

RASFARI CHANNEL

No. 1

Rasfari Channel is located far south of Summer Island. It is the most remote dive site we can reach for a half-day excursion. It's a typical dive that can only be done if there is sufficient incoming current.

The dive starts with a negative decent on the outer reef; this will prevent the current from pushing us over the top reef. When we reach the rim of the reef we will dive south to the channel, watching white tip reef sharks, eagle rays and, if we're lucky, some gray reef sharks that patrol in the area as we hold onto the rocky bottom.

During the ascent along the reef you can expect whirlpool effects that can drag divers up and down, so control of your air consumption and bottom time is important.

An exciting dive you will never forget!

Depth: 12 – 30 m
Current: medium – strong!!
Level: advanced – difficult
Boat trip: 60 Min

RASFARI

No. 2

About 1 hour south of Summer Island, in front of the uninhabited island of Rasfari, is a dive site known as Rasfari. The whole reef is protected and is well known for its encounters with sharks and rays.

The dive begins at 8m on the top reef, and after passing some sandy inlets and ridges; you will be lead to a plateau at 28m. The plateau itself turns into a drop off which goes down well over 40m. Here you can encounter gray reef sharks, white tip reef sharks, big barracudas, tunas and eagle rays.

Oceanic white tip sharks and hammerhead sharks that patrol in the deep have also been reported here when the current is ideal.

Control of your bottom time and pressure gauge is a must, as a long ascent along the reef follows. Stingrays, morays, lobster and more make the ascent from the plateau very eventful and exciting.

Don't forget to look in the blue during the safety stop; hunting jack fish whirling up big schooling cardinal fish should not be missed!

Also, you can often see Mantas at the surface during the months of December to April.

A spectacular dive that you should not pass up!

Depth: 8 – 30 m
Current: little – strong
Level: easy – advanced
Boat trip: 60 Min

BODUHITHI CORNER (Manta Point)

No. 3

South of Summer Island you can find Boduhithi Corner, a dive site located on the southern corner of the Hithi Channel. The dive site is also well known as "Manta Point", since Mantas come here to visit the cleaning stations from December to April.

Starting the dive on the top reef at 6m where corals and sandy inlets vary, you will notice the lack of coral on this reef, but this observation will be quickly silenced by the sheer amount of fish swimming by. Inside the caves, which are naturally built by the reef, you can also find many moray eels and lobsters.

Yet the highlight to this dive site is the cleaning stations located 4-7m on the top of the reef. Thousands of little cleaner wrasses live here and do their job, while the northeast monsoon pushes plankton rich water attracting Mantas to the

Hithi Channel for a feast. At the cleaning station, these enormous yet majestic creatures will swim by with their mouths wide open, filtering water and letting themselves be cleaned. There can be no better place to watch these animals first hand.

Even without the Mantas around, this site will still be worth the dive. Lots of small marine life can be seen living between the coral blocks, and during south west monsoon, clear water is pushed inside the atoll. This clear water will give us perfect conditions to spot some beautiful eagle rays and patrolling sharks.

Depth: 4 – 28 m
Current: little – medium
Level: easy
Boat trip: 45 Min

BODUHITHI THILA

No. 4

Located in the middle of the Hithi Channel is the Boduhithi Thila, south of Summer Island. This medium size Thila has the approximate dimensions of 800 x 500m and comes up to 8m below the surface.

Here it is recommended to do a drift dive along the western part of the reef. There are three bays with sandy bottoms between 15 and 25 meters. Along the reefs slopes there are many small caves, along with a very good possibility of seeing nurse and leopard sharks.

The hard coral cover at this site is poor, but there are plenty of growing soft corals, alcyonarians and sponges. Napoleon, oriental sweet lips and groupers are common, as there is plenty of fish life.

Manta rays are seen here between December and April and turtles are seen frequently near the top reef all year round.

Depth: 8 – 25 m
Current: little – strong
Level: depending on the current
Boat trip: 30 Min

THE PEAK

No. 5

South of Summer Island, located in the Hithi Channel in front of the island Boduhithi we find “The Peak”. The Southern part of the Thila is where we prefer to dive, but this is only possible with the proper current conditions.

