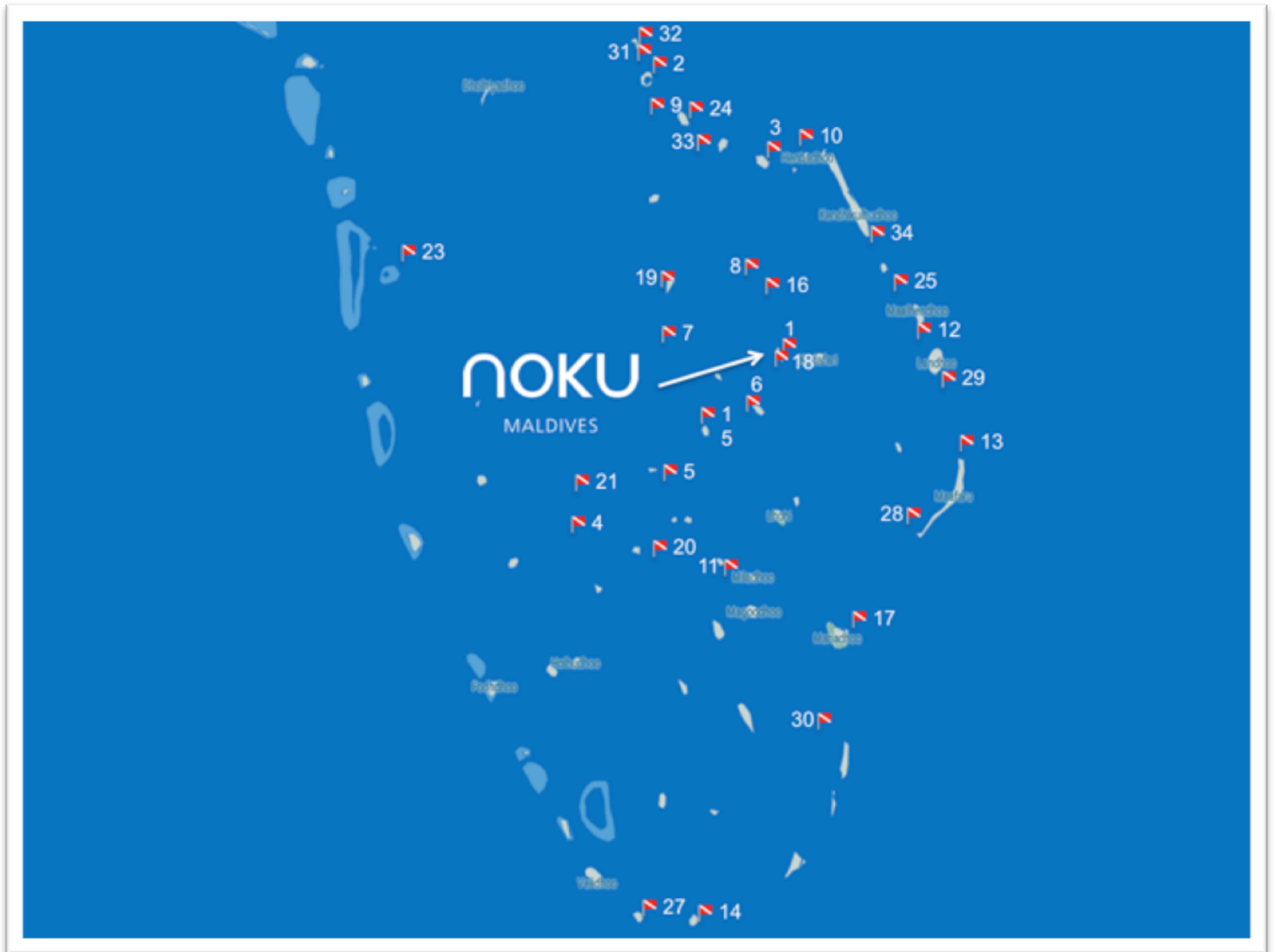




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1. KUDA FUNAFARU IRUMATHI

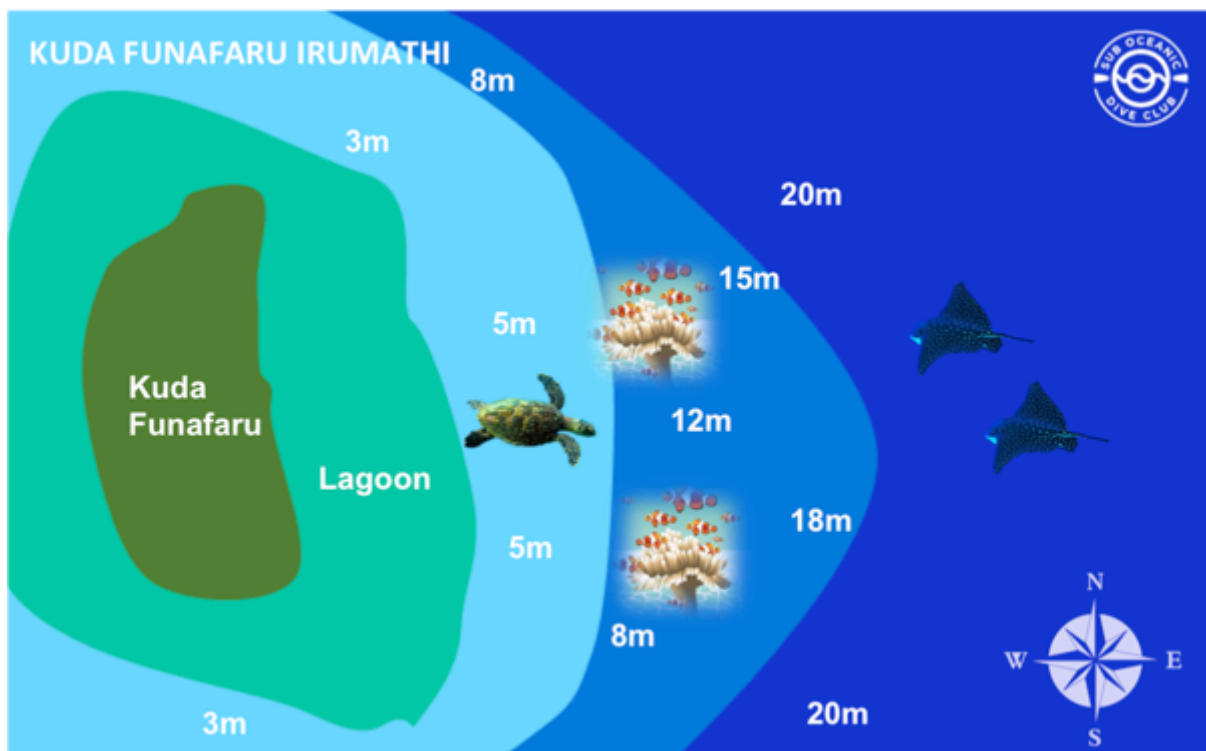
TIME TO DESTINATION: 5 MIN

Description: The reef to the east of East Kuda Funafaru features a gentle slope from 4 meters to approximately 18 meters. In 2017 two old bicycles were placed there to act as an artificial coral rack. At around 10 meters the reef is covered with anemones which are inhabited by an unusual amount of anemone fish. Turtles and eagle rays also tend to visit the reef. In mild current this is a very nice and easy drift dive.

What to expect: Anemones, red snappers, humpback snappers, anemones, clownfish, anemone fish, turtles, eagle rays and the usual reef suspects.

Depth: 3 meters to 18 meters

Experience Level: All levels





2. BODULHEY FARU

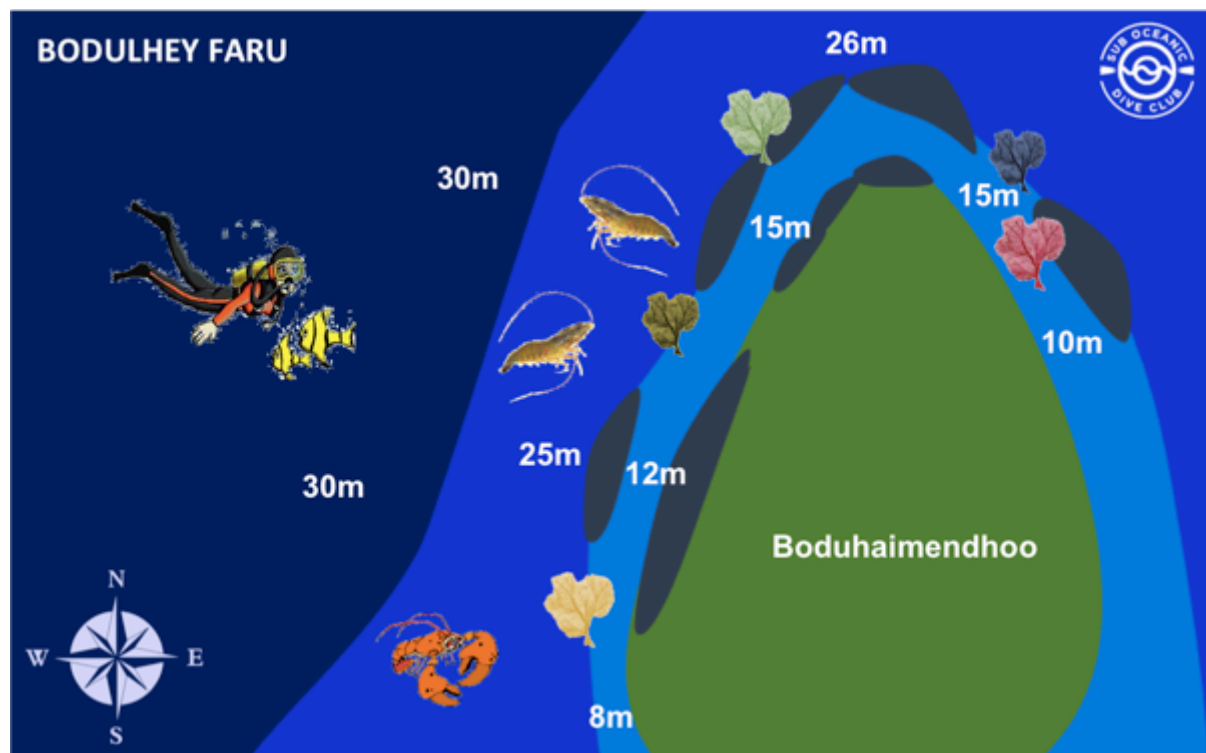
TIME TO DESTINATION: 60 MIN

Description: Large overhangs and caves interspersed with steep drop offs characterize the northern and eastern part of Boduhaimendhoo's beautiful house reef. In the south of the island the reef offers an amazing array of intact soft corals all over the drop offs and in the overhangs: From gorgonians, thorn and grail to multi-colored whip corals, it is a pleasure for the divers eyes. This creates a perfect environment for small reef life is a heaven for macro lovers.

What to expect: Gorgonians, red snappers, humpback snappers, moray eels, nudibranchs, turtles, shrimps, crabs, flat worms, nudibranchs and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 6 meters to 30 meters

Experience Level: All levels





3. BUREY HOHOLHA

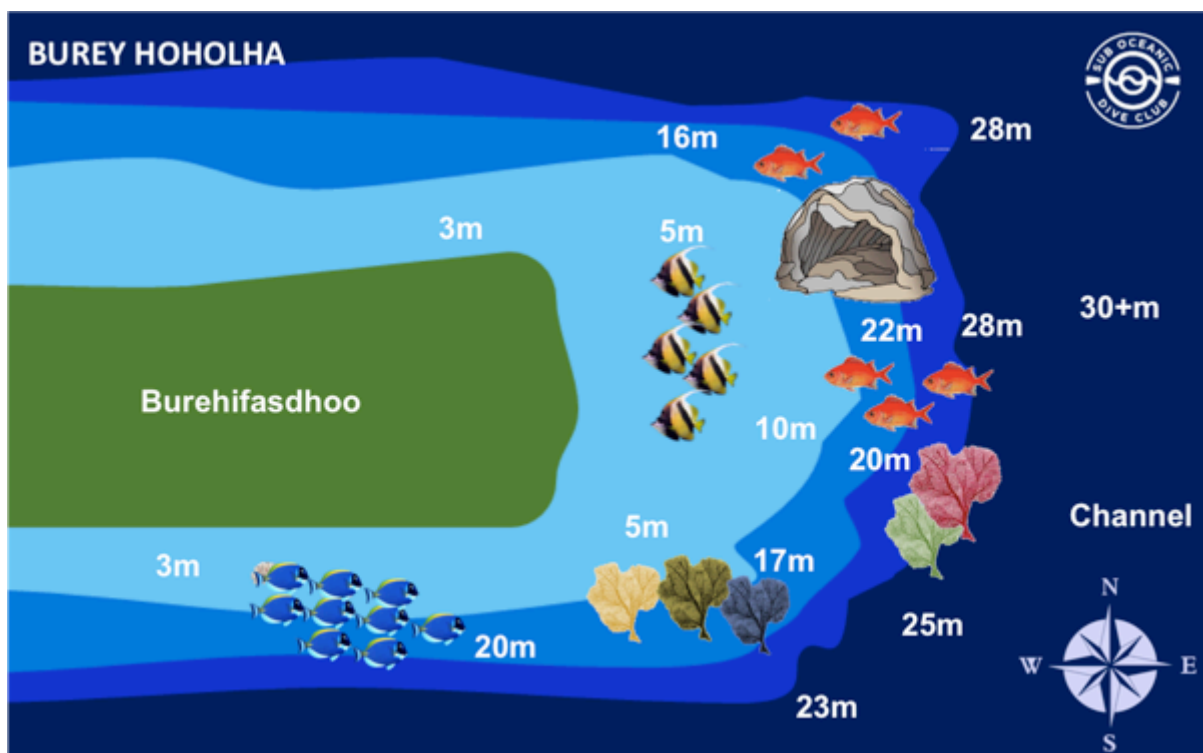
TIME TO DESTINATION: 45 MIN

Description: Burey Hoholha is located on the house reef of Burehifasdho, an uninhabited island located north of Kuda Funafaru. It consists of a gently sloping reef starting at the reef plateau and ending in a steep drop off which descends to about 30 meters on the eastern side. It is also in the east where there are many overhangs and small caves interspersed with steep drop offs. All richly covered in beautiful soft corals mainly in white and blue. Inside the overhangs there is an abundance of marine life, big and small.

