

DIVING AT THE NAUTILUS



The Nautilus is a world of elemental freedoms, a million miles from the nearest care. Explore underwater kingdoms shimmering just offshore; discover beauty here, deep in nature. Be wild and free. Imagine treasure hunting in the deep, or drifting beside a gentle giant of the sea. Baa Atoll, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, lies just off our shores – a kaleidoscopic wonderland of incredible marine life. Immerse yourself in the infinite blue, as far and free as you please.

THE
NAUTILUS
BEACH & OCEAN HOUSES
MALDIVES

DIVING <i>per person per dive</i>	Lesson /refresher	\$150
	1-5 dives including equipment	\$160
	6-11 dives including equipment	\$150
	Private guide supplement	\$200
	Night dive including equipment	\$180
	Diving with marine biologist supplement	\$100
	Private guide supplement	\$200
COURSES	Bubble maker	\$160
	Discover scuba	\$220
	Discover scuba extra	\$180
	Discover scuba repeat by boat	\$300
	Scuba diver	\$650
	Open water diver	\$990
	Referral course	\$600
	Upgrade course	\$600
	E-learning course	\$800
	Adventure dive	\$200
	Adventure diver	\$550
	Advanced diver	\$750
	Nitrox course	\$350
	Specialty 2 dives	\$450
	Specialty 3 dives	\$550
Specialty 4 dives	\$720	
RENTAL	Go-Pro rental	\$120
	Olympus rental	\$120
	Single piece of equipment rental	\$12

Prices are in US dollars and don't include 10% service charge and 12% TGST

TOP 10 DIVE SPOTS

DHONFANU ROCK

This thila is small swim away from the main reef where in the season manta rays are regularly seen. Beautiful Black coral bushes are everywhere on this small thila.

Points of interest: manta rays (during season), schooling fusiliers and snappers, green turtles, batfish, stone corals.

DHONFANU THILA

Consists of a pinnacle which comes to a point and faces into the prevailing current of the reef at about 22 metres. There is a swim through at 25 metres which you pass and ascend to around 18 metres to find its entrance. The swim-through is quite narrow so care must be taken to pass through. **Points of interest:** One of the best reefs in Baa Atoll - long reef – grey reef sharks, eagle rays and manta rays in season – abundant fish life – overhangs.

KAKKA THILA

This reef can be dived on both sides. On the East Side of the reef you can see Eagle rays. On the West End of the reef there is a cross-over to the main reef, which is covered with yellow soft corals, and in the deeper overhangs are often Nurse Sharks or a Sting Ray having their daily nap. The top of the reef reaches up to 4 meters **Points of interest:** big overhangs- pelagic fish, nurse sharks, soft corals, scorpion fish, octopus, schools of banner fish and bat fish.

MILAIIDHOO WALL

The house reef of Milaidhoo offers some interesting overhangs, which are nicely covered with red-orange-yellow soft corals. Ideally dived with a light medium current, in order to see the soft corals open. Lots of overhangs line the north-side of this reef. **Points of interest:** great night dives, beautiful orange and yellow soft corals, big overhangs, nudibranchs, macro photography.

YELLOW WALL

A long wall dive with overhangs covered with yellow soft corals and you can dive it both ways. A very colourful dive with a stunning amount on fish life in the shallower depths. **Points of interest:** overhangs, soft corals, abundance of schooling fish.

DARAVANDU THILA

A narrow curved thila connected to the main reef, with a very interesting landscape. Its location makes this dive one of the easier ones, but still one of the most beautiful dives. The top of the reef is 6m and leaf fish and even ghost pipe fish have been spotted here. **Points of interest:** in season manta rays, honeycomb moray eels, scorpion fish, sweetlips, blue-striped snappers.

DHIGU THILA

This long and narrow reef provides an excellent opportunity to enjoy drift diving. Large schools of fish inhabit the area. Ghost pipe fish, leaf fish and stone fish take shelter on the colorful top reef and overhangs. In the wet season, manta rays swim along this reef toward their feeding grounds. Many colourful overhangs are situated on the south side of the reef. **Points of interest:** drift dive, overhangs, schools of fusilier, butterfly, anthias, blue fin jacks, eagle rays, sting rays, turtles and in the season manta rays.

MILAIIDHOO WALL

A dive on the outer reef. On the southwestern edge, the reef forms a corner, giving shelter to various groups of bluestripe snappers. In the splendid overhangs, you can often find night-active stingrays, moray eels and lionfish, waiting for the day to pass and night to come. The ascent to the main reef can be tricky at times. Divers will find an interesting and colourful reef at the opposite end of the island, with small caves, some with soft coral growth and home to the occasional sting ray or nurse shark. **Points of interest:** outer reef, fan corals, nurse shark sting rays, soft corals.

DHIGALI HAA

A gorgeous thila, with a small canyon on the west, one on the north and overhangs covered with soft corals and anemones. It hosts a large variety of schooling fish, which are chased by giant trevallies and tunas. It's an amazing site for macro photography although one should lift the head sometimes as the resident turtle, eagle & sting ray and barracuda may appear. **Points of interest:** canyon, overhangs soft corals, pelagic fish, turtles, eagle rays.

BLUE HOLE.

A famous dive spot known as there is a very wide hole where you can swim through. It is a very adventurous drift dive as the current splits at one point in the middle of the reef, where you are completely driven by its flow. Frog fishes, leaf fishes and some special nudibranchs are part of the dives, as well as larger predators in the deep blue. **Points of interest:** swim through, sting ray, turtle, moray eels.