Starting the dive in blue water, the divers will let themselves drift with the current to the top of the Thila. You will find the Thila at approximately 18m, where you can dive along the Thila in the backwater. The reef structure varies, but coral blocks offer shelter for lots of fish. The main attraction here is the upstream reef, reaching from 28m up to 12m.

On this reef you can spot white tip reef sharks, gathering lobster on the overhangs, as well as sweet lips and Kashmir snappers cavorting in schools. Eagle rays are often seen swimming through the channel.

A wonderful dive but due to the current it can be very difficult!

Depth: 10 – 30 m
Current: little – strong
Level: depending on the current
Boat trip: 40 Min

WOSHI MAS THILA

No. 6

Woshi Mas Thila is located south of Summer Island, in the Madivaru Channel.

In the shape of a water drop (100m x 100m), the Thila starts at a depth of around 18m and drops to more than 50m. You can dive this site with any current, but it is preferred to have outgoing current.

After descending against the current to about 30m in depth, you can see white tip and gray reef sharks, tunas, barracudas and much more. Hammerhead sharks can also be seen if we are diving early enough in the morning.

In strong current, it is possible to hold on to some rocks for a moment to watch the animals swim by. We then follow the reef with the current as our guide. The formations of the reef and the variety of marine life are breathtaking, and the big overhangs full of sea fans between depths of 26 and 34m are a great pleasure to witness.

We continue the dive along table corals and sea fans, meeting again and again schools of snapper and oriental sweet lips. But don't forget to look into the blue, or you may miss the big tunas, Napoleon or sharks swimming by!

A breathtaking dive but only for experienced divers!

Depth: 18 – 30 m
Current: medium – strong
Level: depending on the current
Boat trip: 35 Min

MADI THILA

No. 7

Also located south of Summer Island we will find the Madi Thila in the Madivaru Channel, a huge under water thila stretching 4km long. Because of its size, it offers a wide (no pun intended!) variety of dives.

The west and south side of the outer reef are the most preferred parts of the Thila.

The reef drops from 8m to 25m with big schools of Fusiliers, surgeon fish and red-toothed Triggerfish who will escort us the entire dive. Often you can watch turtles feeding on sponges from the coral, as well as spot big Napoleons and white tip reef sharks swimming by.

During the north-east monsoon (December to April) mantas also feed along this part of the reef.

This is a dive site where you can experience something new every time...

Depth: 10 – 30 m
Current: medium – strong
Level: depending on the current
Boat trip: 25 Min

NEPTUNS THILA

No. 8

After a 40 Minute boat ride, we will find the Neptuns Thila in front of Boduhiti. The shape of the Thila is that of a trident, hence the name of the dive site!

We will follow the top reef located 10m below the surface, which will then drop down to more than 30m. Big coral blocks built by hard coral offers shelter to morays and lobster. The reef will show sandy slopes where resting white tip reef sharks can be seen.

Big tunas, barracudas and jacks are regulars to this site, with the possible Manta sighting during the north-east monsoon.

It's nice to dive the Thila with outgoing current. Whirlpool effects can appear along the reef with its overhangs if there is strong current.

Depth: 10 – 30 m
Current: little – strong
Level: easy – difficult
Boat trip: 40 Min

MADIVARU CORNER

No. 9

Located at the southern end of the local island Madivaru we will find the Madivaru dive site. With incoming currents, a drift dive is the best way to dive into the Madivaru Channel.

We start the dive on the outer reef and dive south. You can dive the top reef between 5 and 8 meters, the ideal depth of the dive is between 5 to 15 meters. Overhangs full of schooling cardinal fish and morays can be seen inviting you to swim with them, there are also rugged coral blocks with whirlpools where sharks, tunas and jacks like to stay. On the sandy bottom at a depth of 25 to 30m you can often find stingrays.

The current gets stronger as you near the corner leading into the Madivaru Channel where big barracudas, Napoleon, sharks and jacks like swim in.

We drift along the reef inside the atoll and finish the dive on the top of the reef and breach the surface after a safety stop.

This is a very nice and easy dive where you have a good chance to see some big fish.

Depth: 5 – 30 m
Current: little – strong
Level: easy – advanced
Boat trip: 25 Min

MADIVARU BEYRU

No. 10

Madivaru Beyru, located south of Summer Island on the outer reef, is in front of the local island of Madivaru (known as an island for transit and boat construction).

