

# Welcome to Euro-Divers Club Med Kani

Everything you need to know about your dive holiday with us.

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Dear Guest,

Welcome to the Maldives and to your Euro-Divers Base.

We are here to help you to enjoy the best of what the Maldivian waters have to offer. We would like to make your visit unforgettable and put at your disposition a team of fully qualified professional PADI Instructors.

We speak: English, French, Italian, Spanish, Japanese and German.  
You will find on the following pages information about our services.

## **Repeater Guests:**

We thank you for your renewed confidence. When you visit a Euro-Divers dive centre, as a repeater you get 15% discount on courses and diving.

For any further information, please do not hesitate to visit us at the Dive Centre.

## **Welcome to the Underwater World**

### ***The Atolls and the Reefs***

The Maldives are islands on 26 natural Atolls in the middle of the Indian Ocean. The islands are coral and all of them are surrounded by a living reef.

Water temperature varies on the reefs (0-30 m.) only from 26-30 degrees Celsius. In the lagoon the water temperature may reach slightly higher levels.

On the reef you can see many different kinds of coral in different shades and shapes and surely you will agree that it is one of the natural wonders of this world.

Please be careful not to step on or touch the coral especially as broken corals take a long time to grow back.

## ***The living reef***

On the reef you can also see beautiful colourful reef fish like the Sweetlips, the Triggerfish, the Butterfly fish, the Porcupine fish and many, many more. You will find an amazing variety of fish in different colours and shapes. Stone fish, Scorpion fish and Lion fish can have a dangerous sting, but they are only to be found on the reef and mainly under the coral blocks, not in the sandy lagoon. So, these fish are not a problem, but please, watch where you put your feet to be on the safe side.

Around Kanifinolhu, you will have the possibility to see Sharks and Rays. These creatures are considered harmless when treated in a proper manner in the whole of Maldives. This is a great opportunity for you to have a closer look. You can see baby Black Tip Reef sharks when you go for a walk on the jetty or along the beach in the lagoon.

Mainly May to November is the season for the great Manta Ray. We have them at this time around Kanifinolhu and we do our diving excursions to the places were they normally stay.

Other sharks you can see on the reefs around Kanifinolhu are: White Tip Reef sharks, Grey Reef sharks, Nurse sharks, Guitar sharks, Zebra sharks (variegated shark) and with a bit of luck a Whale shark.

It is also possible to meet the Hawksbill turtle and the Green turtle. The Hawksbill turtle is the most frequent one and they are quite curious creatures. For this reason they sometimes come very close to have a look at you and you can also find them on our house reef.

Please don't forget that Sharks, Rays and turtles are beautiful ancient creatures that should be treated with respect, so please don't try to touch them.

## ***The Lagoon***

From the beach you can see the lagoon which stretches all around the island. The lagoon has this nice bright blue colour that is so famous in the postcards. The lagoon is an excellent place to play and practice water skills for children and grownups with less experience to water. All the practical lessons are done in the lagoon where you can find our new 10m long wreck.

The surroundings are protected and the average depth is about 1 - 1 ½ m. In the lagoon you can find small coral blocks with quite a few nice colourful fish. Also you can find different kinds of small stingrays which come into the lagoon to feed on small crustaceans. You can also find sea-cucumbers and small moray eels in different colours.

## **Diving Courses**

We currently work with The Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI), the largest recreational diver training organizations in the world. This means that PADI certifications are recognized and accepted internationally. All courses are structured to be safe, enjoyable and easy to learn.

**The following courses are available:**

- **Scuba diver**
- **Open Water Diver**

## Diving

If you are already a certified diver but did not dive for some time we would like to invite you for a refresher dive in the lagoon.

You will go with the instructor in the lagoon and do a few skills to make you feel comfortable back in the underwater environment.

You will be able to discover the wonders of the underwater world around Kani on board of our diving vessels, typical Maldivian Dhoni, which accommodates comfortably between 18 and 25 divers for half days diving trips. For the ones that prefers a half day trip or a more personalise "a la carte" excursion, we also offer a speedboat program for half and full day trips.

## The dive sites

[Click here!](#)

### Our Diving Schedule

Refreshment dives in the lagoon every day at 10.30 a.m.

#### *Dive trips*

Morning dive\*: Single dive 9.00 a.m. - Double tank dive 8.30 a.m. (depending on request)

Afternoon dive: 2.00 p.m.

