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Thulusdhoo Island, North Male Atoll, Maldives 5 day beach chilling - private room

The scene

The Maldives is a destination most famous for the spectacular underwater environment of tropical coral reefs. We recommend doing a full course, but if you'd rather just have a try, you can book try diving as a supplement to this package.

Snorkelling is also very popular and a less expensive way to see some of the aquatic wonders. Operators on the island advertise organised tours on the basis of popularity. So sign up for a snorkelling excursion, or rent a set of snorkelling gear from the dive center, be bold and go explore on your own. The dive centre staff will be happy to give you ideas of where to go and where not to.

Kayaks and stand-up paddle boards can be rented on an informal basis from vendors on the beach. Experience the great outdoors while silently gliding over the water with the ocean breeze to ruffle your hair.

During the months from April to October, Thulusdhoo is a surfer's dream. With five world-famous surfing waves right on your doorstep, you can surf these bucketlist waves to your heart's content. Surf taxis operate from the beach at very reasonable prices for drop off and pickup. Surf coaches can be found on the island to introduce you to the surfing world, with expert advice on beginner waves right there on the beach.





Area name / Island name Thulusdhoo, Kaafu atoll, Maldives

Nearest airport

Velana International, Male (MLE)

Season

All year round - Best season is November to April for smooth weather. The Manta Ray season is from May to October The surf season (best swells from May to October)

> Experience level No experience needed

Minimum age for participation 15 Years

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Location

Thulusdho is an island where the surfing and the diving crowds live side by side on the beach. One block away is the real Maldives, the local village with its steady, slow pace of life, white sandy streets and green plants everywhere. It is all very pretty!

There is no alcohol on the island, but often, there is a really cool bar-boat just off the island, where you can quench your thirst with a cold beer, while the sun goes down and the tropical heat makes way for the comfortable evening breeze. From June to October you might even see manta rays feeding on the plankton which is attracted by the lights of the bar-boat! Take a mask and snorkel with you and join them in the warm water for an amazing encounter with these gentle giants.

Your guesthouse - Golhaa View

Just 20 meters from the bikini-beach you'll find the relaxed guesthouse of Golhaa View Inn, and 30 seconds of walking in the opposite direction will bring you to the dive center.

Your breakfast will be served in the cozy restaurant or outdoors in the lounging garden which is lush and green with endemic vegetation and trees to provide shade. Step out of the garden right onto the Bikini-beach to enjoy the turquoise waters. The guesthouse is very popular with surfers as well as divers which provides a great atmosphere.

Your Room

Each room has A/C, Fan, WIFI, television, refrigerator and a private bathroom with a hot shower. The rooms are cleaned daily.









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All activities are done at your own risk. You can be introduced to the local environment, currents and points of interests at the dive center. Ask at your guesthouse for directions.

Below you will find a few things you might enjoy while visiting the island.

Try diving:

This has to go on the top of the list. It is the Maldives, a mecca for scuba diving! You can book your try dive as a supplement to this package. (but why not learn how to dive with an actual course. It will be a skill for life!)

Surfing:

You've got world famous surf right in front of your accommodation and options to rent boards or take lessons on all levels.

Kayaking:

The island of Thulusdhoo is small, and could easily be paddled around. However, it does also have some of the best surfspots in the world, and you do not want to be caught surfing your kayak on these world famous waves. So make sure you get a good introduction of where to go, and what currents to look out for, before you jump in your kayak!

Snorkeling:

There are so many different things you can see, snorkeling from the island of Thulusdhoo! If you go out from the long wooden pier, or the big rock boulders on the Northeast coast, you can often be so lucky to see the eagle rays fly by in formation. For something different, try snorkeling in the little mangrove lagoon in the Southeast around sunset. If you move very slow,

you might be able to get close to the small baby sharks hanging out in this area. (they are very shy)

Beaching:

Bikinis are absolutely okay at the beachfront, where sunbeds and hammocks are up for grabs.

Sunsets:

On the South & West coast you will find yourself on a long stretch of land, running next to the ocean. This place is awesome for sunsets! Look for baby sharks in the water, go running or join a game of football with the locals.



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Itinerary - 5 day, 4 night stay with no pre-booked activities.

Day 1: Arrive Malé and hop on a speed boat to Thulusdhoo. The guesthouse will make your ferry/speedboat booking to Thulusdhoo and provide all details necessary for your transfer on an e-mail prior to your arrival. You will be met at the harbour on Thulusdhoo and taken to your guesthouse. If you booked the "Try Scuba" supplement, check in at the dive centre and reserve your dive. Remember that you can not fly in a pressurised aircraft for 24 hours after scuba diving, so don't count on diving on day 5, and possibly also not on day 4, depending on what time your flight departs on day 5.

Day 2, 3 and 4: Play your heart out in the warm tropical waters or work on your tan on the beach.

Day 5: Departure day.

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

Please note

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



Activity starts No activities included

> Group Size No limit

> > Language English

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Transfer Information

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

There are three boat departures daily to Thulusdhoo, except on Fridays. The daccommodation will book you on the first boat after your arrival and send you all the details on how to find the boat, and what time to get on it by email, prior to your arrival in the Maldives. This will happen automatically 10 to 14 days prior to your arrival. However, you are more than welcome to contact the accommodation for this information earlier, you will find the contact details on your voucher.











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

Supplements

Extra day diving (2 dives) + 1 night private acc	202 EUR
Extra night in private room (after package)	52 EUR
Extra night in private room (before package)	52 EUR
Refresher dive - added to first dive	11 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, rooms and boats get filled fast - you might find trouble getting an extra night in your guesthouse.



Included Accommodation Breakfast

Not included Activities Dinner Lunch Snacks and water Transfer to island from male (\$30 each way, subject to change) Green Tax (\$3 per person per day)

Also available on site

Diving (can't be guaranteed in high season) Extra accommodation (can't be guaranteed in high season) Upgrading of room (can't be guaranteed in high season) Kitesurfing, Surfing, Stand-up paddleboards

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

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

Insurance Basic 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

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.

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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.

