

Royal Island Resort

Prices valid from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026

diveOceanus



Certified Diver

For Open Water Certification
and Beyond: Dive and
Equipment Rates

Beginners

Packages for the Complete
Beginner: Learn and Get
Certified

Freediver

The silent world. No prior
freediving training is needed.
Freedom

Certified Diver

Dives & Equipment

For Open Water Diver certification onward Per Dive with Tanks & Weights

Orientation dive / House Reef per Dive	\$71
1–4 Dives Tanks & Weights Per Dive	\$111
5–9 Dives Tanks & Weights Per Dive	\$106
10+ Dives Tanks & Weights Per Dive	\$101

*The dive prices listed apply to individual divers only and cannot be shared with a buddy. Rates include a cylinder, weight belt with weights, mask, fins, snorkel, and surface marker buoy at no extra charge. DAN insurance and boat trips are also included.

Selected dive packages for all -inclusive guests; 5 boat dives onwards

Equipment Rentals

Per dive

Full Equipment Rental Per Dive	\$25
BCD Rental Per Dive	\$09
Regulator Rental Per Dive	\$09
Dive computer Rental Per Dive	\$09
Wetsuit Rental Per Dive	\$09
Underwater light Rental Per Dive	\$15
GoPro Rental Per Dive	\$61
15 Ltr Tank Rental Per Dive	\$15

Equipment rental options are available either on a per-equipment basis or as a complete equipment rental package.

Nitrox fills are provided on a complimentary basis for certified Nitrox divers or those involved in Nitrox training.

All the above prices are inclusive of the 10% Service Charge and 17% of Goods and Services Tax levied by the Government of Maldives.

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A Manta ray feeding at Hanifaru Bay.

Much about manta ray migration remains a mystery, including their travel routes and distances between atolls. However, it is known that some manta rays return to the same dive and snorkeling sites annually. Manta ray populations in the Maldives are believed to remain within the region, traveling between atolls as they follow seasonal plankton blooms. Each manta ray has unique black markings on its belly, which allow for individual identification.

In the waters of the Maldives, three species of rays are commonly encountered: the Reef Manta Ray (*Mobula alfredi*), the Oceanic Manta Ray (*Mobula birostris*), and the Pygmy Devilray (*Mobula eregoodootenkee*). Locally, manta rays are called “Enn Madi” in Dhivehi, the Maldivian language.

Scheduled Dives

Scheduled Boat Dives

House reef / training dives
0800hrs. 1000hrs. and 1400hrs.

Scheduled Two-Tank Boat Dives

The meet-up time at the dive center is 08:00 hrs. Both dives are completed during the trip, with the boat returning to Royal Island at approximately 11:45 hrs.

The afternoon scheduled boat dive begins at 1400hrs and returns at 1545hrs back to the resort. Additionally, night dives can be arranged with reservations and typically start at 1800hrs.



Flights and Scuba Diving

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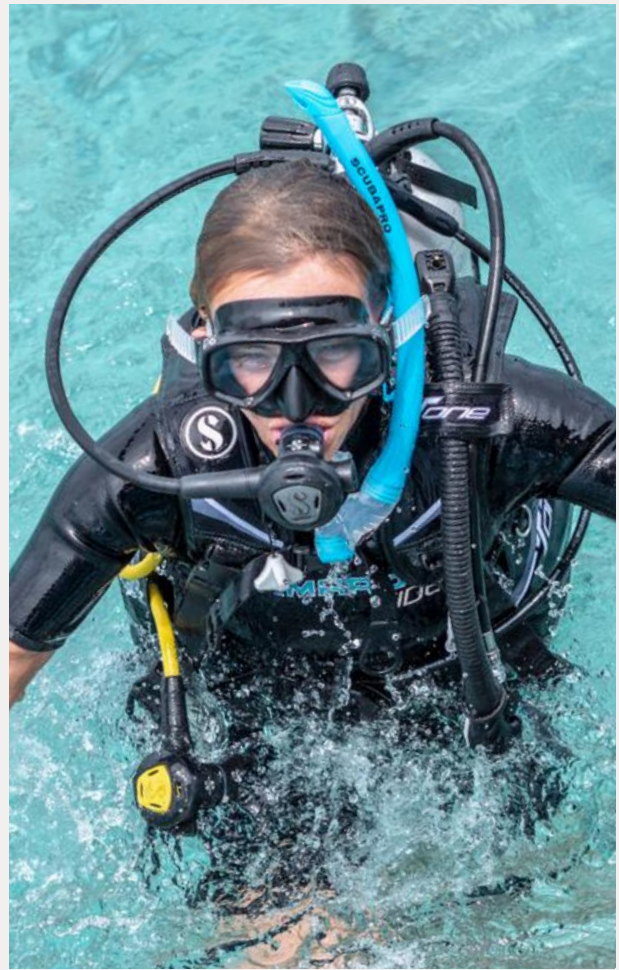
Orientation & Reactivate