What to expect: Soft and hard coral, morays, bannerfish, turtles, gorgonians, nudi's, shrimps, crabs, flat worms and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 2 meters to 28 meters

Experience Level: All levels





4. VAVATHI KURULHI

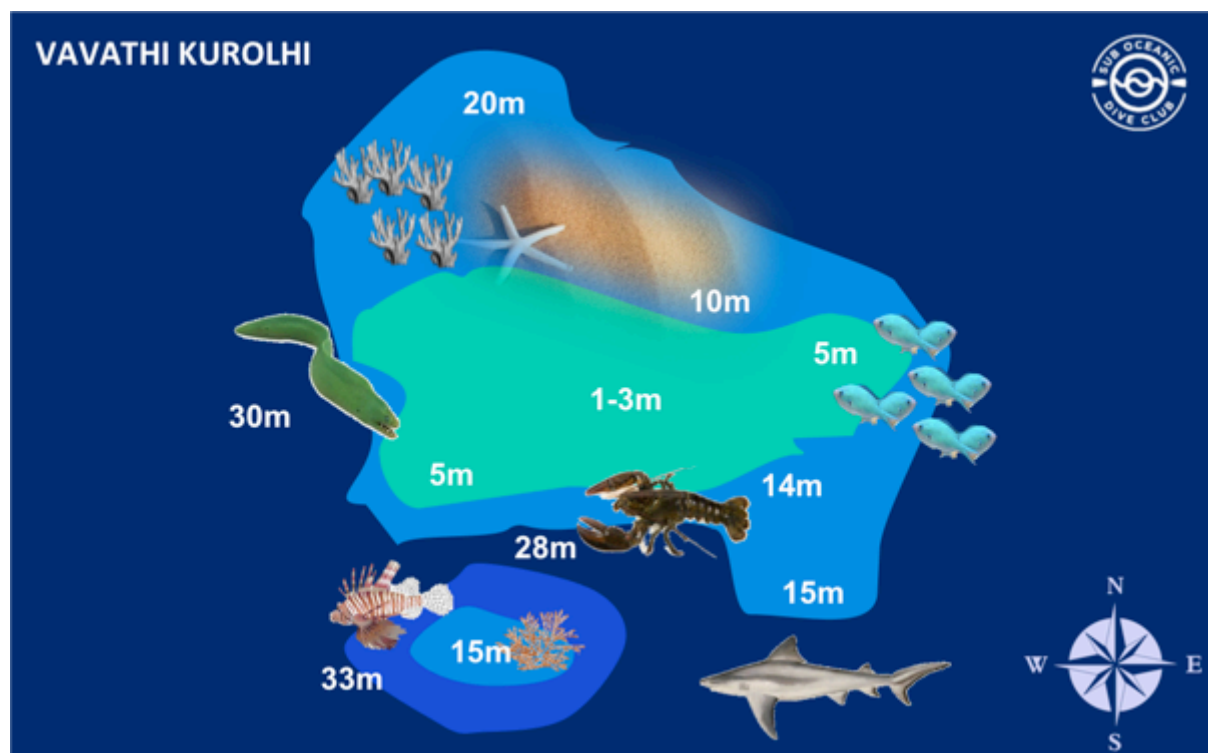
TIME TO DESTINATION: 65 MIN

Description: This large giri has something to offer for everyone. The northern part consists of a large sandy slope covered in many coral blocks, big and small. Here you can find lots of glass fish, lion fish and many juvenile fish. Turtles make a regular appearance here as well. On the south side there is a small thila, starting at around 15 meters and going down to about 30 meters. Here it is not unusual to have an encounter with grey reef sharks or large napoleons. The thila itself is covered in beautiful soft corals and offers a number of nice overhangs.

What to expect: Turtles, overhangs, grey and white tip reef sharks, sting rays, trevallies, moray eels and stingrays, glass fish, lion fish and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 1 meters to 33 meters

Experience Level: All levels





5. BODURAH GAA GIRI

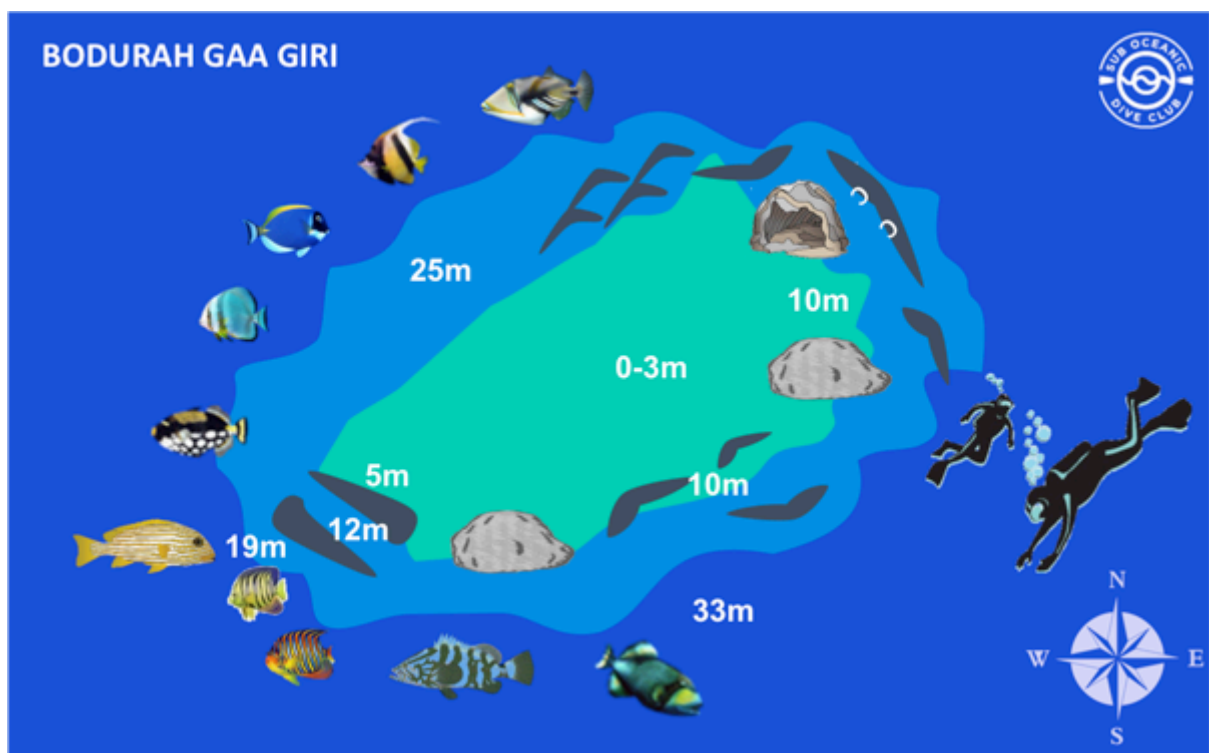
TIME TO DESTINATION: 35 MIN

Description: Bodurah Gaa Giri is located south-west of Kuda Funafaru. The giri is a little gem and a seriously nice dive site. Almost all around the giri is covered with overhangs and caves filled with the usual reef suspects as well as fan corals. Keep an eye out for shrimps, glass fish, flat worm and nudibranchs especially in the caves. Most interesting is the north-west and west of the giri which offers a huge variety of marine life.

What to expect: Fan corals, turtles, moray eels, overhangs. nudibranchs, soldier fish, flat worms, shrimps and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 0 meters to 33 meters

Experience Level: All levels





6. MAAFUNAFARU FARU

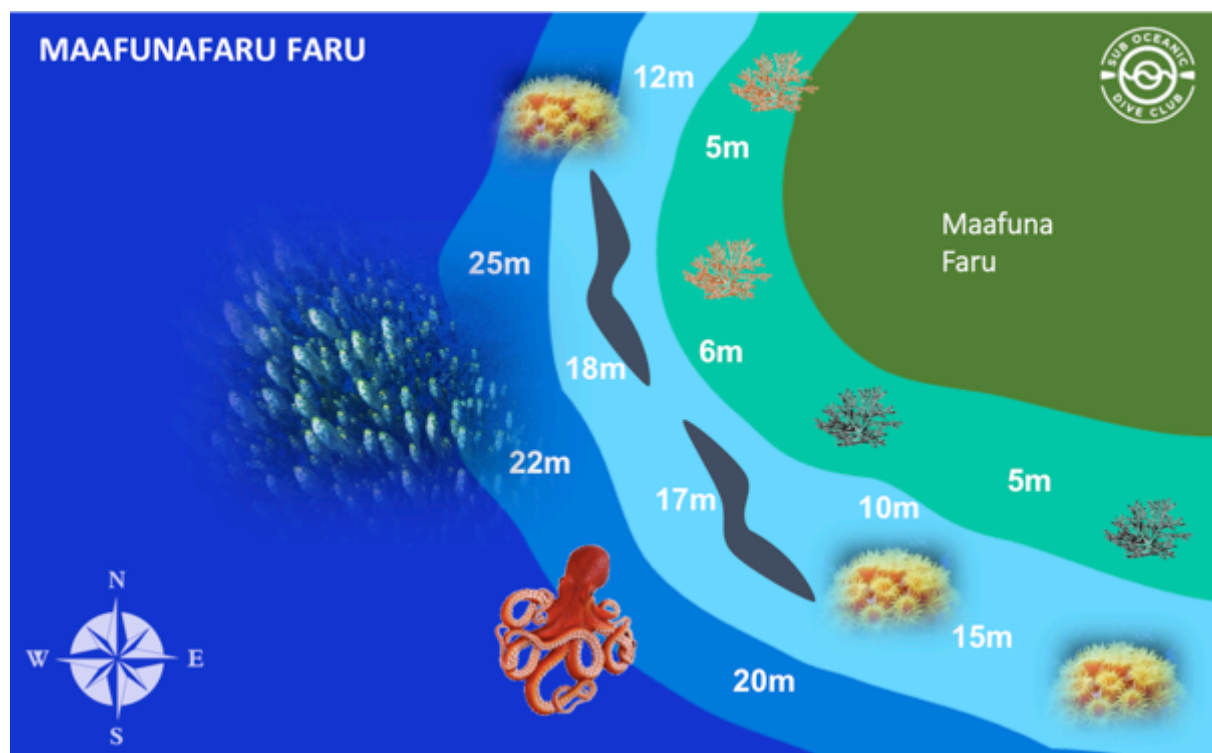
TIME TO DESTINATION: 15 MIN

Description: About 15 minutes south-west of Kuda Funafaru we find Maafunafaru, an uninhabited island which is surrounded by a stunning reef covered in hard corals. The reef top itself is full of fusiliers and banner fish. On the west side you will find beautiful overhangs at about 19 meters, which are a delight for macro fans.

What to expect: Leather corals, nudibranchs, schooling fish, octopus, moray eels, jack fish, needle fish, box fish, nudibranchs, shrimps and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 3 meters 25 meters

Experience Level: All levels





7. DHEEFURAM FARU

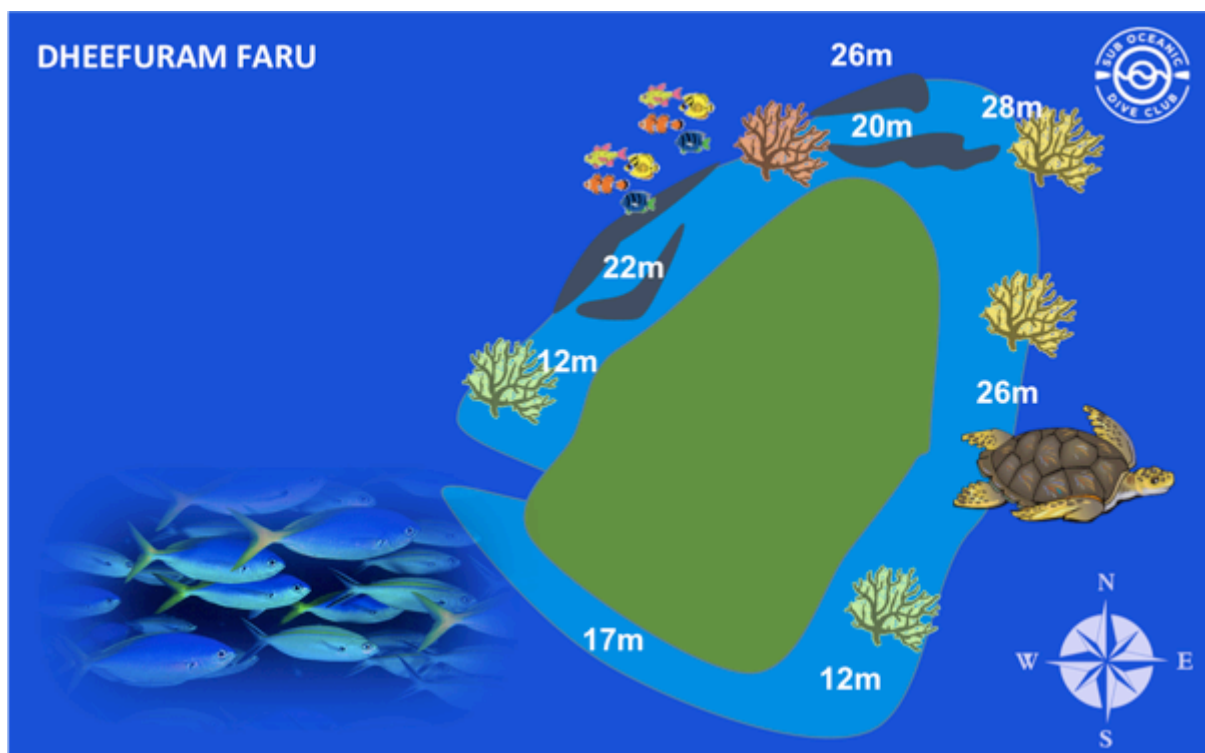
TIME TO DESTINATION: 30 MIN

Description: To the west of Kuda Funafaru we find this small uninhabited island. Even though you could easily manage to go all the way around, the dive is mainly concentrated on the north-west and eastern side of the island. The reef slopes down from around 5 meters to 30 meters and is covered with numerous overhangs at various depths. In these overhangs you will find an abundance of life including lobsters, lionfish, groupers and moray eels as well as hunting trevallies. Turtles and stingrays are also frequently seen here.

