

Welcome to Euro-divers Eriyadu

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

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Dear Guest

Welcome to 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, German, French, Dutch and Spanish
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 Under Water World

Maldives is an own country in South Asia, situated in the Indian Ocean, a divers paradise.

The Maldives consists of around 1200 islands, all built from corals or sand.

This 1200 islands are grouped into 27 atolls.

Almost all atolls are surrounded from a large ring-shaped coral reef. It protects the islands inside the atoll against high waves and rough sea.

There is a vast range of exhilarating dive sites of many different kinds, providing something for everyone, regardless of their qualification levels or experiences.

Spectacular soft and hard coral abound and the marine life is prolific, ranging from colorful reef dwellers to manta and sting rays, sharks and pelagic visitors such as barracudas, jacks, tuna and the mighty whale shark.

Water temperatures in Maldives range from 27° (75°F) to 29°C (86°F)

On the reef you can see many different kinds of coral in different shades and shapes (800 different coral species here when only 40 in the Caribbean waters) and you will agree that it is one of the wonders of the world.

Corals are very tiny sensitive organisms so as responsible divers we all should avoid touching them, as this action will have a dramatic result.

Discover Scuba Diving

Did you think about doing a little bit more than just snorkelling and did you always wonder how it is to dive – every one can dive.... so why not you?

You are welcome to join **our Discover Scuba program** in the lagoon at 8.30 hrs. You will experience your first bubbles underwater. The only requirements are to be at least 8 years old and to know how to swim.

Together with your instructor you will learn the basics of scuba diving in an approx 1½-hour time. That experience will give all the knowledge needed to enjoy safely your first open water dive. The Full Moon lagoon makes it ideal for anyone to proceed at his own pace in shallow water.

During the same day in the afternoon you are now ready to dive on the reef and have a close encounter with its inhabitant and complete your Discover Scuba Diving program. This open water dive will be under your instructor's careful supervision to enjoy your first dive on the reef to a maximum of 12m. (Minimum age 10 years)
It is possible for you to book additional dives to 12 m with an instructor during your holiday. Please ask at the dive centre for our dive schedule.

If you are interested in becoming a certified diver, which allows you to dive everywhere in the world, you have the opportunity to continue. It's easy, because what you have done already is the first steps of both the Scuba Diver course and the Open Water course.

Diving Courses

We currently work with The Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) and Scuba Schools International (SSI), both are well known recreational diver training organizations represented worldwide. This means that PADI and SSI 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](#)
- [Open Water Referrals/Upgrades](#)

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 (free of charge) in our lagoon.

You will go with one of our instructors, we check the amount of weights you need 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 Eriyadu with one of our diving dhonis, which accommodate comfortably 16-20 divers for (half and/or full) day diving trips. On request we offer also 2 tank boat dives in the morning, we need a minimum of 5 divers for this.

The dive sites

[Click Here!](#)

The House Reef

The House Reef

Eriyadu is an island like other islands in the Maldives that has emerged from the sea. The islands are built up by millions of years of coral growth. Therefore every island has a natural reef surrounding it.

Eriyadu House Reef counts as one of the most spectacular house reefs in Maldives for both diving and snorkelling! Around the island there are 5 different entry- and exit-points to the house reef, which on most points starts close to the beach.

You can see schools of Fusiliers and quite spectacular is the big school of Batfish. Since the House reef offers a wide variety of coral and reef fish, it is a good idea to equip yourself with a "reef guide" that gives a good description of the many different kinds of creatures you can meet around Eriyadu House Reef. The staff in the diving school is happy to help you with any questions you might have about the underwater environment.

Our Diving Schedule

EVERY DAY

ORIENTATION DIVE

LAGOON / HOUSE REEF AT 10.45 HRS

(YOUR FIRST DIVE WITH US IF YOU HAVE LESS THAN 25 LOGGED DIVES IN YOUR LOGBOOK AND/OR YOU HAVE NOT BEEN DIVING FOR 3 MONTHS)

MORNING DIVE AT 08.30 HRS

AFTERNOON DIVE AT 14.00 HRS

DISCOVER SCUBA AT 08.30HRS

DISCOVER SCUBA DIVING AT 14.00 HRS

(YOUR FIRST BOAT DIVE AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE DISCOVER SCUBA IN THE MORNING)

SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK

GUIDED NIGHT DIVE ON THE HOUSE REEF

*FULLDAY EXCURSIONS, TWO TANK DIVES, WRECK DIVES AND COURSES
WILL BE SCHEDULED ON REQUEST*

OFFICE HOURS

DAILY 11.00 HRS – 12.00 HRS AND 17.00 HRS – 18.00 HRS

The dive site will be chosen on the day by the Instructor / Divemaster depending on the weather conditions and current

Your Dive Centre

The Dive Base is located close to the jetty opposite the welcome pavilion.

The Dive Centre is daily open all year from:

08.00 hrs - 12.00 hrs
and
13.30 hrs - 18.00 hrs

Advanced Diving Education (PADI and SSI)

- Adventure Diver
- Advanced Open Water Program
- Specialties:

- Fish ID
- Peak Performance Buoyancy
- Underwater Digital Photographer
- Drift
- Nitrox
- Others

- Rescue Course
- Medic First Aid
- 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 at Bandos Island, which is approx. 25 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.