Orientation Dive \$71

Our orientation dive aims to assist divers in returning to the water, specifically those who may have missed the Maldivian dive regulation checks.

If a diver is certified as an entry-level diver or above but cannot provide proof of at least 30 dives and/or has not dived within the last 3 months, they are required to undergo an Orientation Dive.

During the dive, you'll familiarize yourself with the equipment, including weight checks, whether you're using our equipment or your own. This is the perfect time for a pre-check. This experience not only readies you for the specific conditions of Maldivian waters but also serves as an excellent opportunity to refresh your skills before venturing into open water on the boat.



Reactivate \$151 Scuba Refresher

Certified divers inactive for over a year are advised to complete a refresher program.

It includes a theory quiz, a brief lagoon session, and a dive on our house reef.

ReActivate is an engaging and efficient way to refresh your dive knowledge and scuba skills. Tailored for those inactive for over an year, it effectively covers familiar topics while ensuring a comprehensive review where knowledge might need a refresher.



Baa Atoll



The Top Five Sites to Explore

1. Horubadhoo Thila

3. Nelivaru Haa

5. Dhigu Thila

2. Dhonfan Thila

4. Dharavandhoo Thila

6. Bodu Gaa

Popular experience programs

Bubble Maker \$224 for kids

Bubble Maker Dives offer an unforgettable one-on-one underwater experience designed for children aged 8 to 9 years. Led by certified instructors, these engaging sessions introduce young explorers to the excitement of scuba diving in a safe, controlled environment. Filled with activities, games, and exciting underwater challenges like fish and coral discovery, Bubble Maker Dives spark a lifelong passion for marine exploration in young adventurers and provide a foundational experience in scuba diving.



Discover Scuba Diving \$242

Discover Scuba Diving offers a captivating introduction to the underwater world without the commitment of a full scuba diving course.

Guided by certified instructors, participants learn essential skills and safety procedures, making it ideal for beginners and the curious. It's an exciting first step into underwater adventure.

Skills are practiced in our pool or house reef, the open water dive portion is completed within our House Reef, not exceeding a depth of 12 meters. No swimming skills required.



Our Most Popular Courses

Scuba Diver Certification Course

This certification course includes dive theory, confined water skills practice, and two open water dives.

It counts toward the Open Water Diver certification, granting a lifetime license to dive worldwide up to 12 meters with a PADI professional.

The minimum age requirement to enroll is 10 years.



Open Water Certification Course

This certification program provides you with the essential knowledge and skills needed to become a confident and independent scuba diver. You'll learn dive theory, practice essential skills in confined water, and complete four open water dives. Upon certification, you'll be licensed to dive up to 18 meters, with a lifetime license valid worldwide.

The minimum age requirement to enroll is 10 years.





Advanced Open Water

\$807

Designed for fun and engagement, this program skips quizzes and exams, focusing on practical experience to build your underwater skills. Core dives include Deep Diving and Underwater Navigation, with optional experiences such as Night Diving, Nitrox, Peak Performance Buoyancy (PPB), Drift Diving, and Fish Identification.

