

Diving in the Maldives

Diving in the Maldives ranks with the best in the world. But it is a fragile beauty. At Cocoa, we are dedicated to preserving the reefs, as well as ensuring your safety. For this reason, we ask you to please read the following information. Should you have any queries, our dedicated and experienced staff at the resort's Dive Centre will be happy to help. They can also provide detailed, anecdotal advice on particular sites.

Safety Regulations

All divers are required to hold an International SCUBA diving licence. When you arrive at Cocoa, you will be asked to produce this documentation together with your log book. You may also have to take part in an orientation dive (see below), as part of Maldivian Diving Regulations. Local rules also mean guests must dive in buddy pairs or with a guide, and are not allowed to go deeper than 30 metres. Please note that decompression dives are forbidden. **Entry level divers** (PADI Open Water, CMAS 1*, etc) **are limited to 20m**, unless they have had some training in deep diving techniques.

Many of the dives in the Maldives involve currents and drift dives. We ask you to please listen to the advice and instructions of our staff who are here to share their local knowledge. We also ask you to dive within your limitations.

At Cocoa Island we provide complimentary insurance with DAN Maldives, which covers any recompression accidents for three weeks.

For added safety, we ask all divers to allow 24 hours between their last dive and flying.

The Dive Centre at Cocoa Island

Cocoa Island's Dive Centre is open daily from **8AM to 12NOON** and **2PM to 6PM**. Please pop by any time during these hours.

When you are out diving, we provide a blue basket for you to keep your personal equipment. We will take the utmost care of your belongings, but cannot, unfortunately, take responsibility for loss or damage. We therefore ask you not to leave valuables in the basket.

Please arrive at the Dive Centre 15 minutes before boat departure times.

Reservations

Reservations can be made at the Dive Centre before 5:30PM on the preceding day. We would recommend you read the description and check the level of the dive before making your reservation, although our staff are always on hand to advise you. If you are unsure whether or not you will dive the next day, it is better to make a reservation anyway. This avoids disappointment should the boat or diving schedule fill up. Nor do we charge for cancellations. However, please let the Dive Centre know before the time of departure if your plans alter.

Orientation Dives

All divers are required to partake in an orientation dive, generally conducted on a normal easy boat dive, unless they have proof of diving within the last three months & have 30 logged dives. An instructor will ask you to demonstrate four skills necessary to ensure your safety: regulator recovery and clearing, mask clearing, neutral buoyancy and alternate air source breathing.

Dive Sites

At Cocoa, there are over 25 dive sites available nearby. Please ask our staff for recommendations, and refer to the dive site map and associated descriptions available at the Dive Centre for more information.

After your orientation dive, your guide will also recommend dives that are suitable to your ability. Your safety is paramount, so please accept our experience in matching your standard to local conditions.

Boat Diving

At Cocoa, boat diving is conducted mainly from a locally made vessel called a Dhoni, providing a pleasant, relaxed atmosphere during the journey to and from dive sites.

House Reef Diving

If you choose to go house reef diving, we will be happy to send one of our dive guides with you.

Night Diving

Night dives are conducted on request and generally leave at 6PM.

Prices

All prices are in US dollars.

A service charge of 10% will be added to all prices, as well as a 3.5% Goods & Service Tax .

1. Diving

Divers will be provided with a complimentary DAN Maldives Diving insurance coverage.

1.1 Diving Prices are

Equipment included is mask, snorkel, fins, BCD, regulator, octopus, depth gauge, computer, wetsuit, weights & weight belt and tank.

	Equipment Incl.	Tank & weights only
1 – 4 Dives per dive	96	86
5 Dive Package	460	410
6 – 9 Dives per Dive	92	82
10 dive Package	880	780
11+ Dives per dive	88	78
Night dive surcharge (incl. Torch)	15	15
Private Guide surcharge (up to 4 divers)	250	250
Enriched Air per Tank surcharge	10	10

1.2 Private Diving Speedboat Charters

Private diving charter by Speedboat

On request

1.3 Equipment Rental

	Per Dive	
BCD	6	
Regulator	6	
Wetsuit	5	
Computer	5	
Torch	5	
Digital Camera (incl. CD & Slideshow)	50 (half day)	90 (Full day)

Diving Courses

We offer a wide range of PADI diving courses, available to beginners as well as more advanced divers.

All our courses are taught by PADI certified instructors. Class sizes are limited to cater for every guest's needs, and available in a range of languages, which includes English, Spanish, French and Japanese. Should you require another language, please consult the Dive Centre.

Courses	Equipment Incl.	Tank & weights only
Bubble Maker or Discover Scuba	100	
Discover Scuba Diving	190	(Subsequent DSD's US\$ 140)
Scuba Diver	515	
Upgrade - Scuba Diver to Open water Diver	395	
Scuba Review	255	240
Open water Diver	835	
Open water Referral	560	
Adventure Diver	455	430
Advanced Open water Diver	685	645
EFR (Emergency First Response)	275	
Rescue Diver	945	895

1.5 Speciality Courses

	Equipment & Manuals Included
Enriched Air I & II	280 (1 Dive)
Wreck Diver	590 (4 Dives)
Deep Diver	590 (4 Dives)
Night Diver	425 (3 Dives)
Drift Diver or Peak Performance Buoyancy (PPB)	320 (2 Dives)
U/W Digital Photographer (incl. digital camera)	370 (2 Dives)

2. Water Sports

Prices are in US\$

2.1 Equipment Rental and Activities

Kayak	Free
Windsurfing	Free
Catamaran	Free (without Captain) 60 (per hour with Captain)

2 Water Sports Lessons

Sailing or Windsurfing lesson	65 (per hour)
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3. Snorkelling Equipment

All snorkelling equipment & life vests are complimentary during your stay at Cocoa Island.

4. Excursions

Sailing Snorkelling (recommended 2 hrs)	60 (per hour with Captain)
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5. Loss of Equipment

Any Loss or Breakage of Equipment will be charged to the guest at the following price:

Mask	55
Fins	65
Snorkel	20
Life Jacket	50

All activities are taken at the customers' risk.