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HELLO OCEAN LOVERS & THE CURIOUS

AUG 10th to 16th and 16th to 22nd





MALDIVES

AUG 2023

It is time for us to head back to our favourite waters of the Maldives again, but this time to a new island we haven't been to before. We were keen to find a place that has something for everyone - those who like the big stuff, those who like the small stuff, and those who are dipping their toes into the diving world for the first time (pun intended).

We head to the magical island of Dhigurah to explore some beautiful dive sites with overhangs, hopefully encounter the biggest fish in the ocean (Whale sharks!), and meet some pretty awesome people who will become your dive crew and your new best friends. Water people get other water people, and you shall be inducted into the community :)

WEEK ONE - AUG 10 to 16th

Will focus more on experienced divers and will be fun dives (think wrecks, overhangs, big spotted fish, the giant flap-flaps)

WEEK TWO - AUG 16 to 22nd

will be better for those who want to try diving (Discover Scuba Diving - DSDs) and those looking to get certified (Open Water Course)

However, we are ocean people who go with the flow so do discuss with us if you want to join either of the weeks and we can probably accommodate you. In our experience, it is nice to share the week with those on the same journey.



MALDIVES DHIGURAH

Dhigurah, which means *long island* in Dhivehi, is considered as one of the most beautiful islands in the Maldives with an endless sand bank and a big blue lagoon. The island, with a population of 600 humans, is in South Ari atoll.

It is the most popular area in the Maldives for swimming with whale sharks and one of the rare locations where whale shark encounters are possible almost throughout the year. It is also a popular area for diving with many of the popular dive spots located within reach by boat in 30-45 minutes. The famous Kudarah Thila (pinnacle) and Kudima Wreck are accessible from here.

The north end of the island has the local fishing village and its inhabitants, and on the south is a very long and narrow sand tongue around 3kms in length and a couple of kms in depth. Having a sandbank this long (that it reaches the next island over during certain seasons) is quite unique to this island.



WHAT DOES THE WEEK LOOK LIKE?

DAY 1 - Arrive in male and a travel to Dhigurah, settle in and meet the group over dinner.

DAY 2 to 6 - MORNING - Breakfast, followed by snorkelling/dives/scuba lessons.

AFTERNOON - Lunch and free time to nap, bum on the beach, and live life at an island pace.

EVENINGS - There will be group activities, sunset at sandbank, BBQ, intertidal walk. Dinner together.

DAY 7 - Check out and leave for Male



PACKAGE PRICE

ACTIVITIES

INCLUSIONS+ EXCLUSIONS

BEGINNER (DISCOVER SCUBA DIVE)	\$1200	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to the scuba gear• 3 Discover Scuba Dives (DSD)<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 1 in shallow confined water to practice skills and get into the ocean◦ 2 in the open water depending on your pace• Whale shark snorkel	INCLUSIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accommodation for 6 nights*• Full board (3 meals + tea/coffee)• Speedboat transfers to and from Male• Sandbank trip with BBQ on the beach• Local taxes, tourist fees, dive boat fees etc EXCLUSIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flights• Credit card fees(cash preferred)• Watersports• Tips• Other personal expenses• Equipment rental at \$25/day• Extra dives <p>*All rates on double occupancy(twin-sharing) basis. Single rooms could be provided at \$150 extra depending on availability.</p>
OPEN WATER CERTIFICATION COURSE	\$1475	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• E-learning shared to complete at home before arrival• 3 confined water dives• 3-4 open water dives depending on your pace• Certification and processing charges• Whale shark snorkel	
ADVANCED OPEN WATER CERTIFICATION COURSE**	\$1425	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• E-learning shared to complete at home before arrival• 5 specialty dives• Deep dive and navigation dives are compulsory. 3 more from:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Boat/Wreck/Night/Peak Performance Buoyancy/Drift/ Naturalist/ Fish ID• Certification and processing charges• Whale shark snorkel	
DIVER PACKAGE**	\$1400	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 dives• Whale shark snorkel	
NON-DIVER PACKAGE	Upon request based on specific requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Snorkel gear rental and trip if required• Option to join on boat and snorkel while divers dive (only recommended for good swimmers)	

HOW TO BOOK YOUR FLIGHT?



