



Information



It is with great pleasure that the Management and its Team are welcoming you at Euro-Divers Kandooma.

I hope this guide will be of help to you and that you will be happy with your stay at the Holiday Inn Kandooma as well as getting pleasure from your Diving with Euro Divers.

Diving the Indian Ocean

Well known globally as one of the World's most exquisite scuba diving destinations, the Maldives are offering an impressive choice of dive sites encompassing some of the best diving on the planet.

Take the plunge in the Indian Ocean and get surprised and amazed. Discover **Thilas**, these underwater mountains populated by shoals of Oriental Sweet lips, Banner fish or Fusiliers and home to a wide range of colorful soft and hard corals. Jump in a **Kandu** and let the current embark you in one of these channels surrounded by Sharks, Rays and Tunas. Take a relaxing drift along a **Beyru**, one of these outside reef colonized with a vibrant marine life.

Dive Centre @ Holiday Inn Kandooma

Operated by **Euro Divers Maldives**, the Dive Centre is equipped with Branded, well-maintained equipment and a modern filling station to meet the needs of all Scuba Divers or Divers to be.

It is managed to the highest standard of safety, with fun and friendliness in mind. **Euro Divers Worldwide** is a fully accredited organisation operating over 10 outlets in the Maldives and present in 9 countries. They offer a multi-lingual friendly Team of instructors to care for Kandooma's international clientele.

Holiday Inn Kandooma has the best diving location in the Atoll, reaching some of the most beautiful dive sites in the Maldives in less than 15 minutes. This gives you plenty of time to enjoy the island, your family and friends between scuba outings.

Diving with Friends...by Euro Divers

Before throwing yourselves in the enchanting Indian Ocean, Scuba Divers of all levels that have not been diving for some times or have fewer than 30 dives, will be invited to participate in a FREE orientation dive from 9AM on a daily basis. This is a nice start to your scuba diving holidays and it will facilitate in getting you back in the water.

For registration purposes, you will need to come to the dive centre with your **logbook** and your **certification cards**. Divers will be required, during the registration process, to complete a medical questionnaire. Due to health reason or uncertainties, Divers may be solicited to pass a complementary medical examination with the hotel in house doctor prior to diving.

While planning your diving or excursions, please keep in mind that it is recommended to refrain from diving 24 hours before travelling by air in a commercial airline and 12 hours before travelling by seaplane.

First Underwater Bubbles

Scuba diving is for the **WHOLE FAMILY... Fun, thrills and education under one roof.**

You will find Scuba Diving irresistible. If you want to meet a turtle, fancy getting acquainted with an octopus or greet Nemo? ...Then, come to meet our friendly team at the Dive Centre. Start today and let the adventure begin.

DIVE COURSES

Bubble Maker (1 Water session)

Experiment the Underwater World from **age 8**, in direct supervision with an instructor. Get a small tank on your back to start exploring the Ocean (Confine Water) to a maximum depth of 2 metres and become our next Divers' generation.

Price

USD 103.-

Discover Scuba Diving (1 or 2 Water Sessions)

From **age 10**, the Underwater World is yours... Take this 3 hours course and dive to a maximum of 12 metres under the close supervision of an instructor.

Price from

USD 177.-

***Scuba Divers Certification** (2 Water Sessions & 2 Dives)

Holidays are always too short... Is there too little time to do your Open Water certification? Therefore, this is for you!

A 2 days course to gain a **certification** that will enable you to dive to a depth of 12 metres alongside a dive professional.

This course will be credited toward your Open Water Diver Certification.

Price all-inclusive before tax

USD 486.-

***Open Water Certification** (5 Water Sessions & 4 Dives)

Reach underwater autonomy with the **PADI Open Water Course**. This is a 4 days course allowing you to dive the World over, opening doors to everlasting adventures.

Price all-inclusive before tax

USD 767.-

All Certified Divers

You have chosen the right place to take your pick at a truly dazzling choice of dive options. Choose from a Thila dive, a Kandu dive, a Beyru dive, a Night dive, a Wreck dive or simply a Reef Dive to start your holidays.

With daily boats going from sunrise to sunset, decide on your boat and let's go diving.

