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Dive Velavaru

Fact Sheet

Name:	Endheri Marine Center
Management:	Banyan Tree Resort & Holdings
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Dive Base Description

Year Established: 2006
Number of Staff: 5
Language spoken: English, Italian, Mandarin
Opening Hours: 0800-1700 hrs
Check in Time: Anytime during opening hours

Dive Operations

Dive Association: PADI (Gold Palm 5 Star Resort)
Number of Instructors: 3
Courses: Basic to Professional Level
Specialties: Deep, Naturist, Fish ID, NITROX, Peak Performance Buoyancy & Project AWARE

We organize daily morning and afternoon trips to a variety of dive sites. We begin 2 tank morning dives from 0900-1230hrs with a surface interval on the boat. We do a 1 tank afternoon dive from 1430-1630hrs. Night dives can be arranged upon request that begins around 1930hrs. We always dive closer to our resort and venture further subsequently. Dive sites are selected based on experience as well as weather conditions. Early morning, sunset, half day and full day dive excursions can be arranged as well.

Typical Maldivian dhoni styled boats are used for all diving trips. Some with attached toilet and shower. Divers counts are averaged around 2-4 pax, with a maximum of 12 pax. All dives are supervised by a dive instructor or dive master. Less experienced divers will be guided in smaller groups with a separate guide.

No divers are allowed to dive alone without supervision (even at the house reef) and must dive with a guide. Maximum recreational depth limit for advanced divers is 30m. Nitrox tanks are available for certified divers with no extra cost.



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Equipment

Mask/Snorkel:	Scuba Pro, Tribord, Sub Gear
Fins:	Technisub, Tribord, Sub Gear
Regulator Complete:	Scuba Pro MK2, Aqualungs
BCD:	MARES, Scuba Pro
Wetsuits:	Mares Rover Shorty 3/2mm (size: -1 to 9)
Computer:	Suunto ZOOP NOVO, Suunto VYPER
Nitrox:	EAN 32%
Torch:	Light & Motion Sola Dive 800
Digital Camera Housing:	Olympus Tough Waterproof PT056
Scuba Cylinders:	Aluminium (5,12,14L)
Compressor:	Bauer V15 Compressor Coltri- Sub LP 280 Nitrox

Needed Documents for Diving

- Internationally recognized diver certification
- Log book
- Medical Certification- It is mandatory if the participant has a medical condition that may affect their safety while diving and if he/she is above 70 years old or taking any form of prescriptive medication.
- DAN Insurance- Mandatory diving insurance is needed for all diving in the Maldives. Unless self -insured, all divers have the option of purchasing Short Term DAN Insurance with us from 1 day to 2 weeks coverage. Coverage will be a limit of 30,000USD and gives coverage for any suspected or ascertained cases of decompression illness.



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Kids Diving

Accepted Age:	8 years old onwards
Kids Equipment:	Kids size all available
Dive Sites for Kids:	Easy, long reef and lagoon

Available Programs

- **Bubble Maker** – Catered for children 8 and 9 years old. It is an introductory experience for children to discover their first breath underwater in a close and controlled manner with a certified instructor. Maximum depth of 2m and conducted in the lagoon. It can be conducted at a reef to with an additional boat charge.
- **Discover Scuba Diving**- Catered for children 10 years and above. It is an introductory experience for children to discover their first breath underwater in a close and controlled manner with a certified instructor. Maximum depth of 12m.
- **PADI Junior Suba Diver and PADI Junior Open Water Diver** (minimum 10 years old)

Safety Measures

Oxygen:	4 DAN Oxygen Kit (1 Oxygen Kit on each Boat)
Decompression Chamber:	BANDOS, North Male Atoll 40 minutes by seaplane

NOTE: First dive cannot take place within 12 hours of arrival. Minimum surface interval of 18-24hours is needed prior to departure.



Dive Sites

Number of Dive Sites:	30+
Average Water Temperature:	28 degrees
Average Visibility:	20- 40m January to May 15-20m May to Dec

Location & Type of Dive Sites

Most of our dive sites lie in the northern part of South Nilandhe Atoll and the Southern part of North Nilandhe Atoll. The biggest advantage that these dive sites have is most of the time we are the only resort diving at a specific dive site, which means that the corals and fishes are only for yours to see!

We have various dive sites suitable for beginners and experienced divers. Giris are easy dive sites and wall dives boast excellent hard coral and sponge life. We have also thrilling channel drift dives. And our Thilas which are unique to Maldives have enormous congregation of fish, marine life including sharks, rays, turtles and napoleans.

Popular Dive Sites

Mahi Corner: One of our favourites right at the corner of our island! 15 minutes by boat. Sloping channel dive with white tips, grey reef, rays, occasional napoleon, tunas and lots of fish

Kuda Thila: A little gem. 20 minutes by boat. Fantastic coral growth, overhangs, white tips, grey reefs, lots of fish

Kanney Faru: 40minutes by boat. Beautiful sloping corner with abundance of healthy corals. Many white tips, eagle rays, friendly turtles, hunting tunas and lots of fishes

Velavaru Corner: Our stunning house reef right off our doorstep at the water villas boosts fantastic hard corals and a colourful sponge wall. Overhangs, friendly turtles, critters, occasional rays and sharks making it one unforgettable dive!

Manta Point: 1.45hour by boat. It is our closest manta point where we head to Faafu Atoll. Season begins end of Dec to start of April Sightings dependent on wind and current

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Other Activities

House Reef Snorkeling

Experience our stunning house reef daily from 11.30-12.45pm with us. Only for experienced snorkelers or for anyone who has passed the snorkel test/lesson. Boat departs daily from the marine center unless weather constrains. **Free of Charge.**

Sand Bank Snorkeling

Join us for a snorkeling lesson and guided snorkeling at a beautiful island 20 minutes away. Learn how to correctly use equipment and enjoy the beauty of snorkeling! Twice daily and a minimum of 4 pax is required. **\$94USD/pax.**

Timings: 0830-1030

1400-1600

Snorkeling Safari

Want to experience another reef? Join us for our snorkeling safari as where we bring you to another island. Only for experienced snorkelers. Every Tuesday & Fridays. Minimum of 4 pax is required. **\$52USD/pax.**

Discover Scuba Diving

Ever wonder how your first underwater breath feels like? Look no further and join us at our most popular activity in our resort! With a maximum of 2 pax to a guide, you will be taken to a maximum depth of 12m for an estimated duration 45minutes. Skills practice and detailed briefing will be provided. Minimum age- 10 years old. **\$188USD/pax.**



Whale Shark Excursion

Ever wonder how it feels to swim next to the biggest fish in the world? Right here at Velavaru, we offer a half day snorkeling excursion with the whale sharks. Located just 2 atolls above us, South Ari Atoll is one of the few places in the Maldives where whale sharks are sighted all year round. It is a half day excursion which normally begins in the morning 8/9am and we will be back around 2/3pm. Lunch, photos, refreshments and guide is included. Minimum of 6 pax is required.

Kids < 12 years: \$150 USD/pax

Adults:\$198USD/pax

***For guests staying on boat, \$100USD/pax is chargeable for food and transport.**

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