

Dhangethi Island, Maldives Fundiving at Dhangethi Island

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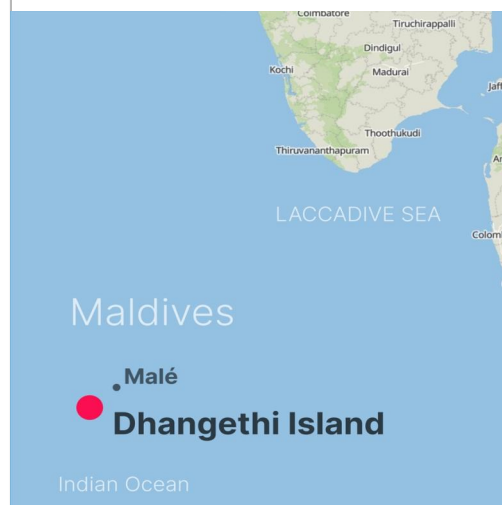
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The most famous is Kudha Rah Thila. It's a small mountain like pinnacle in the Middle of the Dhigurah & Dhangethi Channel. Which is a marine protected dive site and world class dive site just 20min Boat ride. One of the most dived dive sites in the Maldives and a world-famous dive. Where the fish life and formation of the reef is stunning.

Kudhimaa Wreck, a 50m cargo ship resting on a sandy bottom at around 30 meters, lies next to Centara Grand Island Resort. Sunk in 1998, it already hosts good coral growth and a wide variety of species. Nurse sharks, batfish, stonefish, lionfish, and moray eels are permanent residents around the wreck.

Five Rocks is formed by a pinnacle split into five pieces over centuries. These "rocks" range from 12m to 40m at the sandy bottom. Overhangs and sweeping currents create ideal conditions for vibrant corals, reef fish, and white tip reef sharks. Five Rocks is also a favorite among photographers for its unique underwater scenery.

For that reason, We LOVE the Maldives!



Area name / Island name
Dhangethi, South Ari atoll, Maldives

Nearest airport
Velana International, Male (MLE)

Season
All year round

Center type
RAID Dive Centre

Experience level
Open Water Diver or equivalent

Minimum age for participation
10 Years

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Location

Medium in size but rich in beauty, Dhangethi lies 87 km from Malé — about 2 hours by speedboat. Known as “the heart of diving in the Maldives,” it boasts vibrant marine life, stunning corals, and a peaceful village with friendly locals. The island is small enough to explore in a short walk. Stroll down the shopping street, catch the sunset, and enjoy the relaxed island vibe. Measuring just 1 km long and 350 meters wide, Dhangethi has a population of 1200, though fewer than 500 actually live on the island. Its narrow streets and colorful houses create a unique, tranquil atmosphere.

Your Guesthouse

PERLA Dhangethi offers a shared lounge, concierge service, free WiFi, and a garden pool. Each room features a balcony with city views, and Dhangethi Beach is only 100 meters away.

Your Room

All rooms have garden views and balconies. With personalised service, you'll feel welcome and cared for. Pristine beaches are just a 2-minute walk away, offering instant island tranquility and stunning views. Rooms are air-conditioned and include a desk, kettle, minibar, safe, flat-screen TV, terrace, and private bathroom with shower. Each room also includes a wardrobe.



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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.

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Kudhimaa Wreck

50m long cargo ship lying on a sandy bottom at around 30 meters depth, right next to a Centara Grand Island Resort. It was sunk in 1998 and already offers good coral growth and a large variety of species living on it. Nurse sharks, batfish, stonefish, lionfish, and moray eels are permanent residents and can be spotted around the wreck.

Five Rocks

it's formed by a pinnacle that has been split into five pieces over the centuries. These "rocks" reach from 12 m to 40m at the sandy bottom. Numerous overhangs and ocean-swept currents provide the perfect environment for vibrant corals, plenty of reef fish and white tip reef sharks. Five Rocks is a favorite among photographers for its unique underwater landscapes.



Conditions:

Visibility

20m - 40m

Water temperature

Year round 27-29 Celcius

Current

Mild to strong currents

Depths

5m - 40m

Average is 15 - 20m

Special marine life

Manta rays, whale shark, dolphins, whitetip reef sharks, grey reef sharks big schools of barracuda and batfish

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Itinerary - 5 days and 4 night (4 dives)

Day 1:

Arrive Male. If you have cleverly booked your flight to arrive in time to catch a transfer to Dhangethi, you do not need to overnight in Male. Take your chosen transfer to Dhangethi, check in to your guesthouse and enjoy the sunset from the local hangouts. If you arrived by morning ferry you have half a day left to snorkel the house reef, chill on the beach and discover the island. Check in with the Dive Center to get your activity planner and plan your activities with the dive instructor.

Day 2 - 5:

The fun dives are run on a system where you can determine your own agenda. For fun dives there are 5 time slots to different sites on the local Dhiffushi boat, or you can join a full day trip on the shark point. You can use your booked dives in the way that you want, on the times that you want. Just tick the boxes on your activity planner.

Check-out at 10 AM on the final day.

Your days on the island can also include several excursions, you will receive an activity planner where you can tick the box of which sunset champagne trip, sandbank picnic, island or snorkeling trip you want to join. These excursions are NOT included. 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
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
Max. 6 divers pr. Instructor

Language
English

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Transfer Information

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

There are 2 departures daily except Fridays, and the dive center will book you on the first boat after your arrival and send you the details by email prior to your arrival in the Maldives.

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)	554 EUR

Supplements	
1 night - after package (Private room)	59 EUR
1 night - before package (Private room)	59 EUR
2x Extra dives (incl. equipment)	160 EUR
Refresher dive (added to 1st dive)	76 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
Snacks, on dive trips
Equipment

Not included

Dinner
Lunch
Transfer to/from Male
\$6 Green Tax per person/per night

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.

Cancellation

Please refer to your individual travel agent

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>

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.