*Advanced Open Water & Speciality Certifications

This is the ideal way to gain hands-on experience in different scuba diving areas and improve on your skills, under the direct supervision of an instructor.

Want to spend more time underwater?... Ask us how?

*Certification

PADI Certifications are recognized and valid Worldwide.

**PRICES MENTIONED ABOVE ARE
EXCLUSIVE OF SERVICE CHARGES AND GST.**

PRICE LIST & SCHEDULES

Orientation Dive

This is FREE if you make a minimum of 1 dive with us during your stay. If The Orientation Dive is your only dive, it will be charged @ USD 69.-.

Timetable: Daily from 8:30 am

Please bring your **Logbook, Certification(s) and a Medical Statement** if available.

Prices

Our PRICE list can be found outside the Dive Centre where our staff will have pleasure in answering any questions you may have. We offer from a single dive price to several dive packages.

Please be aware that our price list is separated in different packages (diving packages - equipment packages - course packages - boat trips - etc...)

1 Single Dive

1 Dive	US\$52.-
Full Equipment/1 dive	US\$22.-
Boat trip for 1 dive	US\$18.-
<u>Surface marker</u>	<u>US\$ 5.-</u>
TOTAL	US\$97,-

5 Dives (Packages)

Dives	US\$240.-
Full Equipment	US\$ 90.-
Boat trip for 5 dives	US\$ 90.-
<u>Surface marker</u>	<u>US\$ 5.-</u>
TOTAL	US\$425.-

No equipment rental charge will apply if you bring your own.

Please come between 4pm and 5pm the day before your departure to check your bill. The bill will be charged to your room.

Prices are subject to a 10% service charge and a 12% GST

Repeater Discount

If you have dived with Euro-Divers before and you can show us a stamped logbook or a copy of the invoice, then you are eligible for a **15% Repeater Discount** on your dive package.

Discounts are given on Dive Package ONLY.

Boat Lists and Schedule

Our daily dive schedule is very flexible. As a certified diver, once you have registered, you are invited to drop your name on the daily boat lists outside the Dive Centre.

Morning Boat

For **SINGLE Dive** the meeting time is @ 8:30 am
For **DOUBLE Dives**, the meeting time is @ 8:30 am (Dive 1)
@ 10:15 am (Dive 2)

Please write your name down earlier than 5pm the day before the dive

Afternoon Boat

For the **Afternoon Dive**, the meeting time is @ 2:30 pm

Please write your name down earlier than 11:30 am the day of the dive

Night Dive and Fluo Dive

For **Night Dive**, the meeting time is @ 5:30 pm

For **Fluo Night Dive**, the meeting time is @ 5:30 pm

Please write your name down earlier than 11:30 am the day of the dive

FLUO Night Dives Experience

"Do you want a dive as you have never experienced before?"

If you want to catch sight of the Underwater World in a different way, then you ought to try one of our Fluo Night Dive.

This is a night dive with a twist and it will show you a side of the ocean you might never have dreamed off. Corals, fish and sea life will mysteriously transform themselves with the use of a black light in combination with a mask filter.

"This will change your views of night diving forever!"

What is a Fluo Dive?

When exposing a white object to a black light (Ultraviolet light), the white will no longer appears white. Instead, it will glow a mesmerizing blue, due to the variation of its wavelength as the light is absorbed by the white and reflected as a different wavelength, creating a new colour.

This process is known as fluorescence and is the core principal of the Fluo Night Diving experience. A large variety of sea organisms have fluorescent pigments that will glow once exposed to an ultraviolet light, hence altering its wavelength and changing its appearance.

"Please feel free to join us for a nice talk about..... diving.. off course...."

