



OCEAN-PRO DIVE TEAM
At Lily Beach Resort & Spa



Diving
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1. OCEAN-PRO Dive Team at LILY BEACH RESORT & SPA

The OCEAN-PRO Dive Team welcomes all guests who want to enjoy the world famous South Ari Atoll dive sites.

You will find a very spacious diving school with all the amenities a diver can ask for. No guest carries his/her equipment to the diving boat, 6 days non limit diving without visiting a dive site twice is normal and small repairs of equipment is also part of our service.

The OCEAN-PRO Dive Team at LILY BEACH RESORT & SPA is a Dive Center under Swiss management and we offer the whole range of PADI courses from beginner up to dive master level plus a wide range of specialty courses. Nitrox 32% for free!

The big and protected lagoon with its clear and calm waters and the superb house reef of Huvahendhoo are ideal for conducting beginner courses.

The Base Leader, Patrick, and his team of PADI instructors can speak and teach in English, German, French, Italian, Japanese and sometimes more...

The 2 classrooms are equipped with air conditioning, TV-video sets and all PADI standard education facilities.

2. Snorkeling

Snorkeling equipment is part of the Resort "Platinum Plan" package and can be obtained free of charge from the Resort Reception, but it is also possible to rent equipment from the dive center.

The house reef at Huvahendhoo is perfect for beginners as well as experienced snorkelers. It has 8 entry/exit points, each marked for your convenience. On the reef you can see, stingrays, eagle rays, morays, turtles, lion fishes, parrot fishes, scorpion fishes, frog fishes, cleaner stations, reef sharks just to mention a few.

During the southwest monsoon season (May-Nov) we also sometimes see mantas and with a bit of luck even whale sharks!

Also, try a "Night snorkel" by our wonderful and easy house reef, just 10m away from the dive center. You can hire lamps from the dive center.

3. Diving Courses & Experienced Diver Programs

The following courses are regularly scheduled:

Bubble Maker An introduction to diving for children in the shallow water of the lagoon (maximum 2meters). Minimum age 8 years.

<i>Discover Scuba</i>	An introduction dive in the shallow water of the lagoon. Minimum age 10 years.
<i>Discover Scuba Diving</i>	A dive limited to 12 meter on one of our beautiful reefs under the direct supervision of one of our instructors. Prerequisite is the participation in the Discover Scuba program.
<i>PADI Scuba Diver</i>	An internationally recognized dive certificate in only 2 ½ days. Minimum age 10 years. Future dives will be limited to 12 meter under supervision of a PADI professional. Minimum age 10 years.
<i>PADI Open Water</i>	The PADI beginner level certificate in 4 ½ days. Internationally recognized, you are trained to dive to maximum 18 meters without supervision and fulfill at the same time the prerequisite for all continuing education. Minimum age 10 years.
<i>PADI Advanced Diver</i>	This 2 ½ days course is designed to help certified divers to improve and refine their diving skills. The course includes 5 specialty dives such as Deep Dive, Navigation Dive, Night Dive, Naturalist Dive, Drift Dive or the choice between several others.
<i>Emergency First Response</i>	This 1 day course teaches first aid procedures in diving and non diving emergencies and is a prerequisite for the PADI Rescue Diver course.
<i>PADI Rescue Diver</i>	This course increases the confidence of every recreational diver by developing self rescue skills and the ability to help other divers in distress at the surface and under water.
<i>Dive master Course</i>	The Dive master rating is the first professional level and perhaps the starting point to an exciting career in the diving industry. The dive master will assume responsibility for other divers and is therefore able to work in Dive Centres all over the world. The course lasts 3-5 weeks.
<i>Specialty Courses</i>	These courses will provide more information in certain interesting areas of diving and will be conducted over 1-2 days. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enriched Air NITROX Diver • PPB Peak Performance Buoyancy • Drift Diver, Digital U/W Photographer, U/W Naturalist • Wreck Diver, Night Diver, Deep Diver, Shark Diver, and more...

The price of all these courses includes the tuition, dives, diploma and the certification fee (except for the dive master course).

In the price of the beginner level courses (Discover Scuba Diving, PADI Scuba Diver, Open Water Diver), the use of our equipment, plus a logbook for PADI Scuba Diver and Open Water Diver, is also included.

