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Thulusdhoo Island, North Male Atoll, Maldives
Fundiving in the Maldives!

The diving
Thulusdhoo is a destination that brings together the best of the Maldives: the laid back local island vibe, beautiful beaches, hammocks between palm trees and good diving. What makes Thulusdhoo different from other great destinations, is a strong environmental focus and the work that is being done to re-establish coral on reefs that have been damaged during the coral bleaching event that occurred in 2016 in the Maldives and elsewhere.

The diving includes sites with turtles on tap, ripping current dives with loads of sharks and rays with gamefish hunting overhead, sites where the massive schools of colourful reef fish are so laid back that you can swim into and become part of the school. Several manta cleaning stations are in the area around Thulusdhoo for perfect encounters with these gentle giants. The manta ray season is from June to October.

A unique aspect of Thulusdhoo is that many guesthouses line the beach, all with their hammocks and chillout spaces creating one of the best beach vibes available in the Maldives. Being a surfing destination as well means that Thulusdhoo is a mecca for the young, fit and active crowd, so you will fit right in!

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)

Center type
PADI/SSI dive centre

Experience level
PADI Open Water or equivalent

Minimum age for participation
10 Years

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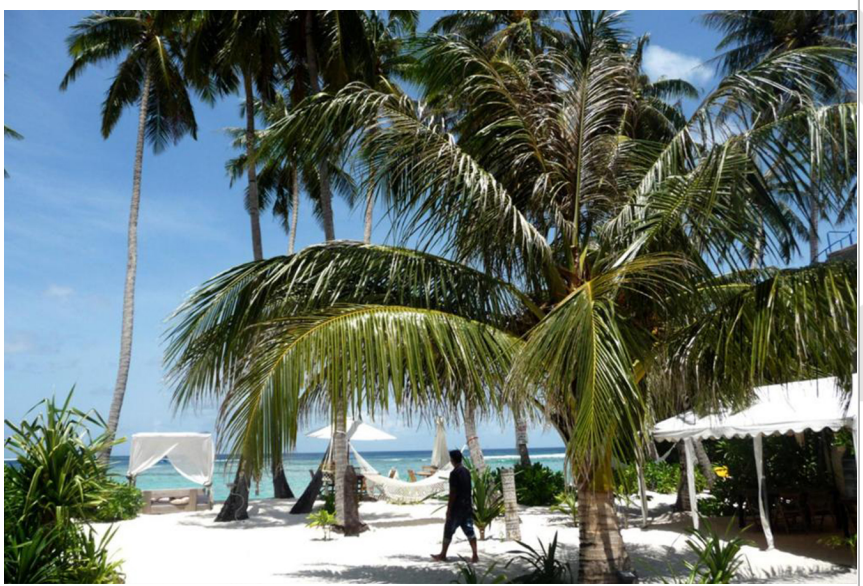
Location
Thulusdho is an island where the surfing and the diving crowds live side by side on the beach. One block away is the real Maldives, the local village with its steady, slow pace of life, white sandy streets and green plants everywhere. It is all very pretty!
There is no alcohol on the island, 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 – Akiri Surf Grand
Just 20 meters from the bikini-beach you'll find the relaxed guesthouse of Akiri Surf Grand, and a few minutes 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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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.

Colosseum…
is the nearest dive site to Thulusdhoo Island. This dive site is good for open water divers as well as advance divers. This is a channel dive. On incoming current you'll jump away from the corner of the channel and drift to the reef, which is gently sloping down to 25m. The top of the reef is around 7m. On this dive site, you can experience big schools of blue striped snapper (they look really cool when they are hanging out in what seems like swarms or dense little clouds!). This is also a dive site where you should look up and around… often! In the currents, it is common to see schools of eagle rays, white tip reef shark, leopard shark, schools of the cool bat fish… And sometimes… we are lucky enough to have manta ray, and even whale sharks at this site! And it only takes 15 minutes to go there by boat. Bonus!

Black Spot Thila…
is another one of our favorite dive sites. The reef is running like a wall, starting from around 8 meters of depth, and sloping down to the sandy ocean floor at around 30m. This dive site is perfect for advanced divers, or divers doing the advanced course. However, even Open Water Divers will enjoy the shallower parts. You will almost guaranteed see turtles at this dive site! Diving down the gently sloping wall, and crossing the sand, you will find a little underwater island, or Thila. This underwater coral island is full of life, and often has manta rays hanging out during the manta ray season.

Luhifushi corner…
is another cool current/channel dive, both suitable for Open Water Divers and Advanced Open Water divers. Diving down to the ledge at around 18m, just on the corner of the channel, you will be pretty sure to see a LOT of marine life action. Sharks are swimming bye, snappers are hanging in the current, eagle rays are flying through in formation on top and there you are… Hanging motionless in the current, keeping yourself steady with a reef hook. Very cool!

Conditions:

Visibility
15-35m

Surface
30 degrees

Water temperature
29 degrees

Current
Site-dependent: from none to extreme

Special marinelife
Grey reef sharks, white tip reef sharks, Turtles, Barracudas, Napoleon Wrasse, Eagle Rays, sting rays, tuna, trevallies. Manta rays are seasonal between June & October

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Itinerary - 5 days and 4 nights - 4 fun dives

Day 1:

Arrive Male and hop on a speed boat to Thulusdhoo. The dive center will make your ferry/speedboat booking to Thulusdhoo and provide all details necessary for your transfer. 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 to register for the next day's diving. If you arrive in the morning and want to get in the water right away, step into the dive center and register for the afternoon dive.

Day 2 & 3:

Complete up to 4 dives, which are included in your package. You will be able to book additional dives at the dive center locally, if you want to do more than 2 dives a day. However, extra dives and space on the boat is not guaranteed in peak season (November to March).

Day 4

A day to get the Nitrogen out of your system, relaxing, or exploring the island. If you have a late flight on your departure day, you can do a few more fun dives in the morning (not included).

Day 5:

Departure day.
Please allow 24 hours before getting on an an airplane!

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 the day after your arrival.

Activity starts from
Dive center

The dive center will contact you two weeks prior to arrival with the details of your speedboat or ferry transfer and meet you on arrival in Thulusdhoo

Group Size
No limit

Language
English

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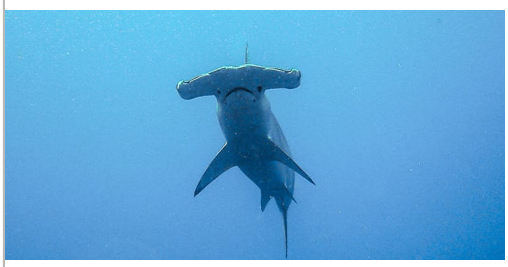
Transfer Information

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 dive center 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 dive center 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.

FUNDIVING - PRIVATE ACC.	
Days / Nights	5/4
Amount of dives	4
Price (incl. accommodation)	526 EUR

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 or an extra day of diving. If you are booking a course, it is recommended to book an extra night of accomodation prior to your course, to get settled and get up front on the studying.

Included
Accommodation
Breakfast
Water on dive trips
Full set of rental equipment
4 fun dives
Dive guide

Not included
Dinner
Lunch
Transfer to island from Male ($30 each way, subject to change)
Green Tax ($3 per person per day)

Also available on site
Extra 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.
The dive center is a PADI and SSI Dive Centre

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

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.