KANDOOMA DIVING FACTS



Water Temperature	28° Celcius to 29° Celcius
Air Temperature	30° Celcius to 35° Celcius
Underwater Visibility	15 to 40 Metres (45 to 120 Feet)
Type of Diving	Drift diving mainly Reef diving Wreck diving
Ocean / Tidal Current	Small (Easy to swim against) to Medium (Hard to swim against) for most of the year Small to Strong (Not possible to swim against) at the beginning of the year from January to May Current protected dive site can be enjoyed all year round.
When to Go	All year round
Maximum Dive Depth	Open Water @ 20 meters Advanced Open Water @ 30 metres
Safety Stop	3 minutes @ 5 metres
Surface Marker Buoy	A must

Fish Life around Kandooma

Common Species

Anemone Clown
Angelfish
Banner fish
Batfish
Butterfly fish
Damsel
Emperor
Fusilier
Grouper

Jack Fish
Lionfish
Napoleon Wrasse
Needlefish
Octopus
Parrotfish
Puffer fish
Surgeonfish
Soldier fish

Squirrelfish
Sweet lips
Snapper
Tuna
Triggerfish
Trumpet fish
& more...

Sharks

White Tip Reef sharks, Black Tip Reef sharks, Grey Reef sharks, Leopard Sharks & Nurse Sharks.

△ Shark-Cleaning Station

Rays

Marble Stingrays, Jenkin's Whiprays, Kuhl's Stingrays, Mobula Rays (Flying Rays), Mantas Rays, Eagle Rays

△ Manta Cleaning Station

Eels

Giant Morays (Java Morays), Honeycomb Morays, White Eyed Morays, White Mouth Morays, Zebra Morays (Rare), Bearded Morays (Masked Morays)

Turtle

Green Turtle & Hawksbill Turtle

Exceptional Sightings

Barracuda

Frogfish

Guitarfish

Harlequin Shrimps

Hump head Parrotfish

Lobster

Leaf fish

Mantis shrimp

Pipefish

Ribbon Eels

Spinner Dolphin

Sailfish

Scorpion fish

Stonefish

Torpedo Rays & more...

From May to November

Western Monsoon brings plankton to our region, attracting the big "plankton feeders" such as Manta Rays, as well as an impressive array of spectacular life forms.

Losfushi Canyon, Guraidho Beru and Kandooma Beru are the dive spots to select along with our Manta Cleaning Station just 10 minutes away from Kandooma.

From December to April

This is the time to rest for Mother Nature and offer us a whole world of peace and harmony with crystal waters that will let you enjoy the brightness of the coral life. It is also when drift diving is at its best!

Dive sites like Guraidho Corner or Kandooma Thila will grant you with twice as much fun through unbelievable visibility going along with a medium current!

This is Shark season for the divers and mating season for the sharks.

Kandooma Thila

Droplet shaped Thila that is considered one of the most spectacular dives in the South Malé Atoll. There is 250 metres of exquisite scenery as well as an extravagant prolific fish life. The West and the North side are covered with soft corals, being a meeting point for schools of red bass and travellies.

Moreover, the main feature of Kandooma Thila is the high probability of meeting grey reef sharks, white tip sharks and eagle rays usually present on the north east side of the thila where the Shark Cleaning Station is located.

At the end of the dive while finishing on the top reef, enjoy the immaculate hard corals life with green turtles grazing on old sponges while being escorted by some bat fish on your way up to the surface.

Suitable for

- A. **Experienced Divers** Divers that are autonomous / Can go deep (30m) / Can handle strong current / Can perform a negative entry with a fast descent / Nitrox is recommended
- B. **Certified Divers** Diver that can dive comfortably in a buddy pair to 20m / Nitrox recommended

Depth

16m sloping to 30m

Possible Encounter

Special

* Shark-Cleaning Station

Turtle

Green & Hawksbill

Rays

Eagle rays, Marble Stingrays

Eels

Giant (Java), Honeycomb, Bearded (masked)

Boat journey

5 minutes

Kandooma Caves

These huge caverns are among the largest and the nicest of all of the Maldives touristic atolls. Several big caves close to one another. One is located at a depth of 20m, another one at 16m and is more than 70 meters in length. The life is vibrant with several small potato reefs to be scrutinized for smaller life.

To be aware that with a strong incoming current, part of the reef situated inside the channel can be challenging due to turbulence in the current.