PADI Scuba Diver, Open Water Diver, Advanced Open Water, Rescue Diver and some specialty students also get a manual to keep for future reference.

4. Special Events

DIVERS NIGHT, every Tuesday at 09.30 p.m. at **VIBES**.

This popular dive show, filmed by OCEAN-PRO instructors, is presented by the OCEAN-PRO dive team on a big screen.

The exciting underwater video portrays the beautiful marine environment of Maldives. It is informative and entertaining, and of interest to both divers and non-divers!

5. Dive School

The dive school is open daily from:

- 8.30 – 8.50 am. (Sundays 9.30 a.m. – 9.50 am),
- 2.00 – 2.20 pm. and
- 5.30 – 6.30 pm.

for check-in, information and equipment rental. In our retail shop we sell diving gear, polo & t-shirts, videos and more. The dive school is also a meeting point for divers and non-divers.

6. Dive Boat and Dive Schedule

Every day we offer Morning and Afternoon trips to at least 2 - 4 different dive sites. For more distant dives we also regularly schedule Full Day Trips and 2 Tank Dives Trips.

Early morning dives and boat night dives can also be organized on request.

Every day we try to provide at least 1 boat with easy dives for beginners, and 1 boat for experienced divers. The average number of divers per boat is about 10 (max. 16) and all dives are supervised by a dive master or an instructor.

Less experienced divers will be guided in small groups **at no extra charge**.

Our house reef can be dived from 6am to 8:30pm, just make arrangements with the dive team. If needed, we also have tank carry service for your house reef dives.

7. Dive sites / Dive Trips / Dive Conditions and Dive Seasons

We have more than 50 dive sites in our area, from easy to difficult levels, with or without current, thilas, giris, farus or outside reefs like channel dives, and wrecks.

We cover the entire south half of Ari Atoll.

Close to Huvahendhoo, we have 16 dive sites with boat trips max 25 min.

From May to December, whale sharks and manta rays can be seen almost anywhere on the east side of the atoll. Only a short trip north of Huvahendhoo, the Hithi, and Huravali Channels are then a good place to snorkel with mantas (and sometimes whale sharks) and Manta Garden (25 min) is then regularly scheduled.

The rest of the year we also find mantas and whale sharks at Madivaru Manta Point next to Rangali (2h - full day trip during January – May).

And, throughout almost the whole year, all the southern tip of Ari Atoll is famous for whale sharks (full day trips to White Sands Beyru, Whaleshark Point, Maamigili Corner, Diffushi Outside and Bodu Finolhu Thila).

We also have famous shark points (whole year): Haba Thila (1h30), Jehed Thila and Tinfushi Thila (45 min), Visara Dune North (45 min), Vilamendhoo Thila (15 min).

White tip reef sharks can be seen almost everywhere and during the whole year.

And of course the fantastic Digurah Channel with 13 great dive sites like Kuda Rah Thila (marine protected area), 5 Rocks, Broken Rock, and many more.

The average water temperature is 28°C.

Visibility: January - May: 20 - 40m May - Dec. average 15 - 25m.

Typical Full Day Trips includes the following dive sites:

Madivaru	MPA*. Huge faru, specialty are manta rays, whale sharks and napoleon wrasse during the North East Monsoon
Maamigili Corner	Place to see sharks, napoleon, manta mobula & whale sharks
Whale shark point, White Sands Outside Bodu Finolhu Thila	Whale sharks 10 months a year!
Ayabe Thila	Beautiful overhangs full of soft corals, sharks. Amazing top reef full of huge table corals.

But any combination of other dive sites is possible.

