

## Moofushi House Reef & Scuba Diving

## Snorkeling

Moofushi is a snorkeler's paradise for beginners and intermediates alike. As one of the very few resorts in the Maldives to be surrounded by a spectacular house reef and to have 3 large lagoons, this is a very special place indeed. Weather dependent, visibility is usually between 20 and 25 meters, with a slow to moderate current. Marine life is very diverse with corals and a plethora of reef fish including stingrays, sea cucumbers, lionfish, snappers and eels. The best site, The Main Reef, lies on the eastern side of the island just a few meters off the beach. It faces a channel where fish and mammals (including migratory species such as Manta's, Whale Sharks, Dolphins and Sea eagles) pass right by. There are table corals as large as 3 feet in diameter that are easily visible, surrounded by hundreds of fish. Many other beautiful coral types and colorful fish glide languidly along the sea bed.

There are 3 different points of entry, each of which offers a unique snorkeling experience;

## From the Totem Bar to the Main Jetty:

- A sandy opening leads directly to the reef cliff.
- The shallow waters are ideal for beginners.
- On this side of the island the channel runs very close to the shore line, and has a wide range of fish and corals.

## From Main Jetty to Water Villa Jetty:

- This is the perfect combination of beautiful corals and colorful fish.
- A Dhoni wreck is also visible just off shore of the arrival jetty.

#### Back Jetty area:

- Houses a spectacular coral botanical garden.
- There is often a strong current in this area.

## **Snorkeling** Equipment

Masks, snorkels and fins are available from the Water Sports Centre on a complimentary basis. Guests are simply required to complete a form and sign surety for costs of any incidental damage or loss. Should any guest wish to keep their equipment, the Blue Tribe Dive Centre has a variety of goods for sale.

## Scuba Diving

The Blue Tribe diving company has been based on Moofushi for many years and is an expert in everything to do with snorkeling around the island, as well as scuba diving.

The Maldives is renowned for being among the best scuba diving locations in the world, with the Ari Atoll boasting one of the most diverse and astonishing dive sites.

The Ari Atoll's southern area (where Moofushi is situated) is famous both for its great dives and an amazing variety of sea life including Giant Mantas, Whale Sharks, turtles and fantastically diverse coral reefs. There are dives suitable for both open water and advanced divers.

There are 32 major dive sites in close proximity to Moofushi ensuring a very wide range of diving experiences, and a marine biodiversity second to none. Some of these world renowned dive sites are Maaya Thila (famous for its grey reef sharks), Rasdhoo Madivaru Kandu (which has the most spectacular reef formations) and Fish Head (arguably the most famous in the Maldives, with caves and a huge variety of marine life - suitable for all kind of divers, from beginner to expert).

A strict policy for divers is that no sea life is to be touched. This is to prevent personal injury as well as negative environmental impact.

# Typical Sea life around Moofushi Island



Pijama Fish



Lion Fish



Box Fish



Triggerfish



Eagle Ray



Turtle



Surgeon Fish



Cushion Starfish



Clown Fish



Lobster



Sting Ray



Sea Cucumbers



Moray Eel



Puffer Fish



Giant Clam



Hydro polyps



Octopus



Manta Rey



Napoleon Fish



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