Since every individual is travelling from different parts of the globe, you will have to buy your own tickets.

We will be transferred from Male to Dhigurah, and back on speed boats(for a ride of 1h45m) *

These are the timings that you will have to plan your flights around:

Male airport - Dhigurah	1100 1600	1100 1600	1100 1600	1100 1600	1100 1600	1100 1600	1000 1600
Dhigurah - Male airport	0630 1330	0630 1330	0630 1330	0630 1330	0630 1330	0630 1330	0630 1330

We recommend arriving in Male atleast 90 minutes prior to the boat departure, and planning your departure flight 3 hours after arrival to Male. This will leave some margin for unexpected delays.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & PERSONAL CONDUCT

Alcohol

As Maldives is a moderate Muslim country, alcohol is prohibited and is allowed only on resort islands. Kindly note that upon arrival at Velana International Airport, any consumables containing alcohol will be confiscated by Customs.

Attire

- Please be respectful in public areas and keep shoulders and hips covered(for women), and preferably wear a t-shirt(for men). There is a bikini beach on the island of Dhigurah where you can enjoy the beach in full. Bikinis are also allowed on the dive boats.
- Please be aware of the SUN and USE SPF PROTECTION / recommended 30-50 SPF. Kindly try use reef-safe sunscreen when we are going into the water.
- Island has lots of vegetation so bring anti-mosquito repellents if you are susceptible to bites.



Equipment rental

Equipment is available for \$25/day. For those doing a course or DSD, the equipment is included.

If you have equipment of your own that you are comfortable with, please do bring along. We always recommend having your own mask and snorkel for fit purposes, but don't worry too much if you don't want to invest yet!

Extra Cash for:

- Tips to dive guides \$50 and to guest house staff \$50 is the norm. (Total \$100 at the end of the trip)
- SIM card - You can buy these at the airport (walk to the left when you exit the airport and there will be a Dhiraagu or Ooredoo store on your left)
- Extra dives if you want
- Snacks from the local supermarket
- Coffee/tea outside (We provide these at the accommodation as part of your package)
- Miscellaneous expenses such as any meals you want to have outside. We do provide a full board so this is up to you.
- Water sports
- Memorabilia - there are a few shops on the island in the village area to buy some souvenirs for those back home(a kind way to rub your holiday in their faces, of course)
- There is a spa next door that offers massages for your tired muscles after a day of diving! (Atleast that is the excuse we use for some indulgence)



Accommodation

We will be staying in a comfortable 3+ star beach hotel. Designed for maximum privacy and comfort, the hotel is located a little bit away from the village, yet close enough to walk and enjoy the island lifestyle of the Maldives. Just a few meters away from the rooms, has the white sandy beach with a length of more than 3km. Each room is spacious and comfortable with private bathrooms. There is A/C and WiFi in all rooms. If you would like a single room, please enquire with us about availability.

Food

We offer a full board package so all meals are included. Fish and chicken are always on the menu. We also accommodate vegetarians. However, there are other restaurants and cafes on the island if you wish to



Dive depth

- Max depth of 30 meters for certified divers
- Max depth of 6 meters for non divers.
- It does not matter how deep you dive. Most of the marine life and the beauty of the ocean is between 3 to 8 meters.

Dive Insurance

We recommend all divers have dive insurance - Dive Assure and DAN are good options.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- All guests to share passport copies and travel tickets 15 days before departure.
- The dive center reserves the final right to cancel dives/trips in case of inclement weather or bad conditions, without prior notice.
- As much as there is a high probability of certain sightings, it is the wild and it is unpredictable so there are no guarantees. However, in our experience, there is always some wild sightings of our guests on land guaranteed 😊

Advance and cancellation

- The advance of \$100 is non-refundable. (Please send us a screenshot once the deposit has been made to one of the following accounts below)
- Please note that refunds for diving and accommodations are not applicable after arrival.
- If the guest(s) decide to end their diving package earlier than booked, any unused portions of the dive experience and accommodation will not be refunded.