OCEAN-PRO Dive Team's Top 20 dive sites around Huvahendhoo (in random order):

Omadhoo Thila	55 min	Long thila in the middle of a channel. Superb soft and hard coral growth. With current - white-tip reef sharks, schools of barracudas, napoleon, eagle rays, tunas, nurse sharks, soft and hard corals, overhangs, blocks.
Endiri Thila	15 min	"Fish Soup"! Glassfish, Black coral, long-nose hawk fishes, shrimps, gobies, large schools of banner fish, batfish, clownfish.
Velagali Thila	10 min	Small overhangs, abundant fish life, nudibranches, lobsters, mantis shrimps.
Kuda Rah Thila	50 min	Marine Protected Area. On The top 10 in the world!. 2 big overhangs,4 coral blocks covered with soft corals in orange and yellow, schools of blue striped snappers, a huge amount of marine life.
Broken Rock	45 min	Coral block with nice overhangs, rocks and canyons. Fantastic coral growth and big amount of fishes.
Panettone East (5 Rocks)	45 min	5 beautiful coral blocks, huge amount of fish life, canyon and rocks and overhangs full of marine life
Visara Dune North	45 min	A huge reef 100 x 150m. Many overhangs full of soft corals, huge plate corals, abundant marine life, napoleons, jacks, dog tooth tunas, grey & white-tip reef sharks, turtles, rays, morays
Vilamendoo Thila	15 min	Mantas and whale sharks! Batfishes, tunas, napoleons, sharks, turtles, stingrays, snappers, overhang.
Jehed Thila	45 min	Long overhangs, large gorgonians, stingrays, eagle rays, napoleons, barracudas, especially beautiful.
Kudhimaa Wreck	45 min	One of the best wreck dives in the Maldives. This 52m long cargo ship lies max depth 31m. from march '99.
Tinfushi Thila	50 min	White-tip reef sharks, napoleons, sweet lips, snappers, butterfly fishes, coral blocks, overhangs. Amazing!
Miyaru Thila	50 min	Grey and white-tip reef sharks, eagle rays, napoleons, mackerels, fusiliers, big amount of fishes, beautiful coral blocks.
Hudu Thila	40 min	White-tip reef sharks, soft corals, overhangs, abundant fish life, barracudas, eagle rays, turtles.
Orimas Faru	25 min	Classic corner dive. Starting at the out reef, ending in the channel. Tunas, mackerels, snappers, sharks, napoleon, eagle rays.
Thiki Thila	25 min	Small but beautiful! Many new corals, small overhangs, shrimps, sea slugs, lobsters, dogtooth tunas, turtles, eagle rays.
Huravali Thila North	20 min	Giant morays, lobsters, scorpion fishes, sharks, napoleons, silver tunas, eagle rays, big coral blocks, table corals, many overhangs.

Lily Beach Thila	12 min	Fantastic reef with overhangs, big coral blocks, eagle rays, sharks, napoleons, schools of snappers, but deep.
Ranveli Thila	25 min	Mantas and whale sharks, turtles, sharks, manta mobulas, eagle rays, big overhangs, pretty coral blocks.
Fanghamas Thila	15 min	Overhangs, big coral blocks, schools of fusiliers, banner fishes, jacks, baby white tips.
Kuda Maafushivaru Giri	25 min	Overhangs, big coral blocks, schooling long-fin banner fishes, big tunas, turtles, sharks, eagle rays, dolphins.

MPA : Marine Protected Area, fishing and anchoring forbidden.

The above selection represents only about half of all the popular dive sites which can be enjoyed by OCEAN-PRO divers. They are all accessible as half day trips or 2 tank dive trips.

Diving at LILY BEACH RESORT & SPA is exciting because it is accessible for divers with all level of experience and during the whole year. It is a perfect dive destination for all.

Meet our professional staff who will take you to one of the best dive area in the world!

8. House Reef / Lagoon

The lagoon and house reef are nice and easy for snorkeling. There is a lot to see like baby black tip sharks, baby eagle rays, stingrays, all kind of young and adult reef fish.

The whole way around Huvahendhoo we have a wall, alternating from slope to vertical. On the south east side, big overhangs cover the wall from 10 m down to 20 m. The reef houses lobsters, many different moray eels and wide variety of reef fish. On the reef wall we often see cleaning shrimps and cleaner wrasses waiting for business.

Bigger life such as mantas, whale sharks, eagle rays and stingrays can sometimes be seen passing by.

Also perfect for a **night dive**, as we can view moray eels and stingrays at close range. The whole wall is pulsating with nocturnal life from feeding coral polyps and lobsters to curious octopuses.

OCEAN-PRO Dive Team uses the calm, clear, shallow waters of the lagoon and the beautiful house reef for scuba lessons and open water dives.