What to expect: Turtles, nudibranchs, overhangs, stingrays, moray eels and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 3 meters to 30 meters

Experience Level: All levels





8. UTHURUMAHAA THILA

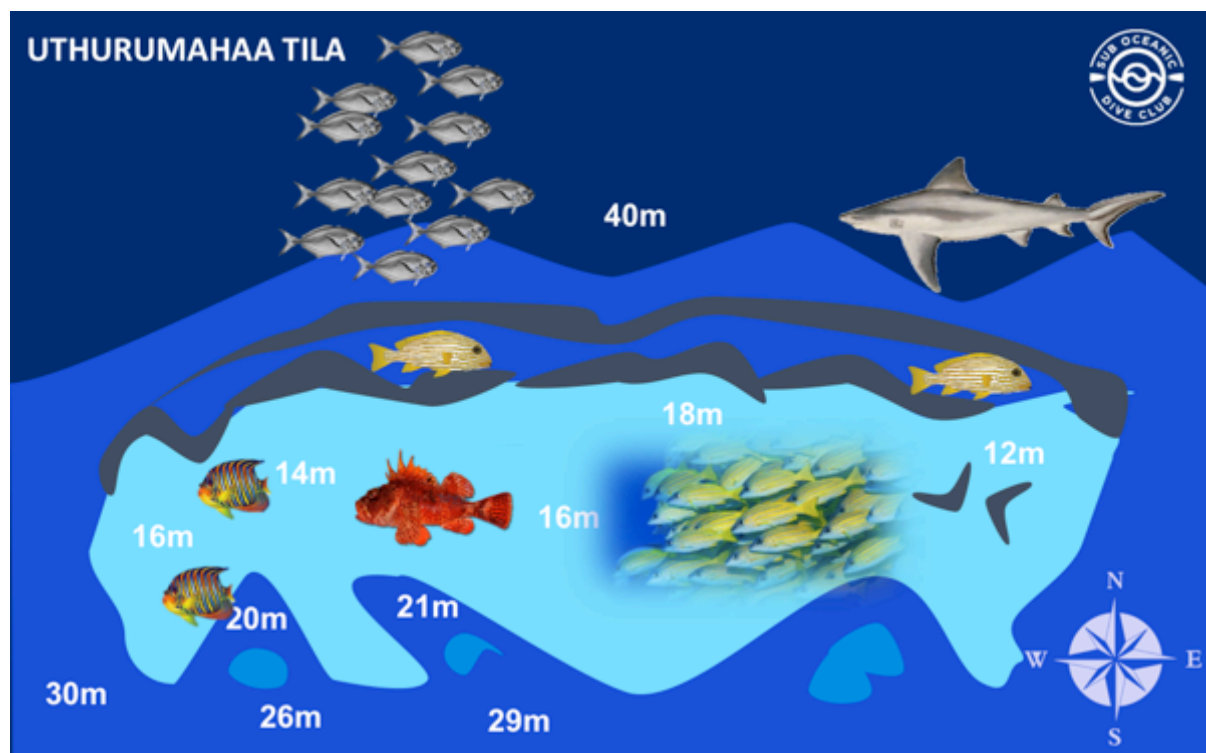
TIME TO DESTINATION: 20 MIN

Description: To the north-east we find this top dive site. The reef starts at about 12 meters where you'll find a narrow reef top covered with many coral blocks often used by nurse sharks as a hide out. On the reef itself there are many overhangs ranging in depths from 16 to 30 meters. Inside the overhangs there are a large numbers of glassfish and juvenile pelagic. Outside keep an eye out for jackfish, tunas, grey reef sharks and even sometimes silvertips! On the reef itself make sure to look out for scorpion fish, nudibranchs and ribbon eels.

What to expect: Nurse sharks, scorpion fish, tuna, grey reef sharks, ribbon eels, nudibranchs, scorpion fish and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 12 meters to 40 meters

Experience Level: Advanced (current, depth)





9. BODULHIMENDHOO THILA

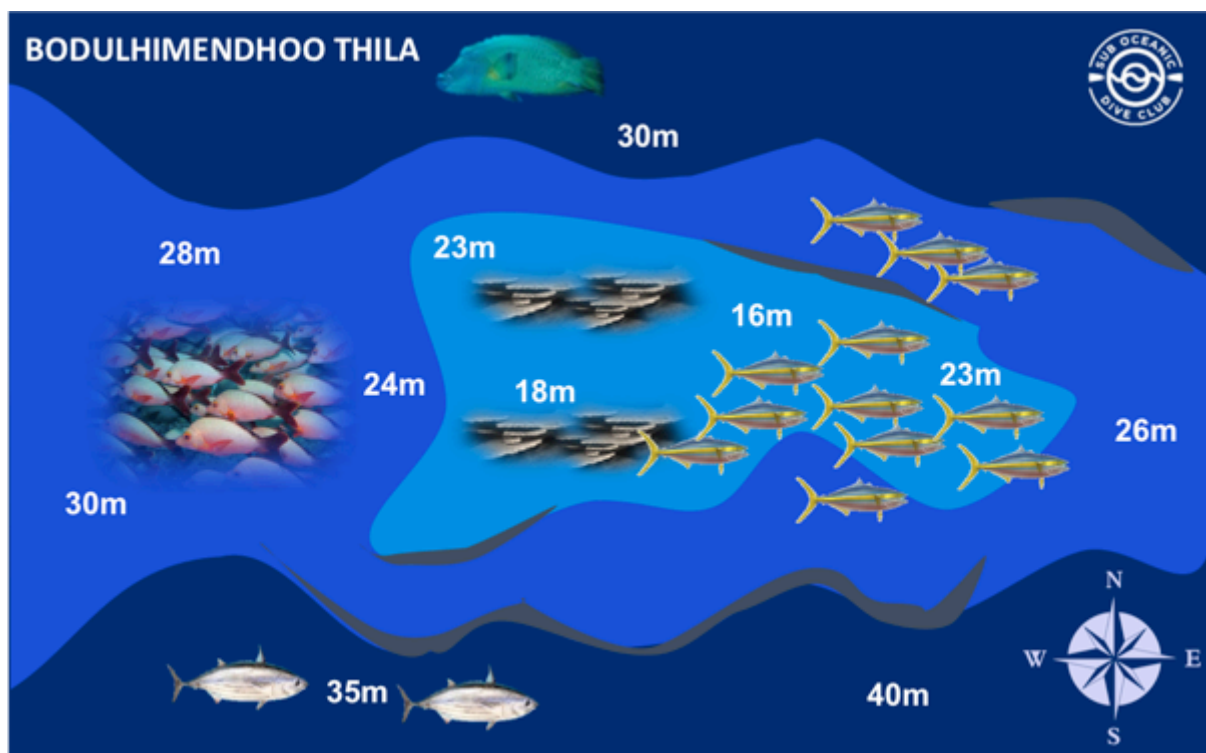
TIME TO DESTINATION: 55 MIN

Description: Named after the close by island, swirling schools of fusiliers will accompany you throughout the dive. This site can be reached by a 55-minute boat ride. It's a thila located in the middle of a channel with the shallowest point at 16 meters. Because of its location this site is often subjected to fairly strong currents. You will find schools of humpback and blue stripe snappers as well as various sweetlips hiding on the reef. Napoleons and curious batfish often approach divers. Keep an eye out for tuna, stingrays and eagle rays, dolphins or other predators on the prowl.

What to expect: Schooling fusiliers, snappers and sweetlips, tuna, stingrays, eagle rays, napoleons, batfish, dolphins and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 16 meters to 40 meters

Experience Level: Advanced (current, depth)





10. KOMANDHOO HAA

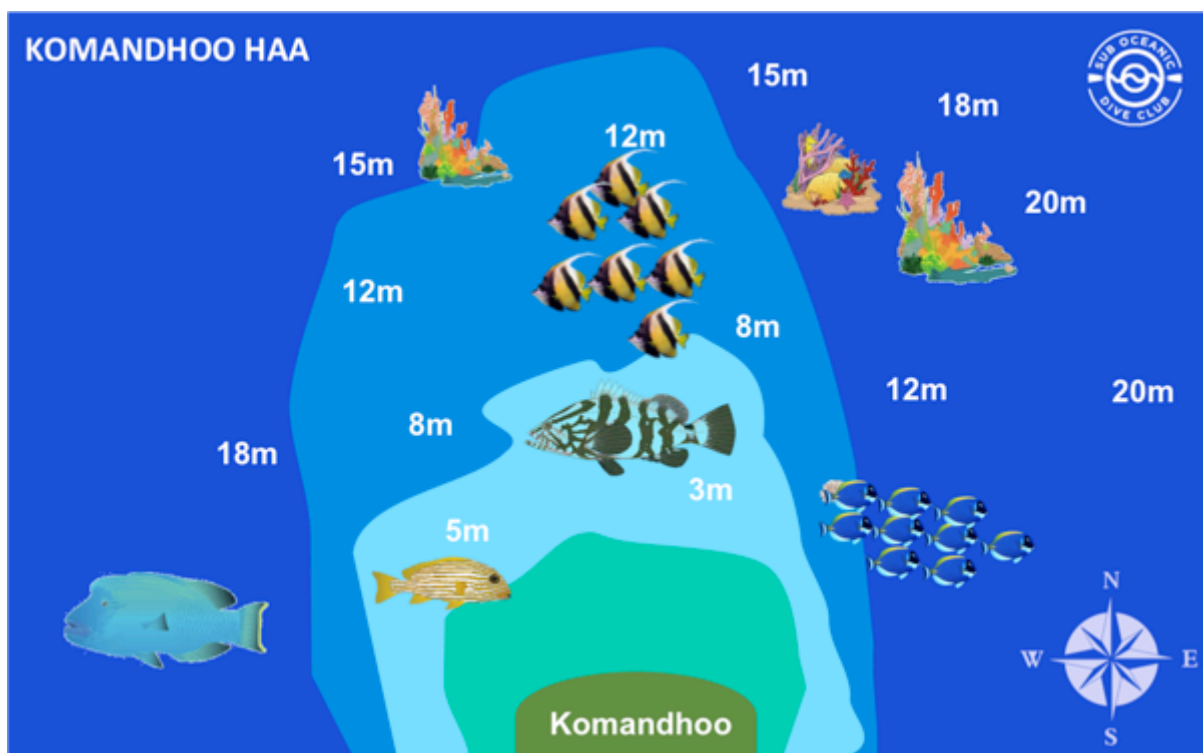
TIME TO DESTINATION: 35 MIN

Description: North of Kuda-Funafaru, we find this dive site which is on the surrounding reef of an uninhabited island. It's on the outside of the atoll and measures about 150 meters by 50 meters with a reef top at 5 meters sloping down to a sandy bottom at around 20 meters. Depending on the current we dive the north-east or the south-west corner, where we will find all the fish action. Usually large schools of fusiliers, red and yellow snappers, sweetlips and bannerfish can be seen, as well as larger specimens like napoleons or groupers. With a bit of luck you may find nurse sharks sleeping under coral blocks. Even dolphins have made an appearance here!

What to expect: Schooling fish, fusiliers, banner fish, snappers, sweetlips, groupers, nurse sharks, napoleons and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 5 meters to 20 meters

Experience Level: All levels





11.GEMENDHOO FARU

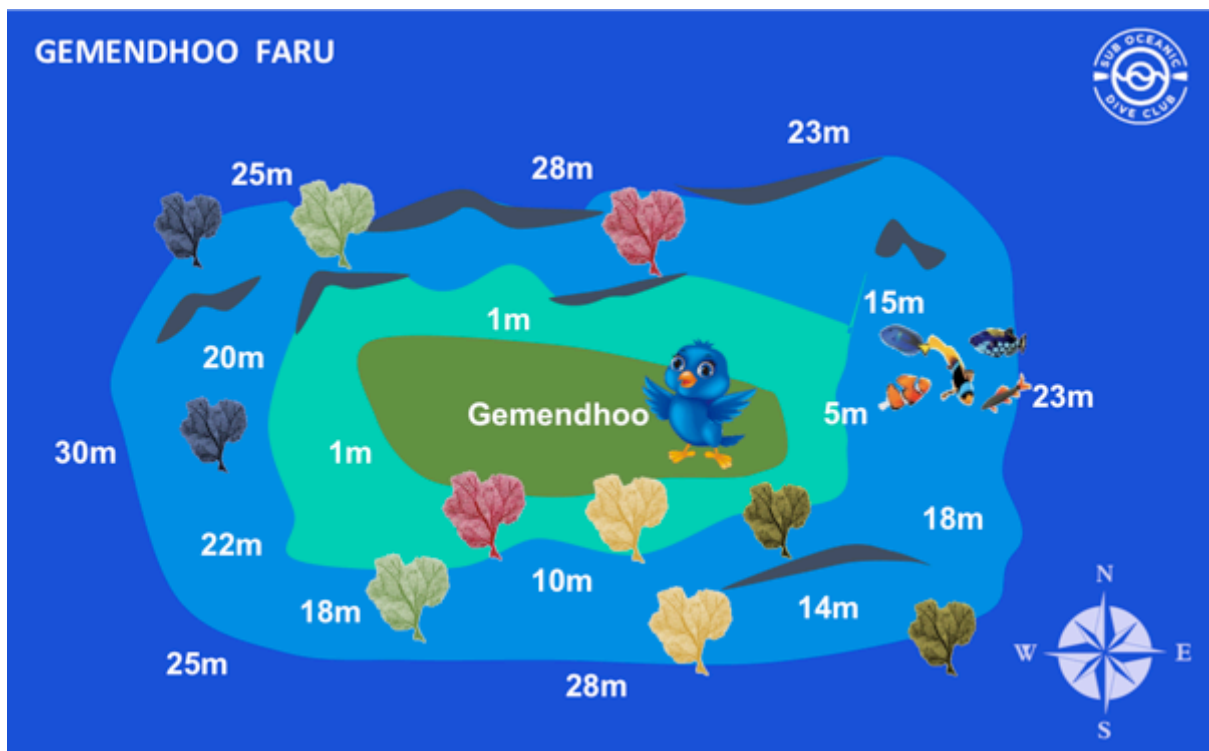
TIME TO DESTINATION: 45 MIN

Description: Gemendhoo is a tiny, uninhabited island about 45 minutes south of Kuda Funafaru. It's mainly a nesting ground for birds but on the west, north and east side it also offers a spectacular underwater world for divers to enjoy. Many different sized overhangs and caves dot the reef from around 5m to 25m. Soft corals cover most of the overhangs as well as whip and black coral. Big schools of fusiliers, humpback snappers and surgeonfish accompany divers. The top reef is covered with beautiful table and staghorn coral.