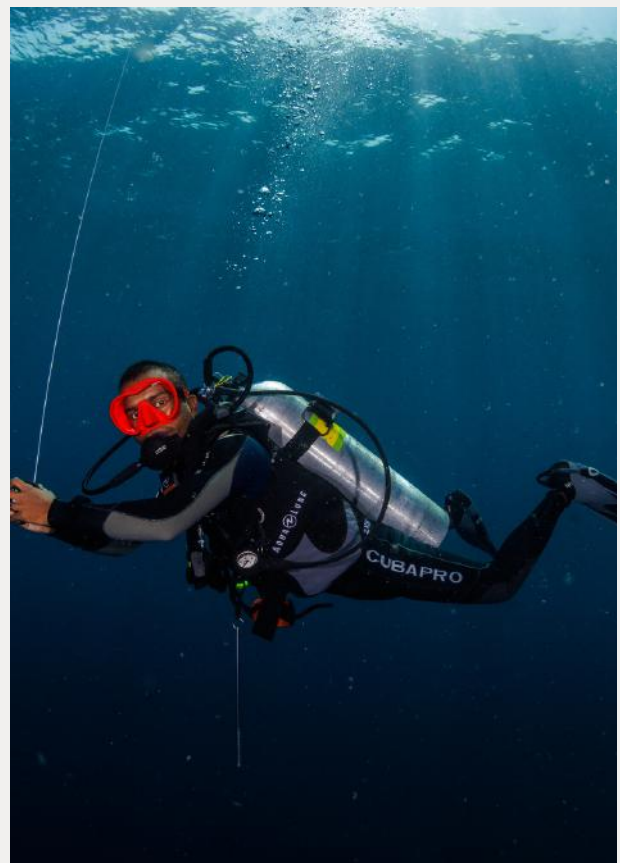
The minimum age requirement to enroll is 12 years.

Enriched Air Nitrox Diver

\$202

A specialized certification that opens up new possibilities in scuba diving, this course teaches you how to dive with enriched air nitrox, which has a higher oxygen content than regular air. Using enriched air allows for longer no-decompression dive times, giving you more time to explore underwater wonders.

The minimum age requirement to enroll is 12 years.



Courses & Options

Padi Courses

Upgrade to Open Water Diver	Includes PADI Certification Materials	\$605
Adventure Dive/Specialty Dive	Includes PADI Certification Materials	\$197
Adventure Diver	Includes PADI Certification Materials	\$605
Emergency First Response (EFR)	Includes PADI Certification Materials	\$353
Rescue Diver	Includes PADI Certification Materials	\$1009
Dive Master	Includes PADI Certification Materials	\$2017

All certification materials, full equipment, and DAN insurance coverage included.

Private Dive boat Hire

Private 4-Hour Boat Hire	\$867
Private 8-Hour Boat Hire	\$1513
Hourly Private Instructor Hire	\$303

Others

diveOceanus Logbook	\$20
Padi Certification kit	\$252

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Baa Atoll Hanifaru Bay

Manta Snorkelling Trips

Royal Island is located within the protected UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, just 25 minutes from Hanifaru Bay—one of the world's most famous manta ray hotspots. Between June and November, lunar tides and monsoon currents create a natural phenomenon, trapping high concentrations of plankton that attract manta rays and whale sharks from across the Maldives.

Witnessing these graceful giants feeding near the surface is an unforgettable experience for snorkelers. Sightings depend on weather conditions and the behavior of Manta's. As a protected marine area, Hanifaru Bay permits snorkeling but prohibits diving. Visits are regulated and scheduled for specific dates and times, with bookings typically arranged a day in advance during the season.

\$222



Raa Atoll

Manta Snorkelling Trips

With the seasonal changes, the manta season at Hanifaru Bay usually concludes by late November as plankton levels decrease. Meanwhile, plankton blooms begin in Raa Atoll, creating the perfect conditions for manta ray encounters.