9. Dive Compressors / Dive Gear Workshop

Two Bauer compressors provide clean air in 100 DIN/INT Catalina aluminium tanks (11.4 liters) and for our youngest students in 3 small Aqualung steel tanks (5 and 7 liters).

Enriched Air Nitrox 32% is also available thru our ALUP compressor and NOCAIR Membrane System.

Our scuba tanks undergo the industry standard safety program of visual inspection and hydrostatic test.

10. Equipment Rental

It is possible to hire the whole diving equipment and all guests keep the equipment for their personal use only as long as they stay on the island. In the big dry rooms every diver has his own space for BCD, regulator and suit.

Our rental equipment includes:

30	Suunto Gekko dive computers
60	Aqualung Seaquest & Wave BCDs
40	Aqualung regulators with SPG and Octopus 2nd Stage
30	sets of mask, fins, and snorkel
60	wetsuits - 3mm shorty style
10	Hartenberger underwater torches
50	surface signal buoys
1	Sea & Sea DX8000 digital camera

11. Rental Price (for details please see our current price list)

Snorkel equipment: mask, snorkel, fins US\$ 8 per day.
Single mask or fins US\$ 4 per day

Diving equipment: equipment package US\$ 20 per dive
(All prices subject to change without prior notice)

12. Dive Packages / Prices (for details please see our current price list)

The following dive packages are available on the island:

- 6 days unlimited diving (6 consecutive days with at least 12 dives)
- Discount after 7 dives (applicable from the 1st dive)
- Discount after 15 dives (applicable from the 1st dive)

All the above packages are booked and paid directly on the island.

Please note: it is **not** necessary to pre-book dive packages or courses in order to get a sunny seat on one of our dive boats.

For our clients who still wish to pre-book and pay their dives in advance, some tour operators sell vouchers for the OCEAN-PRO Dive Team at LILY BEACH RESORT & SPA.

The following dive packages are available for pre-booking thru them:

- 6 days unlimited diving (consecutive days)
- 5 dives package
- 10 dives package
- Open Water and Advanced Open Water Diver courses

Nitrox 32 % fills are available at no extra cost for our Nitrox Certified guests.

For non Nitrox certified divers, a PADI Enriched Air Diver Course can be organized on request (theory + 2 dives).

13. Special Discounts

Dive Groups of 11 or more divers receive a 10% discount for diving, or the 11th diver dives for free!

A diver who has been issued an OCEAN-PRO Membership Card receives 10 to 20% discount on dives. This membership is awarded after completing at least a Scuba Diver Course or after completing a minimum of 10 dives with any of the OCEAN-PRO Dive Bases.

14. Dive Boats Description / Safety Regulations

The OCEAN-PRO Dive Team uses up to 3 dive boats; either dhonis (which are the traditional Maldivian wooden hull dive boats with inboard diesel engine) or new fiberglass dhonis; each with 3 boat crew and 1 - 3 instructors or dive masters.

Each boat is equipped with a Wenoll emergency oxygen system, a medic first aid kit, a radio or mobile phone, life vests, and some spare parts for dive equipment.

15. General Information

Divers are required to present their scuba certification card and their logbook upon check-in at OCEAN-PRO.

In the interest of your own safety, and to insure ability to participate in diving and courses, we also recommend a valid medical certificate stating that you are fit to scuba dive without restriction. A valid medical certificate must be shown in case of any physical or mental condition, disease, regular use of medication, or previous DCS (Decompression Sickness).

You will settle your diving bill the evening before your departure from the Resort at the Resort reception and they accept cash (USD, EUR or GBP) , travelers cheques or credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, Amex).

Each year more and more repeater guests come back to visit the spectacular dive sites of South Ari Atoll and enjoy the friendly, competent and professional service of the OCEAN-PRO Dive Team.

Let us show you the “sunny side of life”, and the unique underwater world of the Maldives!

See you soon in Paradise!

**Your OCEAN-PRO Dive Team
at the LILY BEACH RESORT & SPA at Huvahendhoo, Maldives**

16. Other OCEAN-PRO Dive Bases in the Maldives

Helengeli	North Male Atoll
Meeru	North Male Atoll
Mirihi	South Ari Atoll
Veligandu	North Ari - Rasdhoo Atoll