What to expect: Overhangs, caves, fusiliers, snappers, corals and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 5 meters to 25 meters

Experience Level: All levels





12.MALHENDHOO KANN MATHI

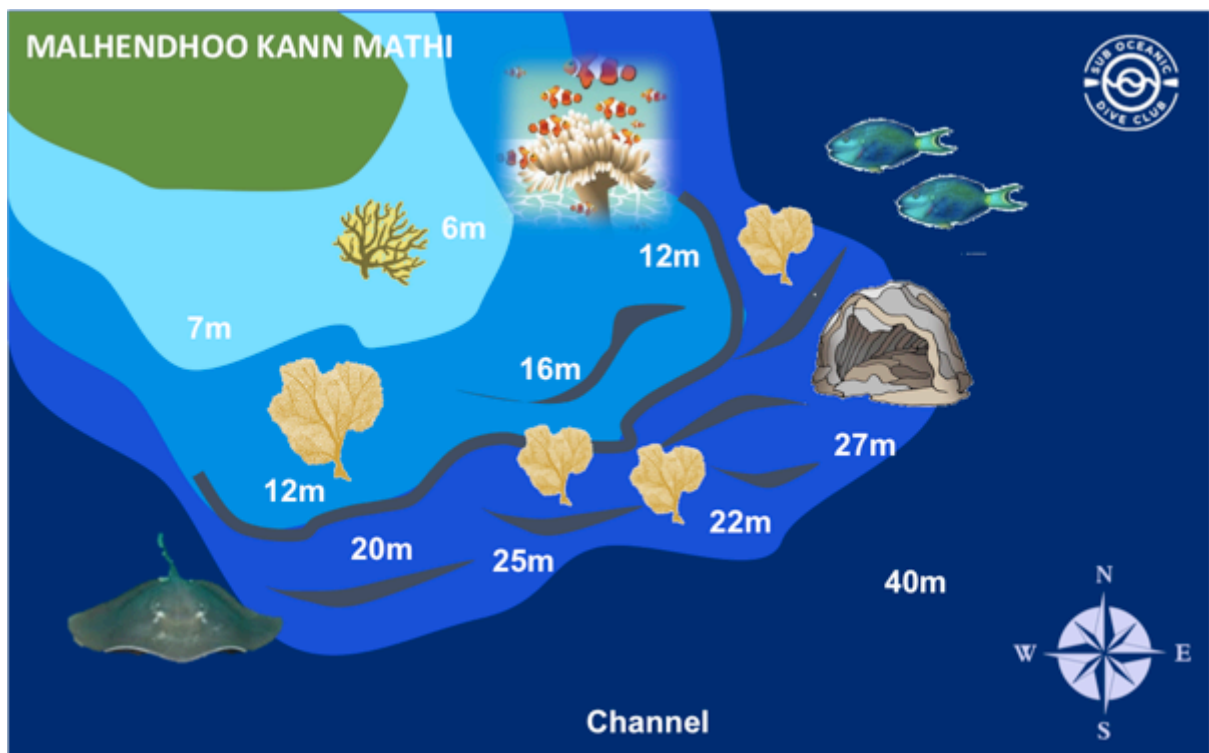
TIME TO DESTINATION: 35 MIN

Description: South-east of Malhendhoo, an uninhabited island, we find a stunning reef. It slopes gently to about 12 meters after which it turns into a steep drop off with many different sized overhangs and caves. These overhangs are covered in yellow soft coral. Huge gorgonians can also be found here giving this reef a beautiful surreal look. Don't forget to keep one eye outside the overhangs and in the blue as there are often tuna passing by and schools of trevally.

What to expect: Soft coral, overhangs, tuna, schooling fish, nudibranchs, moray eels and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 5 meters to 30 meters

Experience Level: All levels





13. MAAFARU UTHURUMAHAA

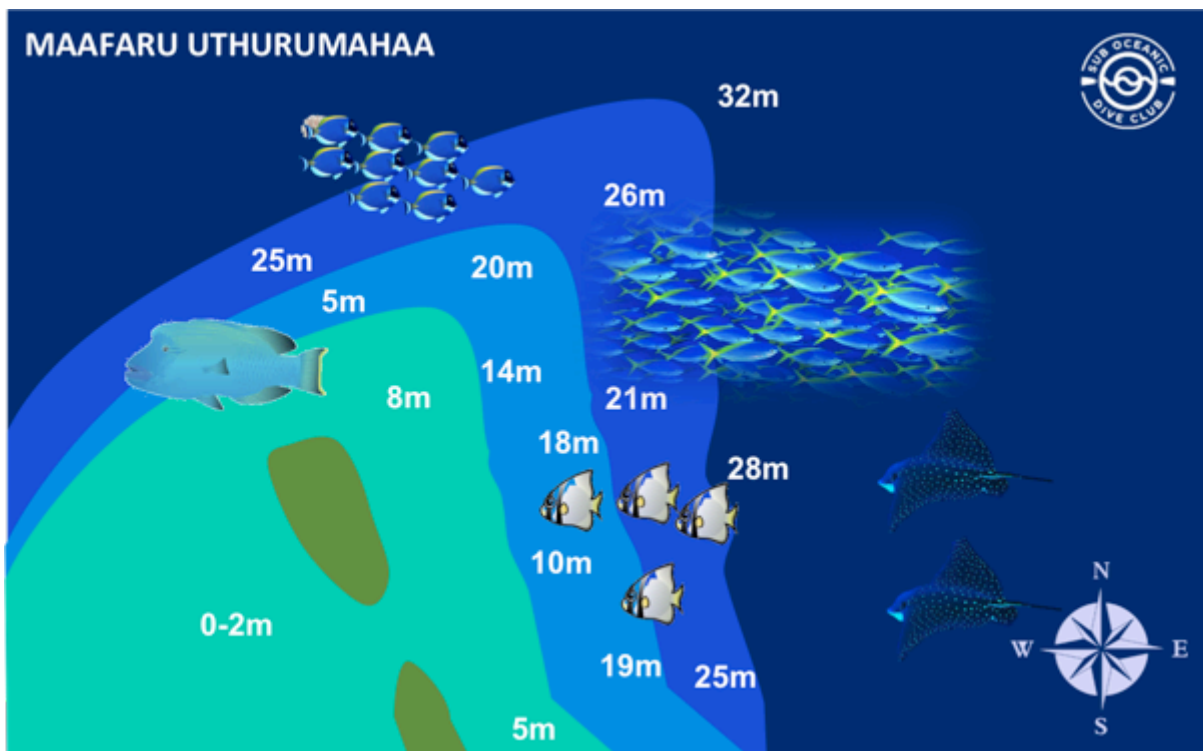
TIME TO DESTINATION: 35 MIN

Description: This reef is located on the outside of the atoll east of Kuda Funafaru and is mainly known for the immense variety and amount of fish. Basically every type of schooling fish you can name will be there surrounding you throughout the dive. Surgeon fish, fusiliers, different types of snappers and even batfish. This place is also called home to a group of napoleons and often also stingrays who feed off the sandy bottom. Keep your eyes out for eagle rays flying by.

What to expect: Schooling fish, napoleons, rays, tuna and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 5 meters to 30 meters

Experience Level: All levels





14. KANDHOODHOO BEYRU

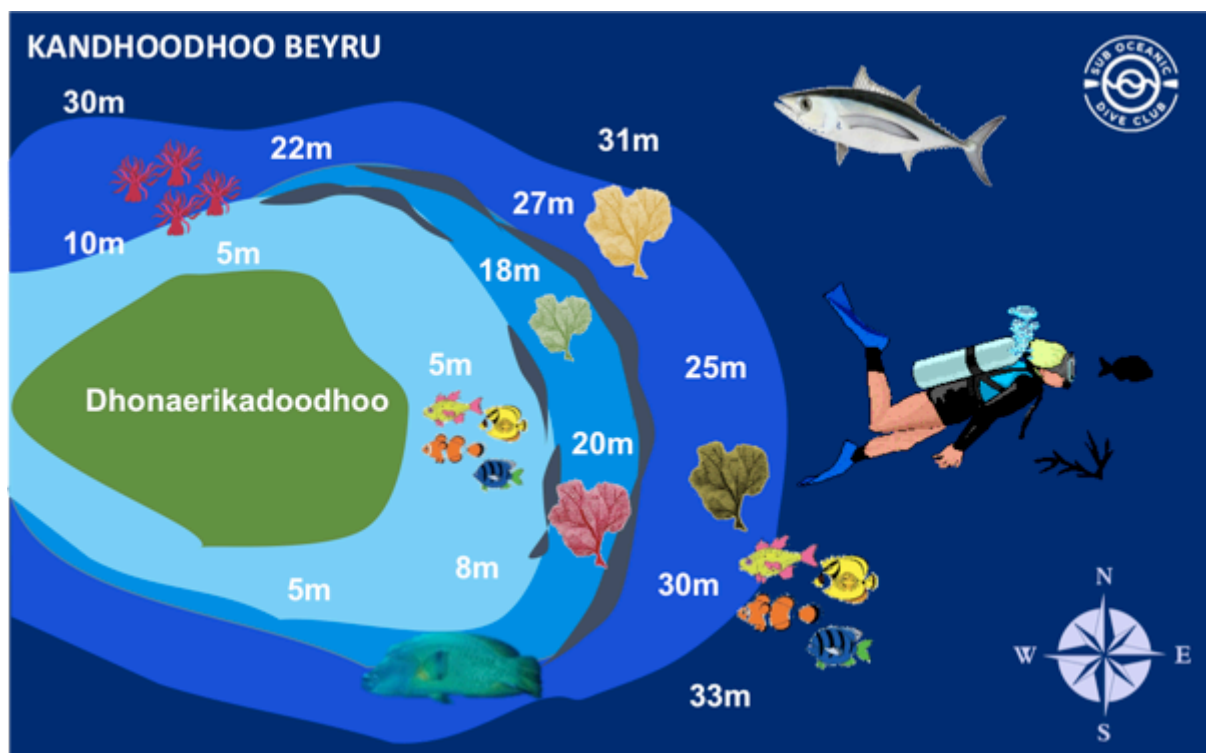
TIME TO DESTINATION: 120 MIN

Description: In the south of the atoll we find Dhonaerikadoodhoo, an uninhabited island bordering a channel. The reef on the south and east side descends in plateaus ranging from 8 meters to 33 meters. The deeper plateaus have long overhangs which form the perfect hiding place for turtles, both green and hawksbill. Along the eastern side the plateaus turn into steep drop offs boasting various canyons and overhangs. All these are covered in an abundance of coral. As for the fish life here you won't feel left out as it is teeming with many kinds of schooling reef fish and their predators. Also napoleons are regulars here.

