

Welcome to Euro-Divers Kurumba Maldives

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, Russian and French.
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 Maldives covers an area of 90,000 sq. km and lie in the middle of the Indian Ocean. Its 1196 coral islands are grouped into 26 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.

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 also see beautiful colourful reef fish like the Sweet lips, 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, turtles, sharks and Manta Rays.

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 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?

Every other day or on request you are welcome to join the Discover Scuba Class at the Dive Centre at 8.30 a.m. Our Instructors will let you experience your first bubbles underwater. The only requirements are to be at least 10 years old and to know how to swim.

After that you will have the opportunity to join our daily discover scuba pool lesson where 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. (Kurumba **Maldives lagoon dive including the house reef** makes it ideal for anyone to proceed at his own pace starting from 90cm of depth. No more than 4 people per group

You are now ready to dive on the reef and have a close encounter with its inhabitant and complete you 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 12mt deep. (10 years old minimum)

After the dive it is possible for you to do more 12m diving 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), 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 pool at our house reef.

You will go with the instructor at our house reef 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 North Male' Atoll and South Male' Atoll Maldives on our fibber glass boats equipped for diving, which accommodates comfortably 24 divers for **(half and/or full)** days diving trips.

The dive sites

[Click Here!](#)

Our Diving Schedule / weekly schedule or special trips

Orientation Dive - Every day at 11:00 a.m.

This is an orientation dive for certified diver's introduction to Maldives and the dive centre including a safety briefing. The orientation dive is free dive on the house reef to check for weights and skills.

Boat dives - Every day 8:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

We will show you the most interesting dive sites around Kurumba Maldives. We also organise two tank dives weekly. With a Min Pax of 10 divers we also organise Full Day Trips for either Manta Rays or Shark Safaris With a Min Pax of 5 Divers we also arrange early morning dives and Night Dives.

House Reef Diving - Certified divers are welcome to use our house reef for diving every day. The house reef dives are not guided.

Discover Scuba - On request at 8:30 a.m.

The start for everyone who have never dived before

Discover Scuba Diving - Every Day at 2:00 p.m.

Discover the beauty of the underwater world together with an instructor to max depth of 12meters. Discover Scuba Diving is done after completing the Discover Scuba dive.

Other courses - On Request:

PADI Scuba Divers Course, PADI Open Water Divers Course and more advanced education described hereafter.

Your Dive Centre

The Dive Centre is located opposite the main jetty of Kurumba Maldives.

The Dive Centre is daily open all year from:

8.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
2.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.

Advanced Diving Education

- Adventure Diver
- Advanced Open Water Program
- Specialties:

- Fish ID
- Peak Performance Buoyancy
- Underwater Digital Photographer
- Deep
- 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 Located on Bandos Island, which is approx. 10 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 Kurumba Maldives.