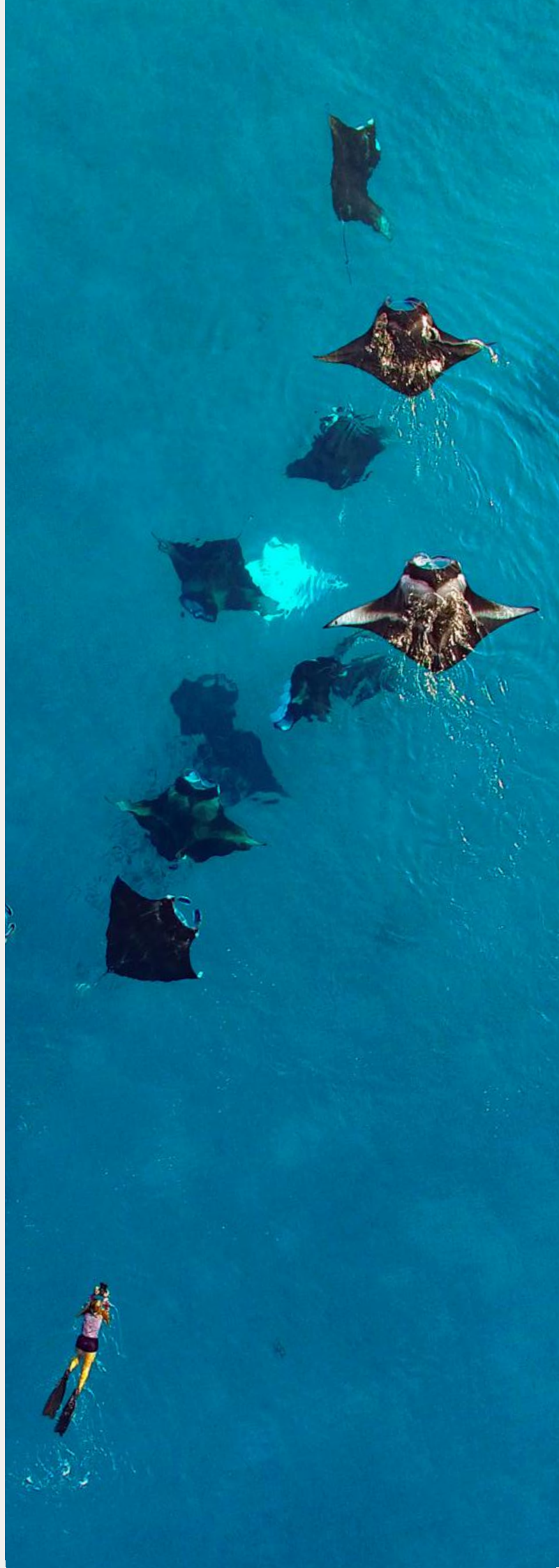
To ensure you enjoy the best experiences during both seasons, we start offering snorkeling trips in Raa Atoll from early December to late June. This allows us to provide year-round opportunities to snorkel with manta rays and create unforgettable memories with you.

Best Snorkeling Spots for Manta Rays in Raa Atoll:

- Sola Corner
- Bodu Faru
- Maamunaga Lagoon

Located just 30 to 40 minutes by speedboat from Royal Island, Raa Atoll—also known as Northern Maalhosmadulu Atoll—offers an easily accessible opportunity to swim with manta rays. Although it is not part of a designated Biosphere Reserve, Raa Atoll boasts absolutely pristine conditions, with vibrant marine life and untouched natural beauty that make it a snorkeling paradise.

\$300





Basic FreeDiver \$336

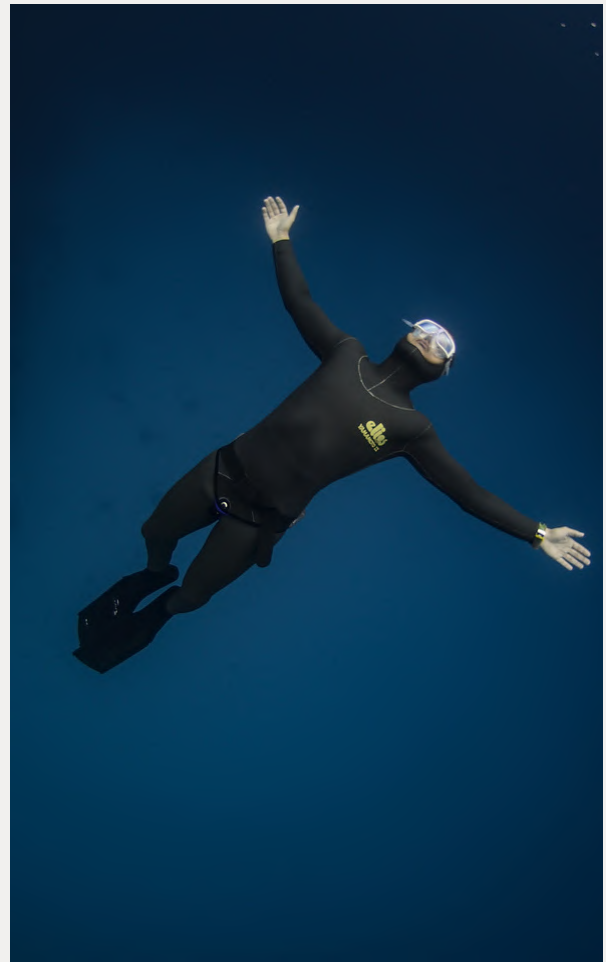
Course

The Basic Freediver course is an introductory segment of the Freediver course, focusing on foundational principles and breath-hold techniques in a pool or confined water. Academics include independent study through Freediver eLearning, followed by a confined water session.