Night dive: 06.00 p.m. (1 – 2 times per week depending on request)

\*Meeting time 15' before the departure.

Speed boat trip\*: Half day: 8.30 a.m. - Full day: 9.00 a.m.

\*\*"A' la carte"

The dive site will be chosen on the day by the deck master depending on the weather conditions, currents and divers level.

#### *Training*

Discover Scuba: Morning 8.30 a.m. - Afternoon 2.00 p.m.

Scuba Diver/Open water course\*:

1<sup>st</sup> Day 2.00 p.m. Lesson 1

2<sup>nd</sup> Day 9.00 a.m. Lessons 2 and 3 + Theory at 5.15 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Day 2 dives (Morning/afternoon or Double dive in the morning depending on request)

4<sup>th</sup> Day 2.00 p.m. Lessons 4 and 5 + Theory at 5.15 p.m.

5<sup>th</sup> Day 2 dives (Morning/afternoon or Double dive in the morning depending on request)

\*Due to the weather condition and the Dive centre organization this schedule could change without prior notice.

## Your Dive Centre

The Dive Base is located at the main jetty and our Office beside Club Med Boutique

**The Dive Base is daily open all year from:**

**9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.**

**1.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.**

The Office is daily open all year from:

5.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

## Advanced Diving Education

- Adventure Diver
- Advanced Open Water Program
- Specialties:
  - Fish ID
  - Peak Performance Buoyancy
  - Deep (max 30 m)
  - Nitrox
  - Others
  
- Rescue Course
- E. F. R.
- Go Pro

## Safety Procedures

It is very important, that you drink a lot of fluids, especially during daytime. The body very easily dehydrates when the water reservoirs in the body are running low. To make sure you stay all right you should drink at least 2-3 litres of water or juice. Remember, that most soft drinks, coffee, tea and alcohol are dehydrating. You should never drink alcohol and go swimming, snorkelling or diving.

Evaluate your condition and do only water sports within your own limits.

When staying in the sun, remember that you are only a few degrees from Equator and the sun is very strong. Use a sun factor that is well above what you normally use.

After you have been in the swimming pool or in the sea, please remember to wash your ears with fresh water to avoid the chance of getting an ear infection. The heat and moist in the air create perfect conditions for bacteria. To be safe, wash every time and straight after. Just flush with fresh water from the shower (softly) for 10-15 sec., in each ear.

For more advice, please see your travel agency brochure or safety advice leaflet.

### ***Especially for divers***

You know that there are several circumstances that make you susceptible to decompression illness. To remind you these factors are:

- Fatigue and/or vigorous exercise during a dive
- Dehydration, due to for ex. Diarrhoea, or overexertion from other sports, like tennis. (Think that you normally in a tropical environment should drink at least 2.5 – 3 litres of water a day)
- Feeling cold
- Older age
- Illness (also seasickness)
- Injuries (also old ones, like broken legs, arms etc. earlier in your life)

- Alcohol consumption (also the evening before the dive)
- Being over weighted
- Certain medications
- For women: taking the contraceptive pill or other hormones

If you fall into one or more of the groups above:

- a) Don't hesitate to contact the instructors for more information and
- b) Plan your dives extremely safe i.e. max. 5 min. to NDL on your computer when diving at any depth
- c) Plan your repetitive dives shallower than 20m
- d) Ascend slowly, not faster than 18m/min and end ALL your dives with a safety stop at 5m/3min.

**“NITROX”** is a term that has been around in scuba diving for a number of years and has aroused a large number of different views.

Used in the beginning as a “deco gas” for technical dives, the gas was viewed as a tool only usable by professional, technically orientated divers. The advantages of Nitrox are however more substantial since the gas allows for a reduced nitrogen intake, when existing dive profiles are retained – **increase the safety margins!!!!**

Compressed air has never been the best, but only the most commonly used and least expensive gas for scuba divers. Limited training opportunities, low availability and high prices have also contributed to prevent the spread of Nitrox in scuba diving. Fortunately things have changed.

More and more divers are asking for Nitrox – enriched air – to dive more safely. Extending bottom times has a lower priority – it is intended to make existing dive profiles even safer than they are today.

The recompression facility is in Bandos Island, which is approx. 15 min. away by Speed Boat.

Thank you for reading our information map. Please don't forget that the instructors in the diving school are here for you. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the dive centre manager by email.

Your Euro-Divers team.