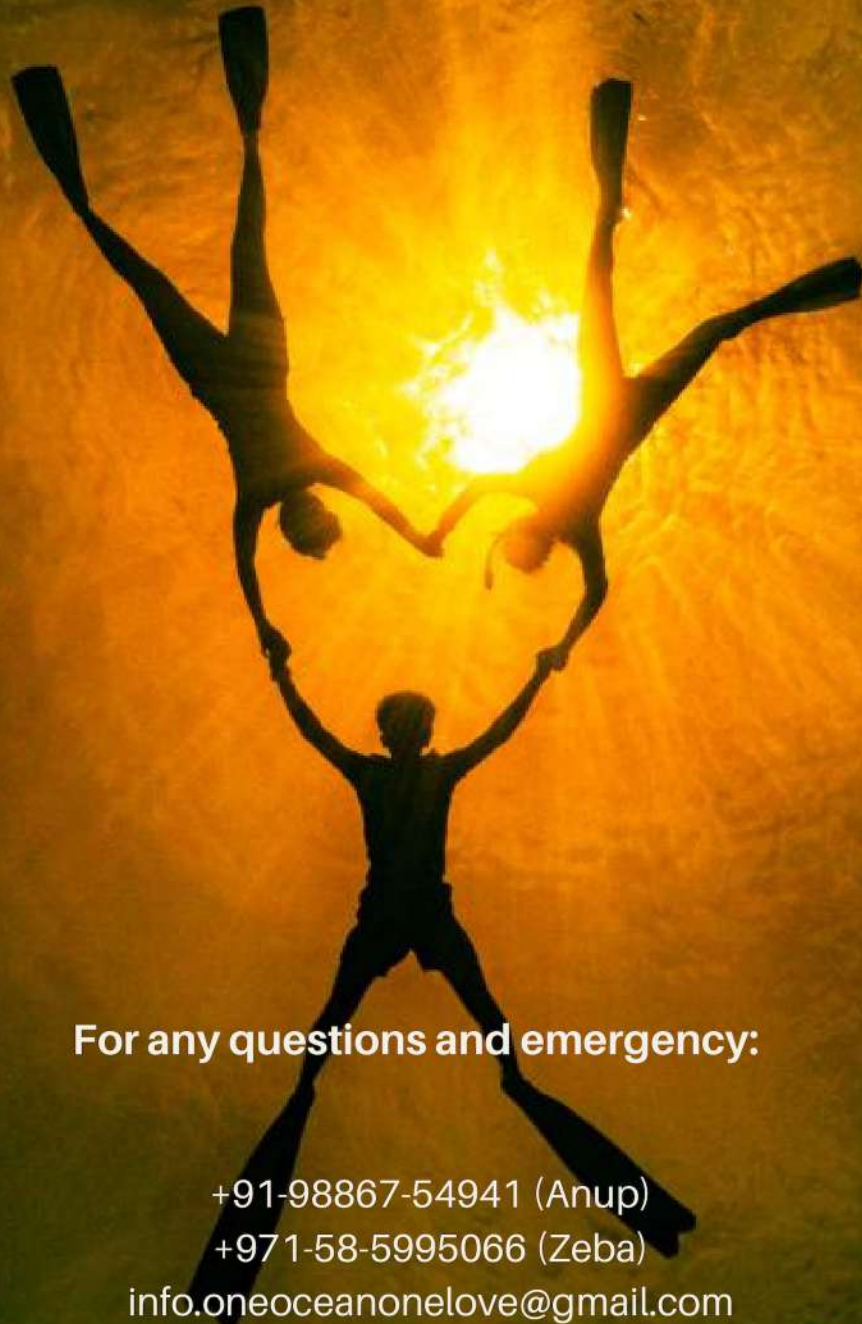
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