Goals: 90 seconds of static apnea and 25 meters/80 feet of dynamic apnea.

The minimum age requirement to enroll is 12 years.

Pre-booking required



FreeDiver \$555

Course

Master breath-hold techniques with a focus on static and dynamic apnea in confined water, aiming for goals of a 90-second static apnea and a 25-meter dynamic apnea. In open water, practice free immersion and constant weight freedives, along with proper buddy procedures, with a target depth of a 18-meter in constant weight freediving. Study independently with eLearning or participate in class sessions.

The minimum age requirement to enroll is 12 years.

Pre-booking required

Freediver

For certified Freedivers

Pre-book with us

Freediving coaching pool 2hrs	\$151
Freediving coaching session OW 2hrs	\$252
Combine coaching	\$373
Private boat (04 hours)	\$868
Private boat(08 hours)	\$1513
Private instructor hire(per hour)	\$303

Explore sessions safety equipment & weights included

Explore freediving sessions boat	\$101
Explore freediving sessions house reef	\$81

Freedive Rentals

Fins	\$9
Mask & Snorkel	\$9
Dive Computer	\$9
Wetsuit 3mm	\$9
Full equipment	\$25

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Medical questionnaire for beginners and certified divers:

If you have any of the medical conditions mentioned in the RSTC medical questionnaire, we would require a diving medical certificate confirming your fitness from a physician.

RSTC forms are available in multiple languages. Scan to view.

Attention divers aged 75 or older:

New insurance policies from DAN require a medical certificate from a physician. This certificate should confirm your fitness to dive, current health status, medications, and dosages. We kindly ask that you email this certificate to DiveOceanus to ensure your clearance for diving activities. Please send the details at least 10 days prior to your arrival to royalisland@diveoceanus.com. We'll notify you upon receipt of the necessary documentation. Please keep in mind that final approval for scuba diving rests with DAN or your chosen dive insurance provider.

Thank you for your understanding.

FAQ

Is it necessary to make a booking in advance before my arrival?

All fun dives can be arranged on arrival, as well as all courses up to Rescue Diver. We recommend booking in advance, especially if you plan to complete your Dive Master or Rescue Diver training with us. Additionally, if you want to ensure there will be an instructor who speaks your language, please contact the dive center before your arrival.

What is diveOceanus' policy regarding diving after flying and flying after diving?

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What are my depth limits as a certified diver?

- Scuba Diver Certification: Maximum depth of 12 meters.
- Open Water Certification: Maximum depth of 20 meters.
- Advanced and higher certification: Maximum depth of 30 meters.
- Please note that according to Maldivian dive regulations, the deepest recreational divers are allowed to go is 30 meters, and decompression diving is not permitted.

Are hyperbaric chambers available in the Maldives?

Hyperbaric facilities are available at:

- ADK Hospital, North Male' Atoll
- Bandos Island Hyperbaric Chamber North Male' Atoll

What time of the year is best for seeing Manta Rays and Whale Sharks?

Hanifaru Bay Season (June to November)

Royal Island is situated within the protected UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, just 25 minutes from Hanifaru Bay—one of the world's most famous manta ray hotspots. Between June and November, lunar tides and monsoon currents create a natural phenomenon, trapping high concentrations of plankton. This attracts manta rays and whale sharks from across the Maldives, offering unparalleled opportunities to observe these gentle giants.

Not only can whale sharks and manta rays be seen within Hanifaru Bay, but they are also frequently spotted throughout the Baa Atoll during this season. Witnessing these majestic creatures feeding near the surface is an unforgettable experience for snorkelers.

Please note:

- Sightings depend on weather conditions and the natural behavior of these marine animals.
- As a protected marine area, Hanifaru Bay allows snorkeling only and prohibits diving.
- Visits are regulated and scheduled for specific dates and times, with bookings typically arranged a day in advance during the season.

Raa Atoll Manta Season (December to June)

As the plankton levels in Hanifaru Bay decrease by late November, the manta ray season shifts to Raa Atoll. Plankton blooms in the region create ideal conditions for manta ray encounters, extending the opportunity to swim with these majestic creatures beyond the Hanifaru season.

We begin offering snorkeling trips in Raa Atoll from early December to late June, ensuring year-round chances to experience unforgettable encounters with manta rays.

For more detailed information please visit us at www.diveoceanus.com

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