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**Dhangethi Island, Maldives**

# Learn to dive in Dhangethi Island

**The Diving**

Like a string of pearls below the Indian subcontinent, the Maldives has long been the picture-perfect fantasy of tropical island holidays. With only lush islands on the horizon for hundreds of miles, the crystal-clear waters of the Indian Ocean are a paradise for water lovers.

What truly sets the Maldives apart from other destinations is its incredible abundance of marine life. Thanks to strict sustainable fishing policies, the ecosystems remain intact, and the reefs are healthy and **absolutely stunning**.

Dhangethi is ideally located within easy reach of some of the region's most legendary dive sites, where an astonishing variety of sea creatures gives you the feeling of swimming through a living aquarium. It's genuinely breathtaking.

Together with your instructor, you'll begin slowly from the beach, learning essential skills in the calm, shallow water before gradually progressing through the course and out onto the reef. It doesn't get much more unspoiled than this - and we truly believe it's an extraordinary place to earn your diving license.

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

**Nearest airport**
Velana International, Malé (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 1km long and 350meters wide, Dhangethi has a population of 1200, though fewer than 500 actually live on the island. It's 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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**Introduction to course**

The RAID Open Water Diver course is a globally recognized certification and one of the most popular entry-level diving courses available. Upon completing this course, you'll be certified to dive independently with a buddy to a depth of 20 meters, opening up a world of underwater exploration.

The course is divided into comprehensive modules that combine both theoretical and practical learning. You begin with self-study through RAID's interactive online platform, where you'll work through modules, complete knowledge reviews, and watch instructional videos that reinforce what you've learned. Your RAID instructor will guide you through the material, ensuring you fully understand all the concepts before moving on.

Practical training starts in confined water sessions, where you'll practice essential diving skills in a safe, controlled environment. Once you're comfortable, you'll progress to four open water dives.

The course concludes with a final exam, a multiple-choice test covering everything you've learned. The RAID Open Water course is performance-based, allowing you to progress at your own pace, typically taking 3 to 4 days to complete all theoretical lessons, confined water sessions, and open water dives. By the end, you'll have the skills and confidence to dive independently with a buddy.

**WHEN TAKING THE COURSE**

**Diving is a very safe sport. It is open to anyone in good health but a medical form must be filled out before starting the course. Students must also be able to swim at least 200 meters and float for 10 minutes.**

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**The course in short:**

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**Number of Dives:**
Four Confined Water Sessions and Four Open Water Dives

**Knowledge Development:**
Five theoretical modules

**Prerequisites:**
10 years for Junior Open Water Diver, 15 years for Open Water Diver. Good health, reasonable fitness and comfort in the water

**Materials you'll need:**
RAID Open Water 20, Log Book (not included, will be charged at the dive center for $60)

**Equipment you'll use during the course:**
Mask, fins, snorkel, tank, regulator, buoyancy compensator, weight belt, submersible pressure gauge, wetsuit and dive computer (Included in your package)

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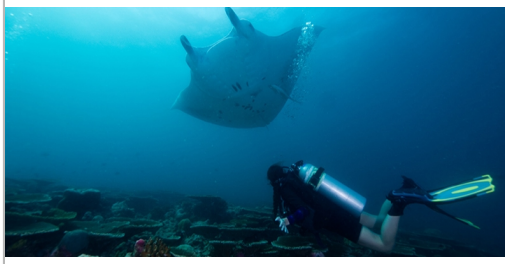

**Itinerary - 5 days and 4 nights**

**Day 1:**
Arrive Malé and hop on a speed boat to Dhangethi. The Dive Center will make your booking to Dhangethi and provide all details necessary for your transfer - you just need to pay when you arrive. You will be met at the harbour on arrival and taken to your guesthouse. Take a dip in the ocean or stroll around the island until evening time, when it is time to check in with the Dive Center and discuss your course with the instructor.

**Day 2**
Spend the day at the beach while working through the theory on your smartphone or tablet, all online. You can also choose to do your theory online prior to arrival, and spend a day relaxing instead of studying.

**Day 3**
Confined water training at the beach. You will learn the skills necessary to complete your course.

**Day 4**
Two open water dives to 12 meters depth on beginner dive sites

**Day 5**
Two open water dives to 20 meters, and completion of course.

**Day 6**
Transfer by speed boat to Male/Airport/other island.

**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**
Courses are run on a daily basis
Start dates vary by request.

Please note that start times can vary from course to course. You will be notified upon arrival.

**Activity starts from**
Dive center.

The Dive Center will contact you 2 weeks before arrival to inform your speed launch booking and pick-up times at the pier.

**Group Size**
Max. 6 divers pr. instructor.

**Language**
English.

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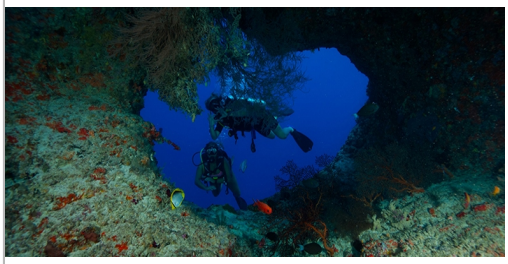
**Transfer Information**
Unless you have booked a stay in Malé or Hulhumale prior to departing to Dhangethi, you only need to walk out from the international terminal to the jetty where the speed launches stop for pick-up.

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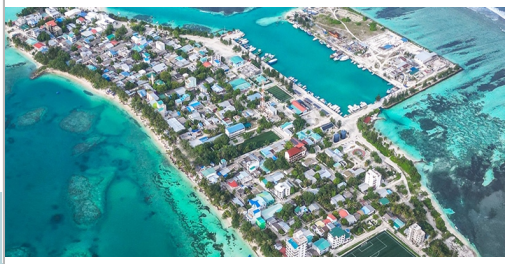
*Prices below are based on 2 persons sharing accommodation, unless stated otherwise.*

| LEARN TO DIVE W. PRIVATE ROOM | |
|---|---|
| **Days / Nights** | 6/5 |
| **Amount of dives** | 5 |
| **Price (incl. accommodation)** | 842 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 choosen to add on your package. All supplements can also be booked on site. In high season, bungalows and boats get filled fast - you might find trouble getting an extra night in your resort or an extra day of diving. If you are booking a course, it is recommended to book an extra night of accommodation prior your course, to get settled and get up front on the studying.



**Included**
Open Water Course
Accommodation
Breakfast
Water and snacks, on dive trips
Equipment
Dive instructor

**Not included**
Dinner
Lunch
Transfer to/from Male ($30 each way)
Course materials and certification ($60)
$6 Green Tax per person/per night

**Also available on site**
Extra diving
Extra accommodation
Upgrading of room
Full-board packages
Watersports, surfing, boat excursions

**Continuing education**
Courses are available on request for all levels of continuing education.

**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.