Suitable for

- C. **Experienced Divers** Divers that are autonomous / Can go deep (30m) / Can handle strong current / Can perform a negative entry with a fast descent / Nitrox is recommended
- D. **Certified Divers** Diver that can dive comfortably in a buddy pair to 20m / Nitrox recommended

Depth

10m sloping to 30m

Possible Encounter

Special

Napoleon Wrasse, Leaf fish, Yellow Sponges, Sea fans, Blue soft Corals, Tube corals

Sharks

White tip reef, Grey reef, Nurse Sharks

Rays

Marble Stingrays, Jenkin's Whipray, Mobula (Flying Ray), Eagle Rays

Moray Eels

Giant (Java), Honeycomb, White Eyed, White mouth, Bearded (masked)

Turtle

Green, Hawksbill

Boat journey

5 minutes

Losfushi Canyon

Small channel located on the South side of Guraidhoo Island. This channel has a very shallow, narrow sandy canyon that separate the inner reef from the outer reef. This channel starts deep with a sandy bottom rising slowly to around 10 metres while narrowing down to 4 or 5 metres. At the exit of the canyon, the reef slopes down to the abyss. For the experience Divers, a little plunge in the abyss could let you come across some magnificent Blue Ribbon Eel and several Leaf Fish.

The canyon is the highlight of this dive because of the brightness coming from the reflexion of the sandy bottom and an impressive bio-diversity.

Suitable for

- A. **Experienced Divers** (Divers that are autonomous / Can go deep (30 m) / Can handle strong current / Can perform a negative entry with a fast descent (Nitrox is recommended))
- B. **Certified Divers** (Diver that can dive comfortably in a buddy pair to 20 m / Nitrox recommended)
- C. **Easy Divers** (Guided Divers, Divers on courses / Small current)

Depth

6m sloping to 30m

Possible Encounter

Special

Napoleon Wrasse, School of sweet lips, Blue Ribbon Eel, Leaf Fish, Giant Travelly, Manta

Sharks

White tip reef, Grey reef, Leopard.

Rays

Marble Stingrays, Mobula, Eagle Rays, Mantas (May to Nov.)

Eels

White Eyed, White mouth, Giant (Java), Honeycomb, Bearded (masked)

Turtle

Green, Hawksbill

Boat Journey

10 minutes

Kuda Giri & Shipwreck

The Giri is a curiosity in itself, being a coral formation full of giant holes, cracks and swim through. It is home to many small fish and a large school of batfish. To get you surprised, you can enter in the thila via a swim through and exit in front the Kuda Giri Shipwreck. It is a small cargo with vivacious colours and an exciting fish life, particularly for the macro life.

Suitable for

- A. **Experienced Divers** (Divers that are autonomous / Can go deep (30 m) / Can handle strong current / Can perform a negative entry with a fast descent (Nitrox is recommended))
- B. **Certified Divers** (Diver that can dive comfortably in a buddy pair to 20 m / Nitrox recommended)
- C. **Easy Divers** (Guided Divers, Divers on courses / Small current)

Depth

4m sloping to 30m

Possible Encounter

Special

Ship Wreck, Swim Through, Nudibranches, Stone fish, Scorpion Fish, Mantis Shrimps

Rays

Marble Stingrays, Jenkin's Whipray

Eels

Giant (Java), Honeycomb, White Eyed, White mouth, Bearded

Turtle

Green, Hawksbill

Boat journey

30 minutes

Manta Point

Dived only during South-West monsoon (May to November). It is a small block of corals at a depth of 16m with plenty of small critters. During the season, it is a "Manta Cleaning Station" with a strong possibility to encounter several of them at once.

Suitable for

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- B. **Certified Divers** (Diver that can dive comfortably in a buddy pair to 20 m / Nitrox recommended)
- C. **Easy Divers** (Guided Divers, Divers on courses / Small current)

Depth

16m sloping to 30m

Possible Encounter

Special

*Manta Cleaning Station
Nudibranches

Sharks

White tip reef

Rays

Marble Stingrays, Jenkin's Whipray,
Mobula, Mantas

Eels

Giant, Honeycomb, White Eyed,
White mouth, Bearded (masked)

Turtle

Green, Hawksbill

Boat journey

20 minutes

Cocoa Corner

Reef located on the north side of the Kandooma channel. It is a steep wall with cracks and overhangs on the outside reef becoming more of a gentle slope on the inside. The corner offers a great bio-diversity. A stop there is advised and you will be diving in harmony with large school of sweet lips, snappers, fusilier and many groupers, without mentioning the odd white tip shark cruising along and having a bit of his own fun in the current. Due to the presence of current at this dive site, you will be able to see a wide colourful variety of soft corals.