What to expect: Overhangs, corals, schooling fish, turtles, tuna, and napoleons and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 5 meters 30 meters

Experience Level: All levels





15.KEDHIVARU FARU

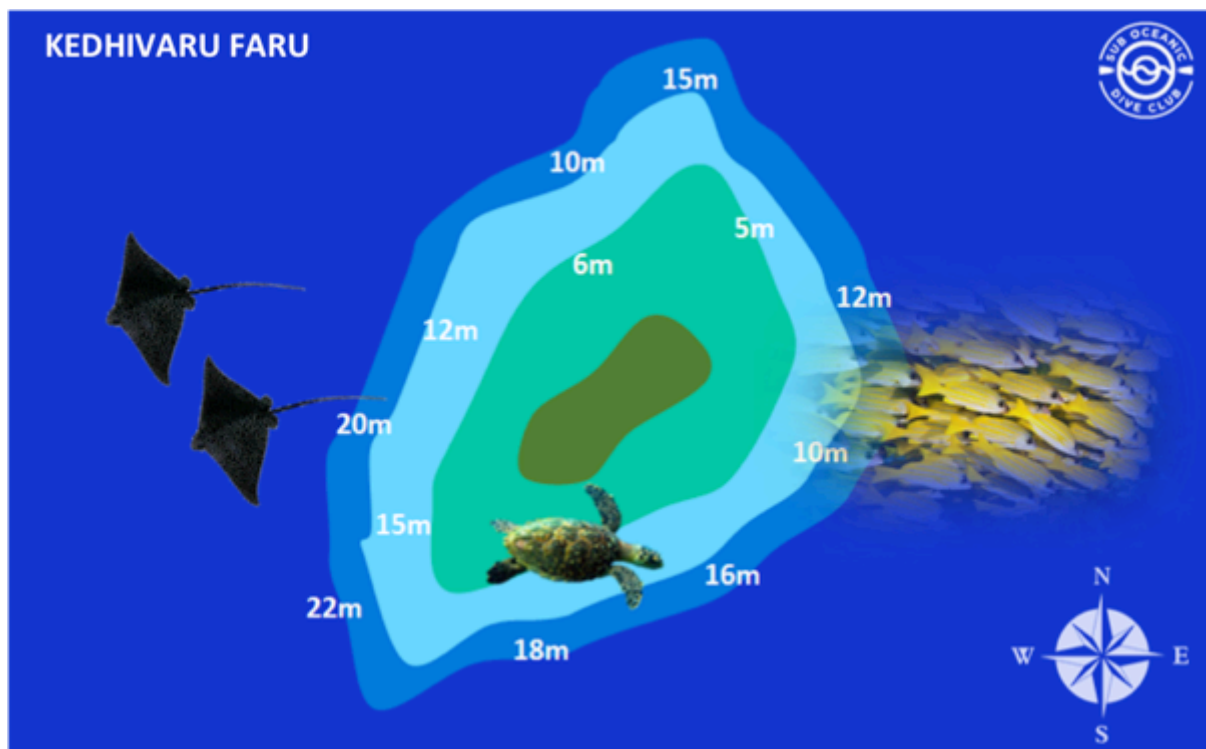
TIME TO DESTINATION: 30 MIN

Description: Kedhivaru is located south-west of Kuda Funafaru. We dive on the west, north and east side of the reef surrounding the island. The reef structure consists of a gently sloping reef from about 5 meters down to 18 meters. Due to the depth and mild currents this is a perfect dive site for all levels of divers to enjoy the many schools of fish that inhabit this reef. Apart from fish also turtles are frequent visitors here as well as eagle rays and, with a bit of luck in the right season even manta rays.

What to expect: Turtles, tuna, schooling fish, eagle rays and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 5 meters to 18 meters

Experience Level: All levels





16. KUDA THILA

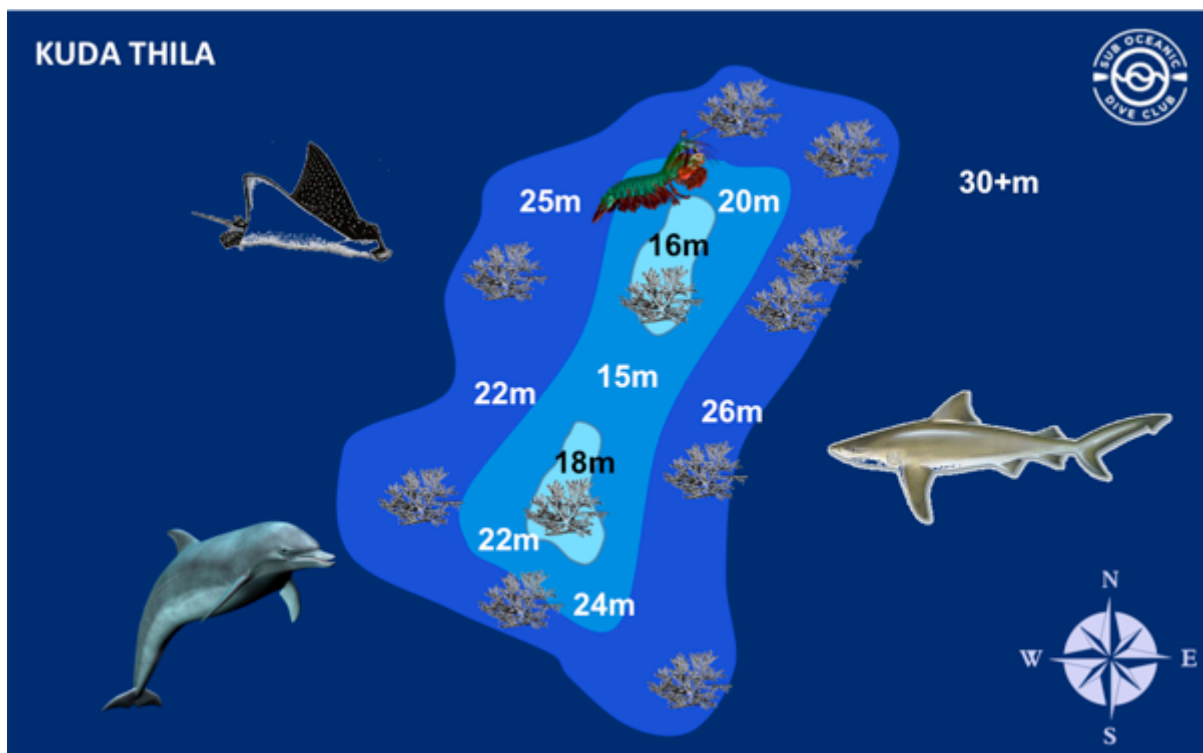
TIME TO DESTINATION: 20 MIN

Description: Kuda Thila is a short boat ride to the north of Kuda Funafaru. It's a small thila measuring about 40 meters by 20 meters with a reef top consisting of two "humps" starting at 15 meters. The whole thila is covered in beautiful soft and hard corals, which provide a perfect hiding place for all our favorite reef dwellers. Some small overhangs are home to numerous cleaner shrimp, nudibranchs and other small marine creatures. Keep your eyes out for grey reef sharks, nurse sharks and eagle rays as they are frequently spotted here.

What to expect: Grey reef sharks, nurse sharks, eagle rays, overhangs, shrimps, nudibranchs and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 15 meters to 30 meters

Experience Level: Advanced levels

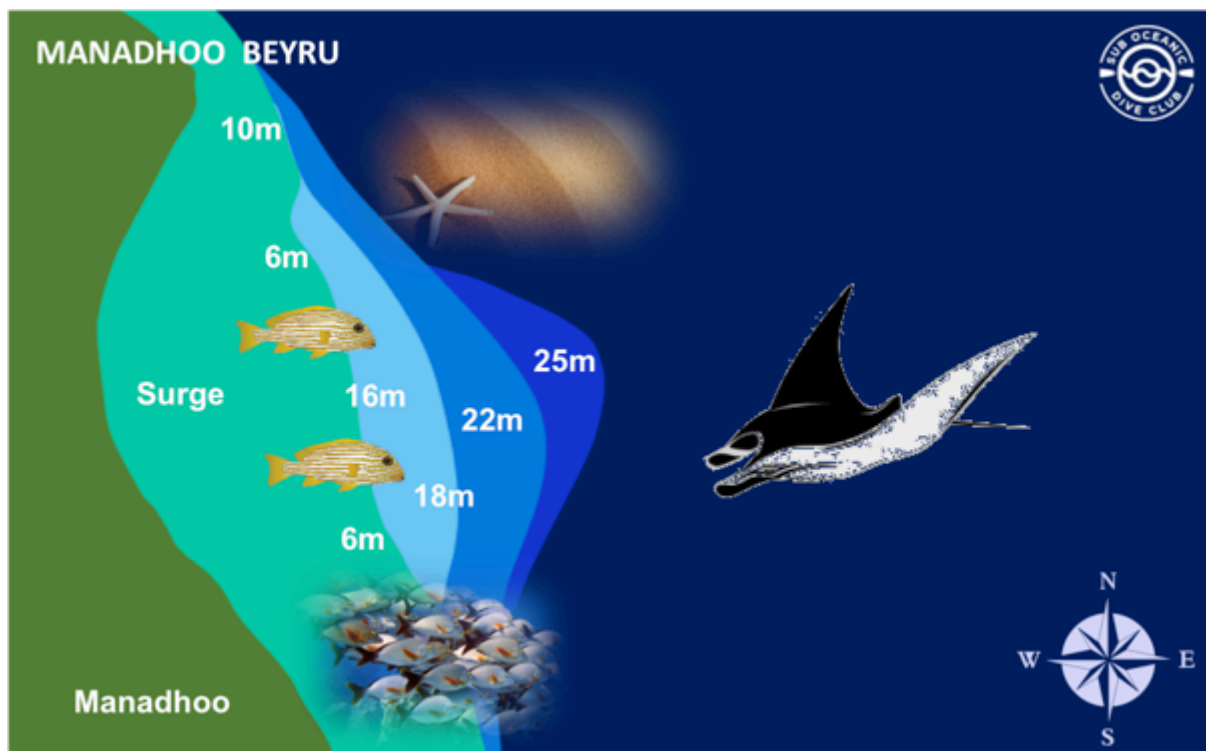




17. MANADHOO BEYRU

TIME TO DESTINATION: 50 MIN

- Description:** This reef is also known as 'Manta Point', as during the season these graceful creatures use this site as a cleaning station. The reef is located at Manadhoo, the capital island of the atoll. It's a gently sloping reef from about 5 meters down to 30 meters and more. It is also famous for its huge amount of fish life. Many turtles can be seen year round as well as moray eels.
- What to expect:** Turtles, schooling fish, moray eels and, in the season, manta rays and many beautiful reef fish.
- Depth:** 3 meters to 30+ meters
- Experience Level:** All levels





18.KUDA FUNAFARU HULHAGU

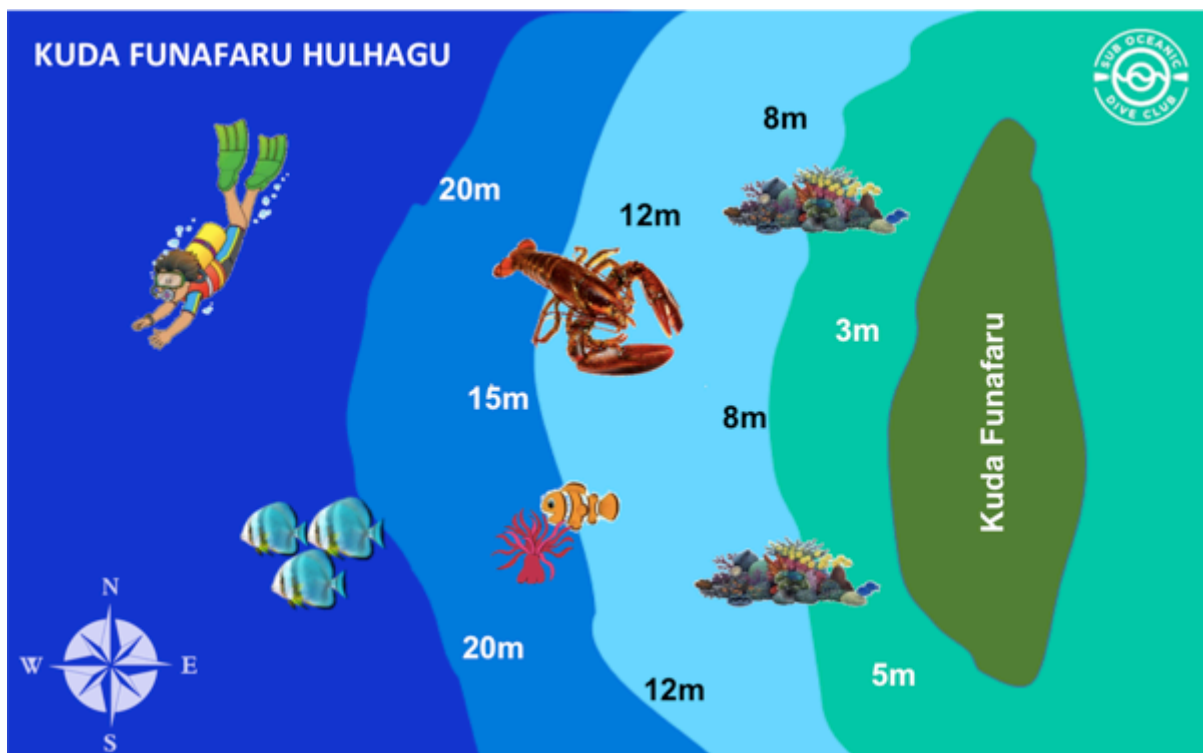
TIME TO DESTINATION: 12 MIN

Description: This is the west side of our house reef. It features a stunning coral garden starting at 5 meters and slowly descending to a depth of 20 meters. It is the playground for many lobsters, which are hiding amongst the coral formations. Turtles are also regulars here as well as curious batfish that often accompany divers.

