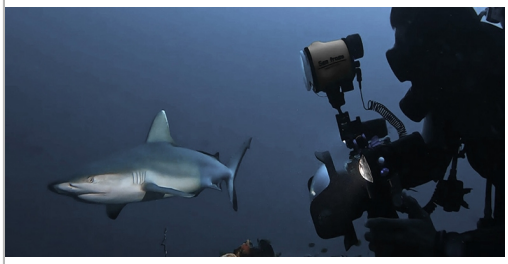

Dive package - 5 days and 4 nights - 4 dives
Day 1: Arrive Male. If you have cleverly booked your flight to arrive in time to catch a transfer to Rasdhoo, you do not need to overnight in Male. Take your chosen transfer to Rasdhoo, and check in to your guesthouse. The morning speed boat or ferry transfers would allow you start diving on the arrival day if you wish, or you could snorkel on the house reef, chill on the beach and discover the island. Check in with the Dive Center to register for the next day's diving, do the paperwork and fit equipment at 7pm.

Day 2 - 3: The fun dives are run on a system where you can determine your own agenda. For fun dives there are 5 dive slots to different sites, from a 6am dive for the early birds, to an evening dive to check out the nocturnal species. Dive planning for the next day is done at 7pm, and you just need to inform the dive centre staff of the dive slots that you would like to join for the nex day.

Check-out at 10 AM on the final day.

Your days on the island can also include several excursions, including a sandbank, picnic island, snorkeling, dolphin watching or night fishing trips. **These excursions are NOT included and they can easily be arranged for a fee paid locally to the dive center.**

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

Please note
Due to ocean and weather conditions, the itinerary can be subject to change.

Activity starts
On a daily basis

Please note that start times
Daily start times are all up to you, wake up late and go diving, or spend the morning on the reef, it is all up to you!

Activity starts from
Dive center

Please contact your dive center no later than one week prior arrival - to confirm your arrival time and for any questions you might have

Group Size
No limit
Max. 6 divers per instructor/divemaster

Language
English

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Transfer Information

Please Note: Friday often has irregular ferry services. It is recommended that you do not arrive or depart on Fridays!

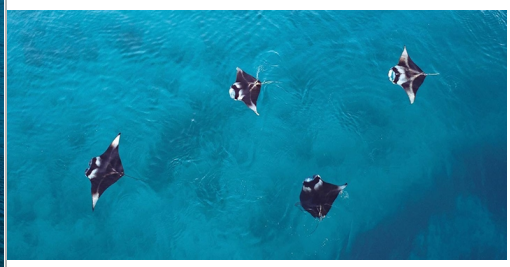
Public ferries depart from Male on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9am from the Vilingili ferry terminal in Male ($3.50 one way). Ferries return from Rasdhoo to Male on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Speedboats departs from airport/Male to Rasdhoo at 10:30am and 4pm on every day. ($30 one way). Departure times are 07:30 am and 1:30pm every day. Friday 2:30pm.

Private speedboard hire is available for $750 one way, for up to 20 pax. Doing night is available for $950

Important
You need to let the dive center know your arrival at least one week inadvance.

Important Note!
The dive center can help you book the transfer from Male and back. Just contact the dive center minimum 1 week prior to your trip starts. You find the dive center contact information on your voucher.



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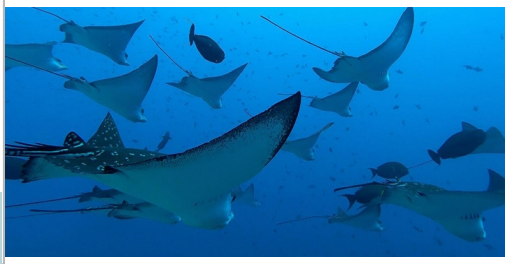
Prices below are based on 2 persons sharing accommodation, unless stated otherwise.

FUNDIVING W. PRIVATE ROOM	
Days / Nights	5/4
Amount of dives	4
Price (incl. accommodation)	488 EUR

Supplements	
2x extra dives incl. equipment	114 EUR
Extra nights of accommodation (after package)	52 EUR
Extra nights of accommodation (pre package)	52 EUR
Refresher dive (added to 1st dive)	98 EUR
Supplemental child (pr. night) (max 10 years old)	52 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 and you might find trouble getting an extra night in your resort or an extra day of diving.



Included
Diving as stated in package
Breakfast at hotel
Accommodation in private room
Snacks, on dive trips
Equipment

Not included
Dinner
Lunch
Transfer to/from Male
$6USD Green Tax per person/per night
Accommodation taxes

Also available on site
Extra diving
Extra accommodation
Upgrading of room
Full board packages

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

Cancellation
Please refer to FAQ & Terms on www.blueventure.net

Dive insurance
Basic dive travel insurance required

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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

Medical statements, specifically for courses in Cairns (Australia)

Entry level (E.g. Open Water course)
https://blueventure.net/files/required/138.pdf

Continuing education (e.g. advanced course)
https://blueventure.net/files/required/139.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.