Once passed the corner, be aware of the possible washing machine pushing you upwards towards the surface or dragging you down towards the deeper part of the reef.

Suitable for

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- B. **Certified Divers** (Diver that can dive comfortably in a buddy pair to 20 m / Nitrox recommended)
- C. **Easy Divers** (Guided Divers, Divers on courses / Small current)

Depth

10m sloping to 30m

Maximum dive depth 30m

Possible Encounter

Special

Large Overhangs, Napoleon Wrasse, Giant Green Turtle, Jack Fish

Sharks

White tip reef, Black tip reef, Leopard, Nurse.

Rays

Marble Stingrays, Jenkin's Whipray
Mobula, Mantas

Eels

Giant, Honeycomb, White Eyed, White mouth, Bearded (masked)

Turtle

Green, Hawksbill

Boat journey

5 minutes

Guraidhoo Beru & Corner

(Protected Marine Area)

The Beru (outer reef) is located on the south side of the Guraidhoo channel. The reef slopes gently from 6 metres to 30 metres.

The fish life is phenomenal with many overhangs and small coral blocks. It is a dive that can be done in most condition for as long as the divers remain on the Beru side without engaging and passing the corner. The blend is just amazing. It goes from all kinds of fish schools, passing by pelagic and an incredible assortment of sea fans, sponges and hard corals.

Adventure yourself slightly deeper, when reaching the corner, to glance at the grey reef and white tips sharks dancing in the current with the eagle rays.

Guraidhoo Corner with an incoming current

This is one of the top dive sites in the Maldives.

This site guarantees a unique dive with an impressive array of marine life and an unbelievable landscape.

This dive site is renowned for its abundant fish life and preserved coral structure. The dive will start on the outer reef amidst grouper, banner fish and turtles. It will slowly speed up with the current as you approach the corner with even more schools of fish and the possible hunting going on by some tuna, jack fish and grey reef sharks while you make a stop, hooked at the reef.

After enjoying the show, you can let go into the channel and get ready for your safety stop. This dive site can boost some of the strongest turbulence in the Maldives within 10 minutes from the corner. Be aware of it at the end of your dive.

Suitable for

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- B. **Certified Divers** (Diver that can dive comfortably in a buddy pair to 20 m / Nitrox recommended)
- C. **Easy Divers** (Guided Divers, Divers on courses / Small current)

Depth

5m sloping to 30m

Possible Encounter

Sharks

White tip reef, Black tip reef, Leopard, Nurse, Grey reef.

Rays

Marble Stingrays, Jenkin's Whipray
Mobula, Mantas, Eagle Rays

Eels

White Eyed, White mouth, Giant, Honeycomb, Bearded (masked)

Turtle

Green, Hawksbill

Boat journey

15 to 20 minutes

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Miyaru Faru

This dive site is especially good with a medium incoming current. Starting alongside the Reef, the current will take you on a journey toward the corner. The less experienced divers will be able to take a sharp right and stays on the corner were it is teaming with fish and beautiful corals.

For the more experience divers, a visit to the deeper terrace, laying at 26 metres is recommended as it is there that you may encounter white tips shark, eagle rays and sting rays.

Suitable for

- A. **Experienced Divers** (Divers that are autonomous / Can go deep (30 m) / Can handle strong current / Can perform a negative entry with a fast descent (Nitrox is recommended))
- B. **Certified Divers** (Diver that can dive comfortably in a buddy pair to 20 m / Nitrox recommended)
- A. **Easy Divers** (Guided Divers, Divers on courses / Small current)

Depth

3m sloping to 30m
Maximum dive depth 30m

Possible Encounter

Special

Deep terrace overlooking the ocean

Sharks

White tip reef, Black tip reef

Rays

Marble Stingrays, Jenkin's Whipray,
Mobula, Eagle Rays

Eels

Giant, Honeycomb, White Eyed,
White mouth, Bearded (masked)

Turtle

Green, Hawksbill

Boat journey

45 minutes

Vaagali Thila

This is a very enjoyable Thila, sloping from 5 metres down to a sandy terrace at 30 metres. It is best to dive this site with an incoming current where it becomes a play ground for grey reef & white tip sharks, eagle rays, barracuda and some napoleon wrasses.