What to expect: Turtles, lobsters and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 4 meters to 20 meters

Experience Level: All levels





19. HUIVANI FALHU

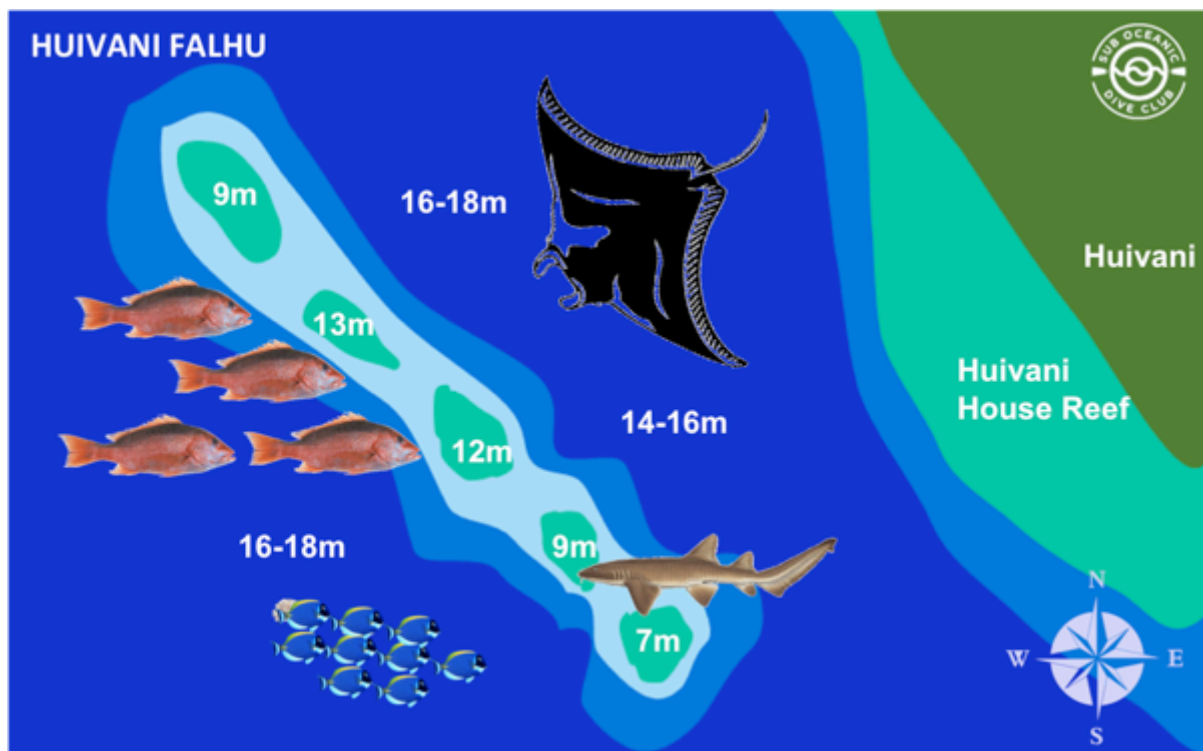
TIME TO DESTINATION: 35 MIN

Description: This is a very long shallow reef near the island of Huivani. Most of the top reef lies in between 7 meters and 10 meters where you can find many big coral blocks under which you can often find sleeping nurse sharks. Whitetip reef sharks and turtles can also be seen as well as schools of snappers, surgeonfish and fusiliers. In the season it is also a feeding ground for manta rays that can be seen with their mouths wide open, feeding just below the surface.

What to expect: Nurse sharks, whitetip reef sharks, turtles, manta rays and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 6 meters to 18 meters

Experience Level: All levels





20. RAIMAS THILA

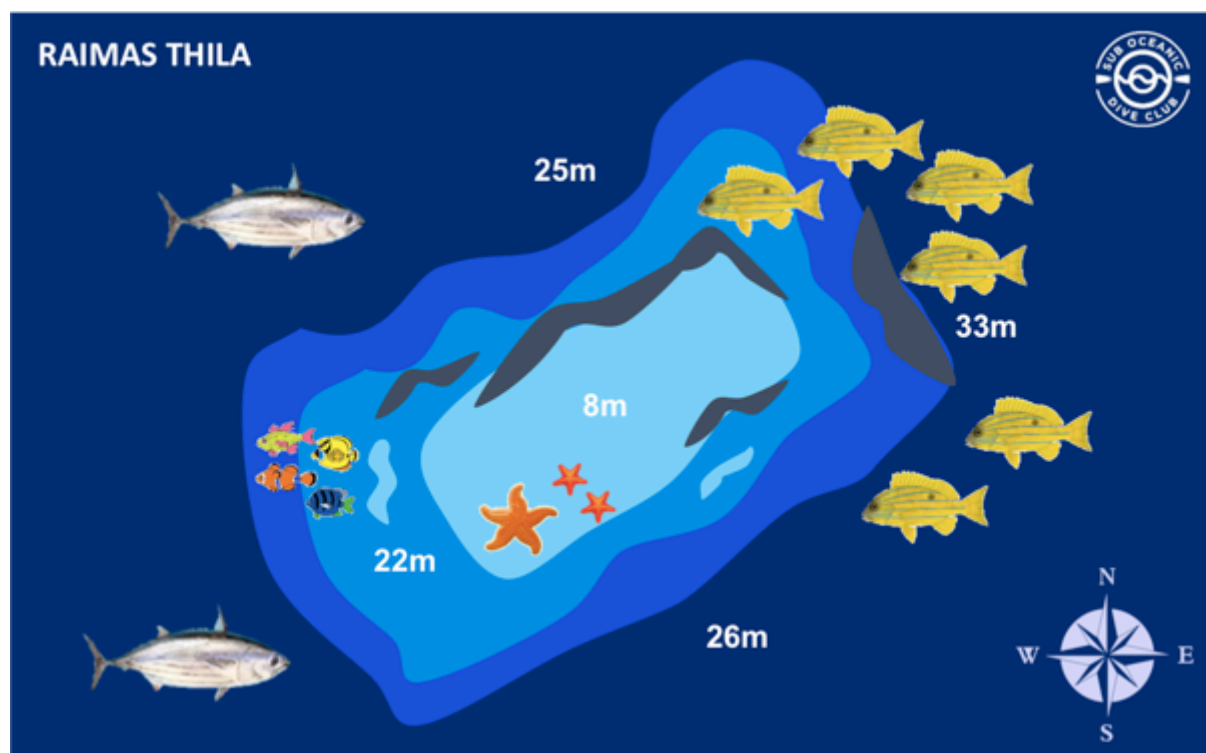
TIME TO DESTINATION: 45 MIN

Description: This thila is known for its enormous variety of fish. It has a reef top at around 7 meters, which is covered by many coral blocks and table corals where you can find huge numbers of different kinds of snappers. All sides are covered by overhangs filled with glass fish. Due to the large amount of juvenile fish and schools of fusiliers you will see many tuna and jackfish hunting here.

What to expect: Tuna, jack fish, schooling fish, overhangs and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 7 meters to 30 meters

Experience Level: All levels (More demanding when stronger current are present)





21. ORIMAS THILA

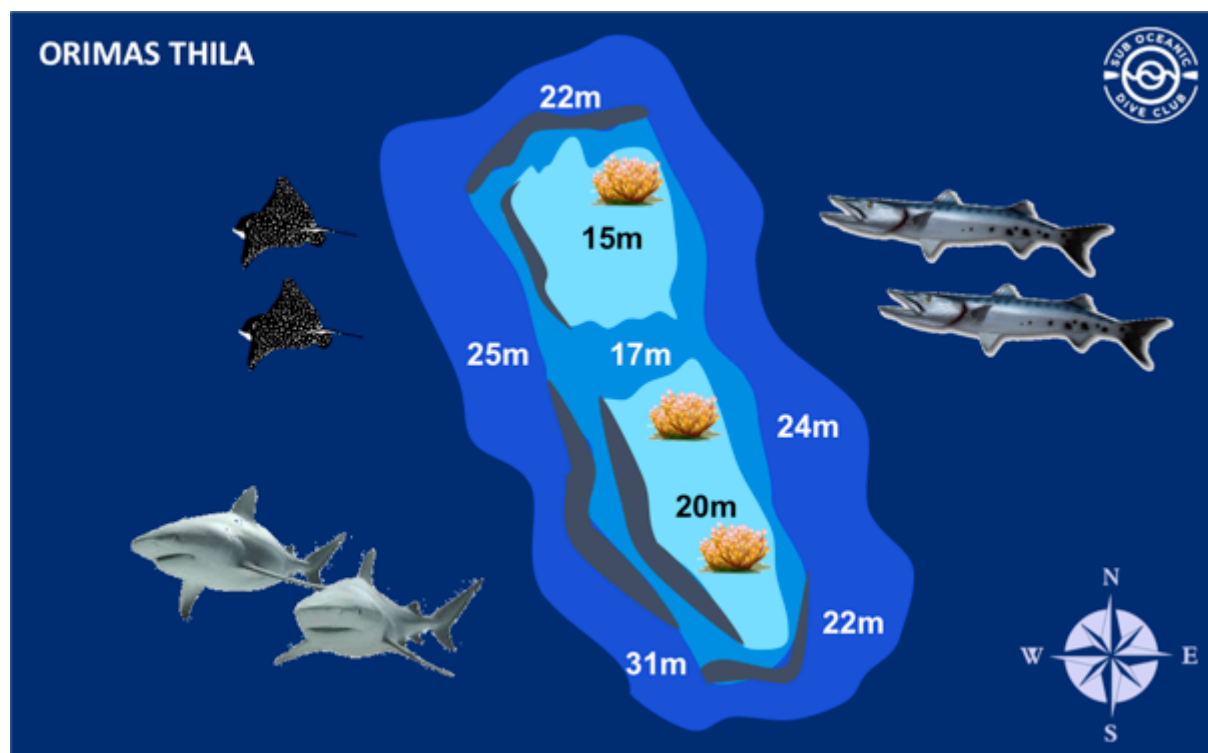
TIME TO DESTINATION: 60 MIN

Description: A must see! To the west of Kuda Funafaru we find this amazing thila, it begins at a depth of 15 meters and a length of approximately 80 meters with a little saddle in the middle. The east side drops steeply to around 25 meters with huge overhangs. The west is more a gentle sandy slope from about 18 meters to 25 meters where often stingrays can be found. It's also home to a large school of batfish and barracudas, eagle rays and trevallies can be seen roaming around. On the top of the reef you can often find grey reef sharks getting a good dental cleansing by the numerous cleaner fish that live there.

What to expect: Grey reef sharks, barracuda, eagle rays, trevallies, batfish and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 17 meters to 31m

Experience Level: Advanced (Currents can make it a challenging dive)





22. KUDAFUNAFARU UTHURU

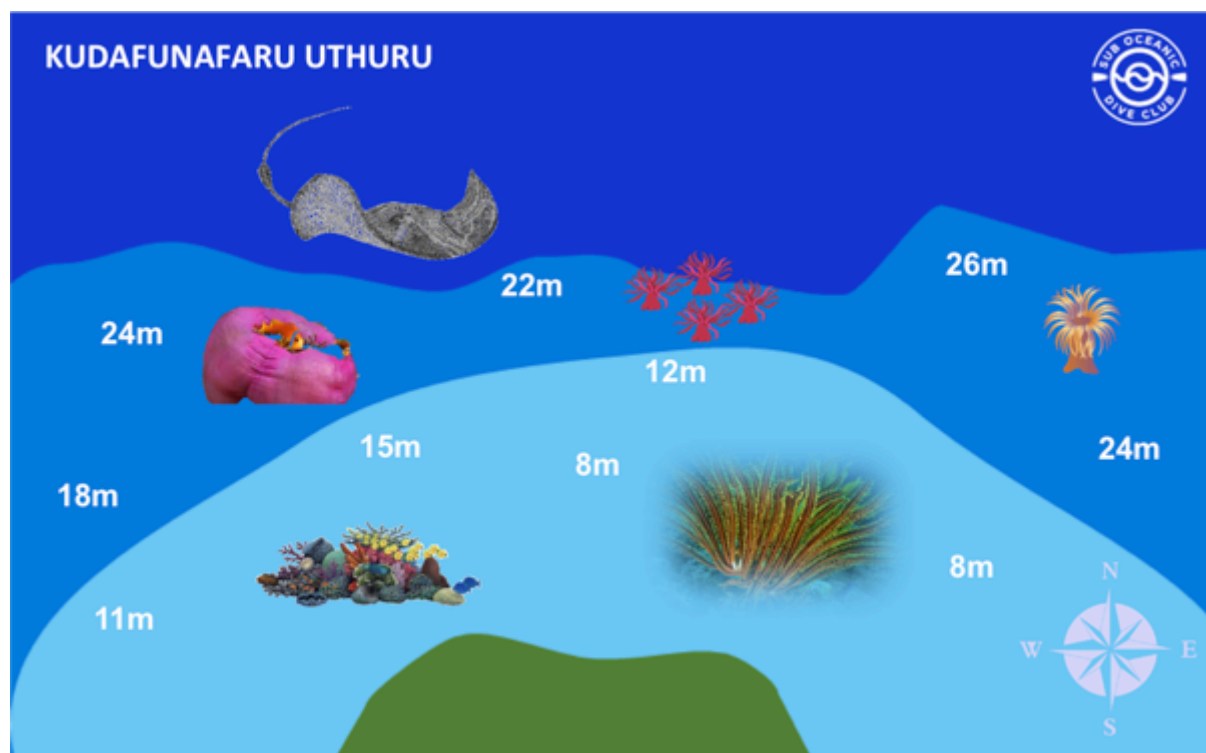
TIME TO DESTINATION: 10 MIN

Description: This is the north side of the Kuda Funafaru's house reef. The reef top slopes down gently from around 8 meters to 20 meters and is covered by a beautiful coral garden, perfect for an easy drift dive. Leather coral, massive table coral offer a hiding place for a huge amount of fish. Big schools of fusiliers, different kinds of snappers and hunting tuna are regulars here. There is always a good chance to see eagle rays flying by here as well as stingrays on the sandy bottom. A number of turtles have also made this reef their home turf and are often seen here.

What to expect: Turtles, schooling fish, stingrays, eagle rays, and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 8 meters to 25 meters

Experience Level: All levels





23. DHEKENANFARU THILA

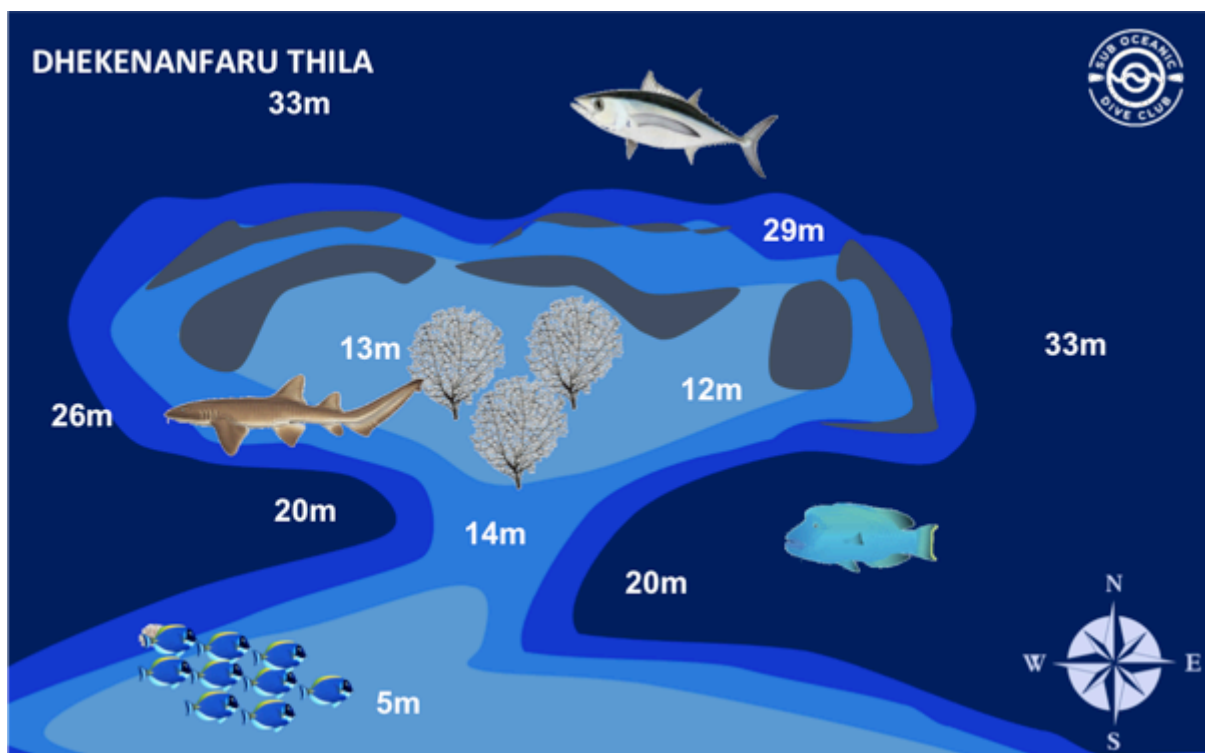
TIME TO DESTINATION: 90 MIN

Description: This is a small thila on the west side of the atoll. The top of the reef lies at around 13 meters but since it's attached to the main reef by a 15 meter 'saddle' you can easily swim over to finish your dive in the shallows. There are many overhangs, some really big. Quite often nurse sharks can be found sleeping here as well. Around the thila keep your eyes open for napoleons and hunting tuna.

What to expect: Nurse sharks, tuna, napoleons, overhangs, macro life in the overhangs and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 13 meters to 30 meters (main reef top at 5 meters)

Experience Level: All levels





24. KALEIDHOO KANN MATHI

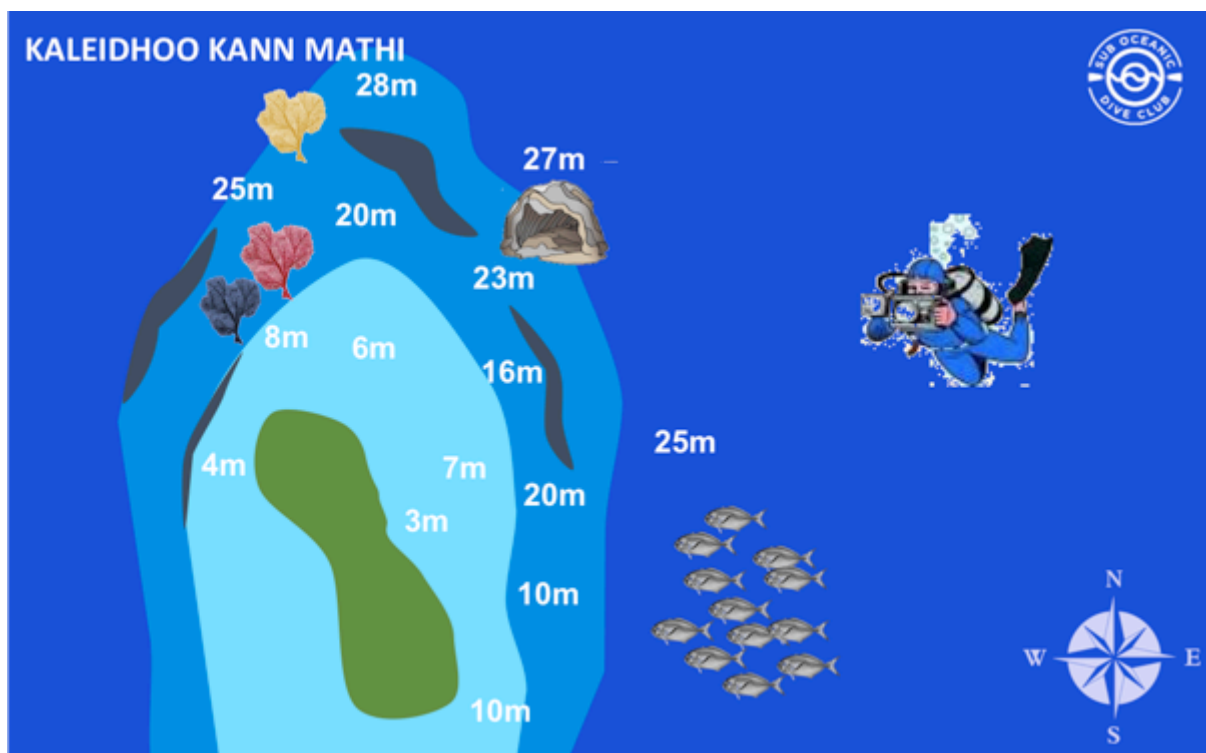
TIME TO DESTINATION: 50 MIN

Description: Located north-west of Kuda Funafaru this dive site offers probably the most spectacular caves and overhangs in the Maldives. Some of these caves are huge, up to 15 meters in height. The inside of the overhangs are covered in beautiful yellow and blue soft corals which create great light effects and a perfect background for photographers. On the north-west side at about 15 meters of depth there is an 8 meters long vertical swim through connecting two overhangs.

What to expect: Overhangs, soft corals, swim through, tuna, jackfish, schooling fish, macro life in the overhangs and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 5 meters to 28 meters

Experience Level: All levels





25. THOLHENDHOO FARU

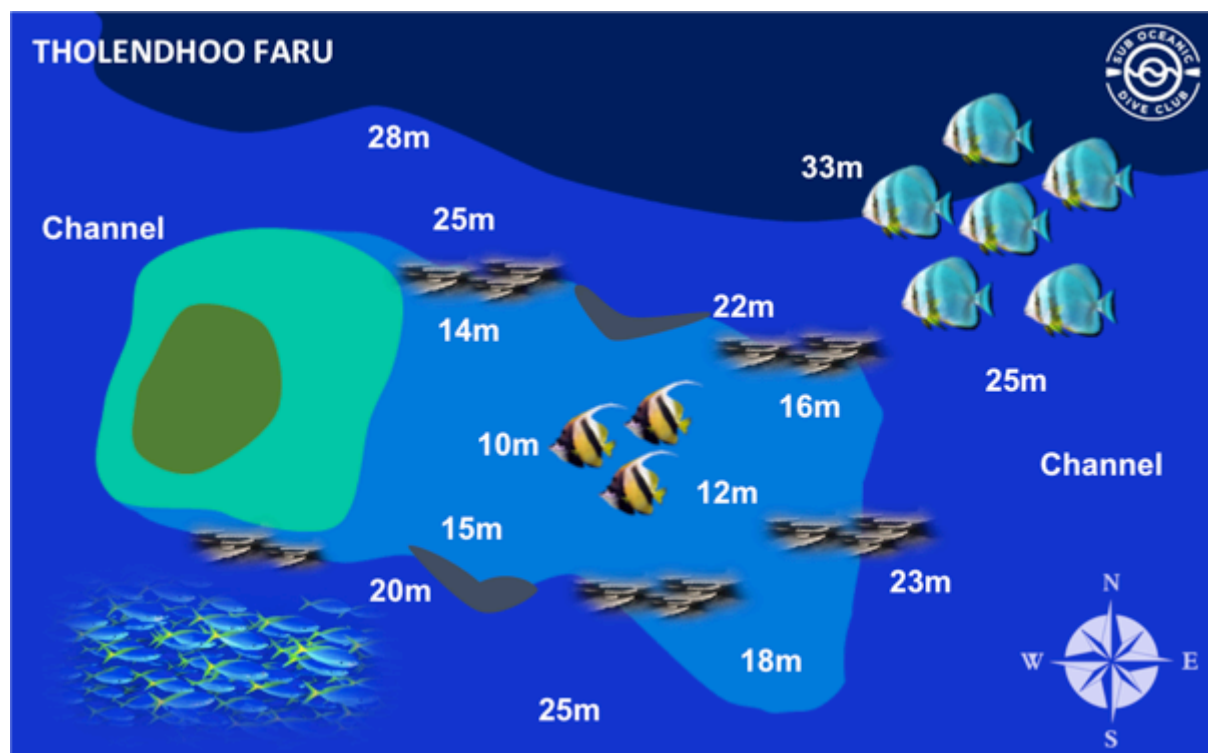
TIME TO DESTINATION: 40 MIN

Description: This long reef (faru) runs from the uninhabited island of Tholhendhoo approximately 200 meters into the channel. Depending on the current we either dive the outside or the inside of the reef. Starting at 10 meters the reef slowly descends to 25 meters in the channel. Throughout the dive you will be accompanied by schools of fusiliers. Around the coral blocks on the reef top you'll find schools of snappers and bannerfish. Schools of rainbow runners, batfish and groupers can also be seen here. The coral blocks themselves are home to many nudibranchs, moray eels, shrimp and other small critters.

What to expect: Schooling fish, tuna, moray eels, batfish and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 10 meters to 25 meters

Experience Level: All levels (depending on current)





26. DHATHAA FARU

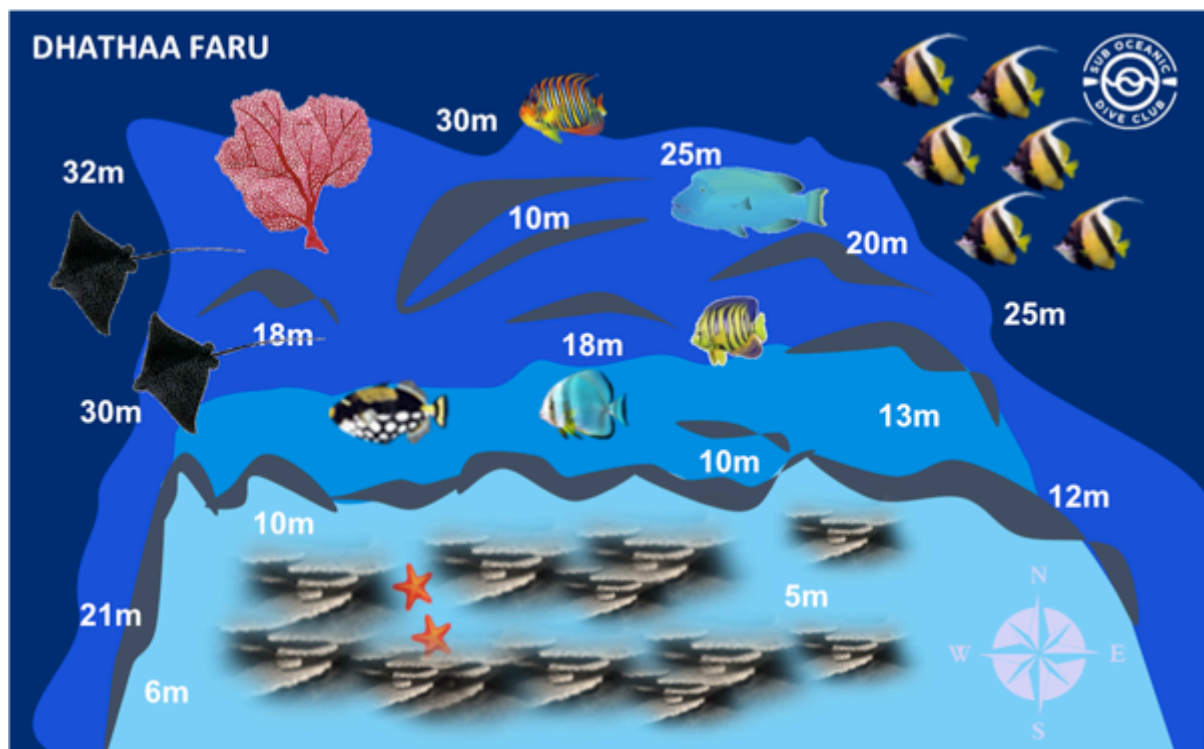
TIME TO DESTINATION: 90 MIN

Description: On the west side of the atoll we find this long faru, perfect for a nice and easy drift dive along a colorful, coral covered wall. The reef stretches over a distance of about 300 meters and features many overhangs, canyons and swimthroughs and is full of many different types of hard and soft coral. All along the deep part of the wall you will find many gigantic fan corals. The top reef is covered with huge table coral. Throughout the dive you will be surrounded by schools of fusiliers, bannerfish, batfish and trevallies. A big school of oriental sweetlips made this reef their home as well as numerous napoleons and tuna.