There is plenty of overhangs with a lot of life inside, crustaceans, morays and some colourful corals

Suitable for

- A. **Experienced Divers** (Divers that are autonomous / Can go deep (30 m) / Can handle strong current / Can perform a negative entry with a fast descent (Nitrox is recommended))
- B. **Certified Divers** (Diver that can dive comfortably in a buddy pair to 20 m / Nitrox recommended)

Depth

5m sloping to 30m

Possible Encounter

Special

Overhangs, Napoleon Wrasse, Barracudas

Sharks

White tip reef, Black Tip, Grey Reef

Rays

Marble Stingrays, Jenkin's Whipray, Mobula, Eagle Rays

Eels

Giant (Java), Honeycomb, White Eyed, White mouth, Bearded (masked)

Turtle

Green, Hawksbill

Boat journey

60 minutes

Ranikan (Rihiveli corner)

The reef is located on the west side of Rihiveli. The top of the reef is around 5 metres, dropping slowly down to a sandy patch at around 30 m. Whether at 12m or 30m, it has an abundance of marine life with its overhangs at all depths, offering a great diversity of soft and hard corals. All kind of common tropical fish are present; from the smaller one like butterfly, sweet lips, angel and the likes... to the larger one such as the white tip sharks. Do not forget the possible sighting of some rare leaf fish, Mantis shrimps or ribbon eels.

Moreover, during the winter months, the visibility is breath taking, with days being in excess of 30m. This makes it a formula for a memorable dive.

In summer, the visibility is reduced, being affected by plankton, although this results in the potential sighting of manta rays.

Suitable for

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- B. **Certified Divers** (Diver that can dive comfortably in a buddy pair to 20 m / Nitrox recommended)
- C. **Easy Divers** (Guided Divers, Divers on courses / Small current)

Depth

5m sloping to 30m

Possible Encounter

Special

Lobster, Torpedo rays, Mantis Shrimps, Ribbon Eels, Manta

Sharks

White tip reef

Rays

Marble Stingrays, Jenkin's Whipray, Mobulas, Mantas, Torpedos

Eels

Giant, Honeycomb, White Eyed, White Mouth, Bearded (masked)

Turtle

Green, Hawksbill

Boat journey

60 minutes

Embudhu Express (Full day trip)

This is an action packed drift dive into the Embudhu Channel ending up with an inside small thila. With an incoming current, there are very high chances to spot grey reef sharks and eagle rays.

It is a spectacular dive site with a top reef ranging from 12 meters to 15 meters (40 ft - 50 ft). The reef has a rich decoration of hard and soft corals. On the south side of the thila, you will find a coral protuberance alongside a small cave where a large diversity of reef fish congregates. Around the outskirts, it is common to find gray reef sharks patrolling the waters.

Suitable for

- A. **Experienced Divers** (Divers that are autonomous / Can go deep (30 m) / Can handle strong current / Can perform a negative entry with a fast descent (Nitrox is recommended))
- B. **Certified Divers** (Diver that can dive comfortably in a buddy pair to 20 m / Nitrox recommended)

Depth

10m sloping to 30m

Possible Encounter

Special

Fast Drift, Grey Reef

Sharks

White tip reef, Black tip reef,
Leopard, Nurse

Rays

Marble Stingrays, Jenkin's Whipray,
Mobulas, Eagle Rays

Eels

White Eyed, White mouth, Giant
(Java), Honeycomb, Bearded
(masked)

Turtle

Green, Hawksbill

Boat journey

90 minutes



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Euro Divers Maldives Pvt Ltd will neither be liable nor responsible for the loss or damage to any personal items or equipments which are brought along on the boat, kept outside or inside the Dive Centre, before, during and after any activities or excursions.

Euro Divers Management