What to expect: Schooling fish, tuna, napoleon, overhangs, and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 5 meters to 30 meters

Experience Level: All levels





27. RAAFUSHI KANN

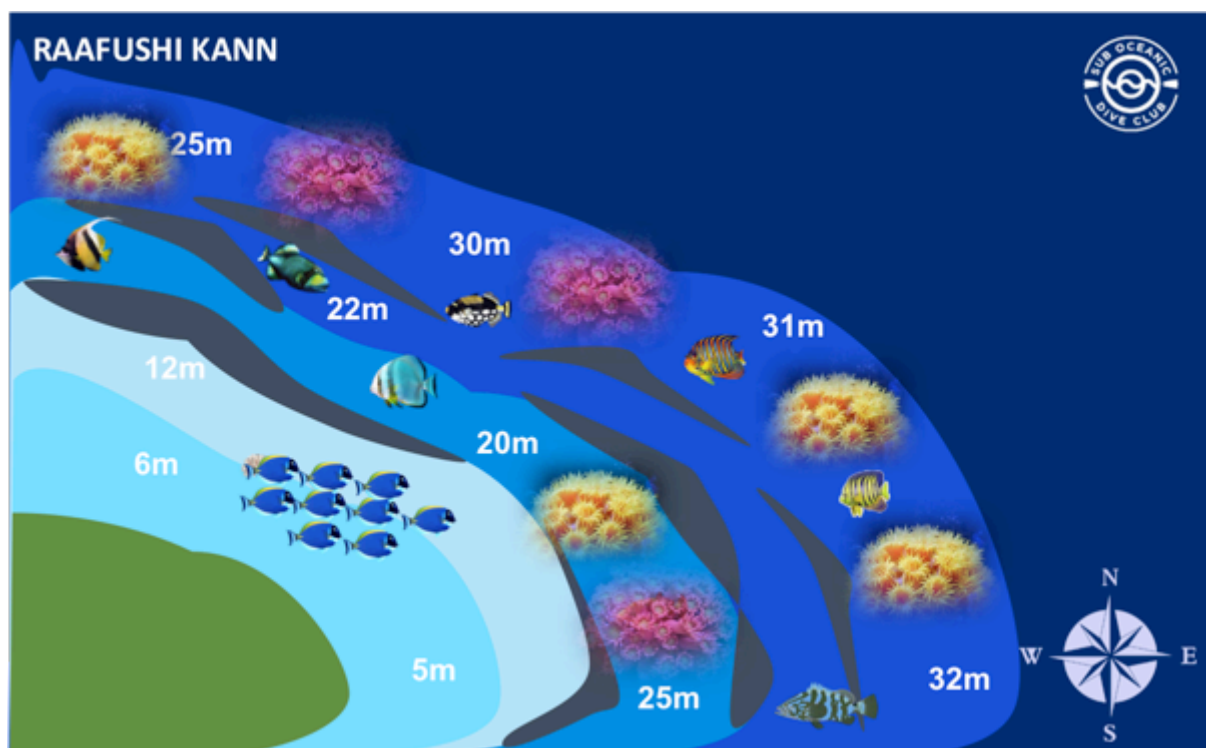
TIME TO DESTINATION: 120 MIN

Description: This dive site is located on the southern tip of Noonu atoll, at Raafushi, an uninhabited island. The reef is named for its abundance of yellow soft corals and pink hydro coral, typical for the north of the Maldives. We dive on the north-east corner of the reef which is a steep wall descending from 2 meters to around 28 meters. Many nudibranchs, colorful sponges and anemones can be found here. Along the wall there are many cleaning stations where larger species come for a good scrub. Usually there isn't much current so it is ideal for photographers.

What to expect: Hard and soft coral, overhangs, schooling fish, and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 5 meters to 30 meters

Experience Level: All levels





28. MAAFARU BOAT

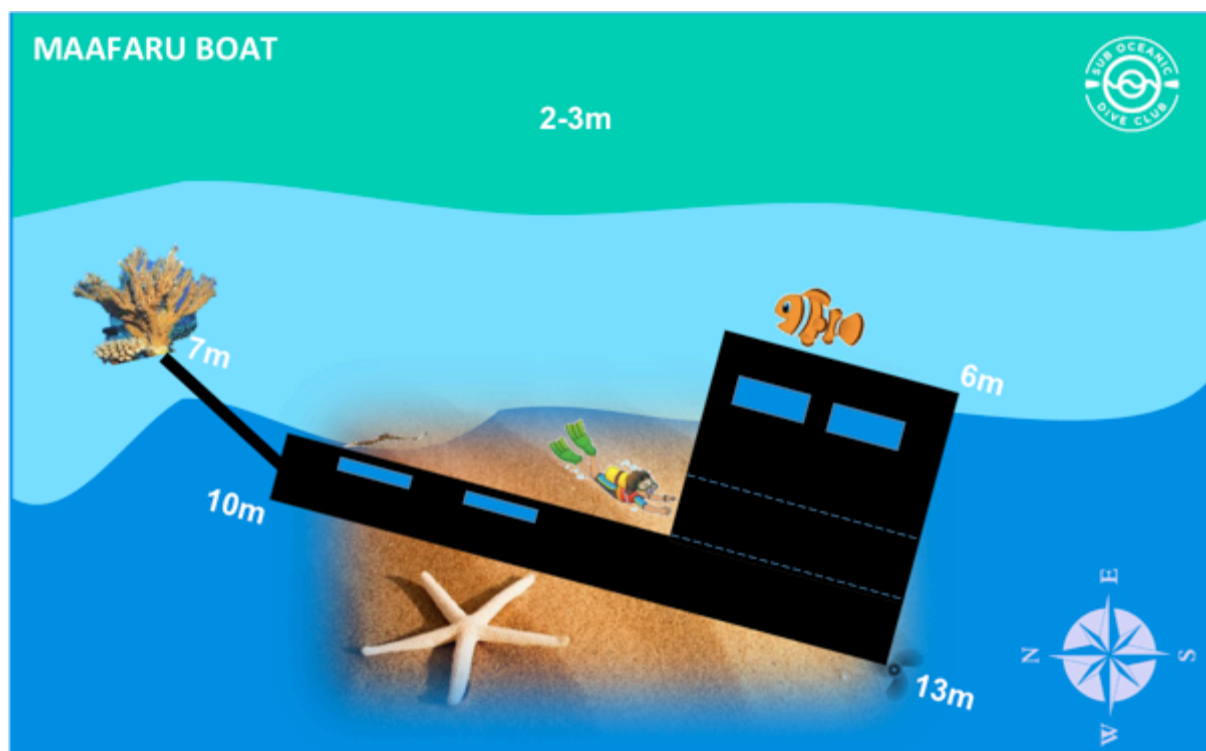
TIME TO DESTINATION: 35 MIN

Description: Maarfaru Boat is the wreck of landing craft, which sank fully loaded and with two **XXX** in 2010 under heavy weather conditions. The wreck sits on a shallow sandy plateau with some coral blocks around. It features two small swim throughs: One under the captain's cabin and another one under the loading bridge. The **escalators** are also still there and can be visited towards main reef in the north. Month by month more marine life is settling in. The wreck is located in very moderate depth in between 6 meters and 13 meters and therefore suitable for all levels of divers.

What to expect: Clownfish, pipefish, turtles, stingrays and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 6 meters to 13 meters

Experience Level: All levels





29. LANDHOO FARU

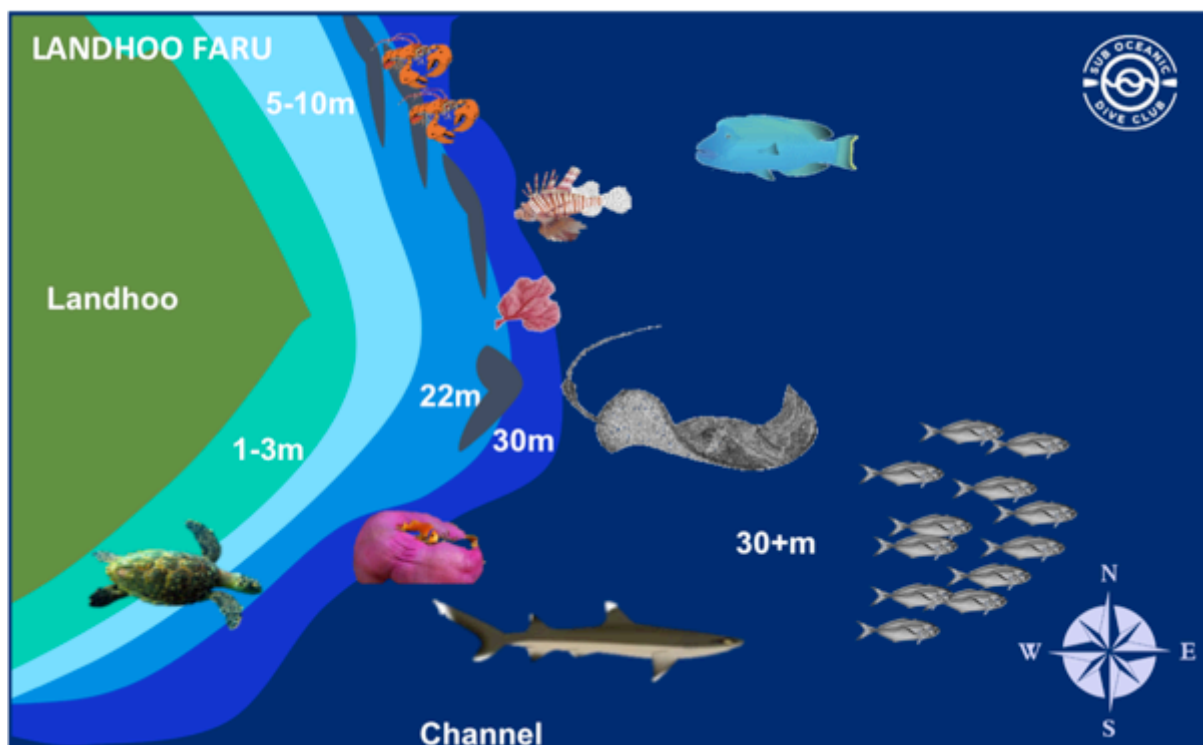
TIME TO DESTINATION: 30 MIN

Description: Landhoo Faru, also known as Landhoo Wall, is part of the house reef of the local island Landhoo. The reef top is located at 2 meters to approximately 10 meters. On the edge it drops vertically to around 22 – 30 meters. The wall features some nice overhangs which are all accessible for the diver. If there are no overhangs the reef is covered by some nice gorgonian fans. The fish life at Landhoo Faru is quite impressive: Jackfish, napoleons, sharks, eagle rays, stingrays and a field of lobsters can be found.

What to expect: Sharks, eagle rays, jackfish, napoleon fish, lobsters, stingrays, clownfish and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 10 meters to 30 meters

Experience Level: All levels





30.MANADHOO THILA

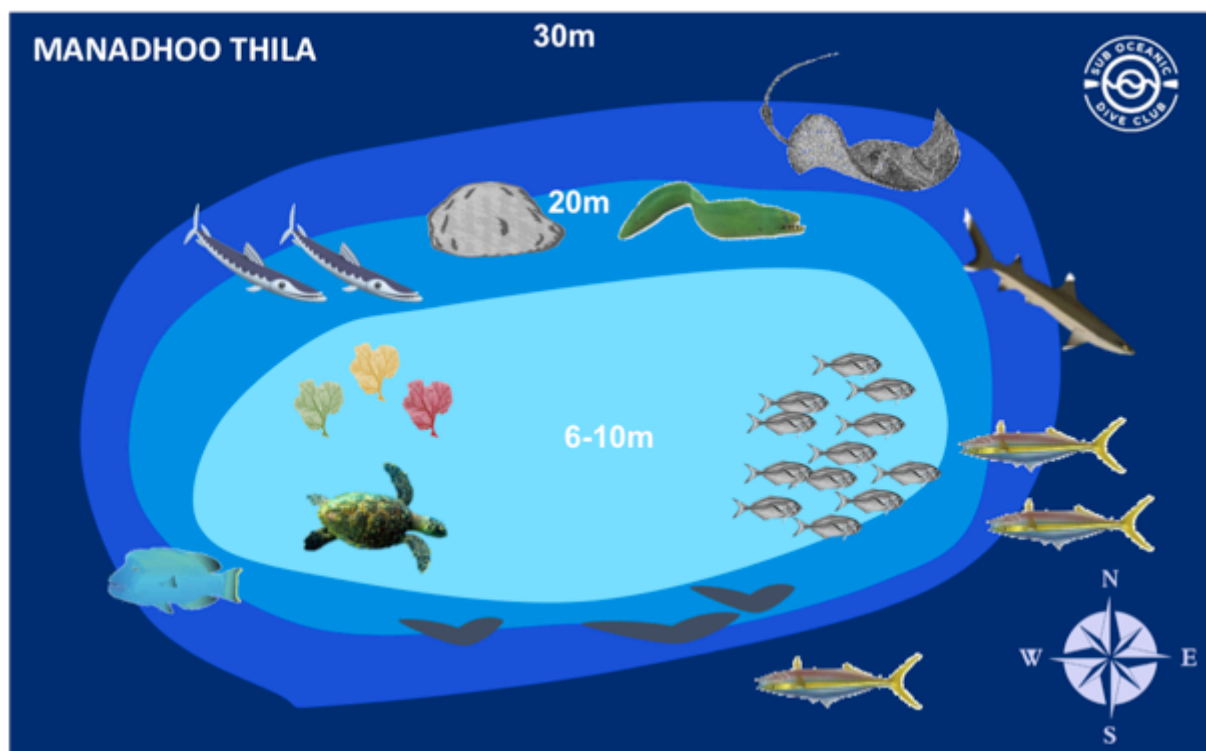
TIME TO DESTINATION: 70 MIN

Description: Manadhoo Thila is a long submerged reef between Manadhoo and Soneva Jani. The north features a very gentle slope from 10 meters to 30 meters. A steep drop with scattered overhangs characterizes the south. Its location close to a channel gives you a good chance to spot bigger fish.

What to expect: Honeycomb morays, jackfish, sharks, napoleon fish, anthias, and many beautiful reef fish.

Depth: 8 meters to 30 meters

Experience Level: All levels





31.KUDALHEY GAH

32.KUDALHEY FARU

33.BOMAS THILA

34.KENDIKULUDHOO KANN MATHI

To be done