Starting the dive at 6m on the top reef, you'll find a lot of interesting coral formations, though some are a little bit damaged due to the southwest monsoon. Lots of schooling fishes can be seen as well as morays, emperor fish and sometimes even a nurse shark.

The reef will lead us to a big sandy bay, starting at 16m and dropping down towards the reef where resting sharks and stingrays like to stay. In the coral blocks bordering the sandy field you can find homes of shrimps, lion fish, little morays or even juvenile rays.

After circling the sandy bay, we will begin our ascent by swimming along the main reef up to the top reef. During a long and unhurried safety stop it's possible to spot eagle rays or even mantas!

An easy dive that experienced divers will also appreciate.

Depth: 5 – 28 m
Current: little
Level: easy – advanced
Boat trip: 25 Min

IHI GAA

No. 11

As Madivaru, Ihi Gaa is on the outer reef of Summer Island. The dive occurs at a small inlet in the reef and slope to a sandy bottom that starts at 10m and continuing down to 30m.

Isolated coral rocks are scattered around the sand and attract a wide variety of marine life, including groupers, sweet lips, snappers and moray eels. There is also one big rock with a small cave at 16 meters. Stingrays and white tip reef

sharks are common on the sand, sometimes there are six or seven sharks close together. Garden eels are thickly spread across the sand and look like a field of corn wavering in the breeze.

The reef also offers wonderful motives for macro fans. Watchful divers will find cleaning shrimps, nudibranches and flatworms.

Depth: 6 – 30 m
Current: little - strong
Level: easy - advanced
Boat trip: 20 Min

MADIGAA

No. 12

Madigaa is on the outside reef of the Reethi Rah Resort.

The outside reef is flat and wide, starting in 5m and going down to 12m, where the steeper part begins and heads down into a big bay.

Here we are protected from the currents, so we can take our time to explore the sandy bay. Big coral rocks offer protection to lobster and moray eels, while in the sand, often white tip reef sharks and stingrays will be seen resting.

Overhangs also provide shelter to stingrays or nurse sharks like to hide, so keep on the lookout!

A great and easy dive for divers at any level!

Depth: 5 – 30 m
Current: little
Level: easy – advanced
Boat trip: 25 Min

BLUE POINT

No. 13

This dive spot is directly in front of Summer Island on the western outside reef of the atoll.

The top reef starts at 8m, built by large coral rock formations. The reef is usually hit by the waves caused by the south west monsoon, so mainly small table, fire and alcyonarian corals are found in this area.

The reef offers a wide variety of marine life, divers can spot scorpion fish and even stonefish if their eyes are keen enough! While under the skeletons of some of the larger table corals we can find sleeping sharks. Nurse and Leopard sharks are common at this dive site.

At about 22 to 25m there are some coral blocks in the sand, surrounded by a cloud of small fishes. Here you can find many different shrimps and watch how they clean morays, groupers and other “clients”.

Divers who love small “things” and like to stay in schools of fusilier or surgeonfish should not miss this dive.

Depth: 8 – 25 m
Current: little – medium
Level: easy – advanced
Boat trip: 20 Min

ZIYAARA CORNER

No. 14

Ziyaara Corner is found northwest of Summer Island, on the southern corner of the Makunudu Channel.

The dive starts on the outer reef of Summer Island and brings us around the corner inside the Makunudu Channel.

The outside reef starts at 5 to 9m and drops continuously down to 28m before its turning into a sandy bottom. Red-toothed triggerfish and blue fusiliers can be seen cavorting around the top reef. Big coral rocks build the reef and you can find lobster, nurse sharks and moray eels hiding underneath.

The reefside is built alternating by sandy slopes and corals. Many different species such as fire corals, mountain corals and even small seafans can be admired. In 23 meters just before the channel we find small overhangs filled with schooling cardinalfish. Morays like to stay here to be cleaned by small cleanerfish or –shrimps.

This is a dive site for divers who are interested in small marine life but also like being surprised by white tip reef sharks, tunas or even eagle rays.

Depth: 5 – 30 m
Current: little – medium
Level: easy – advanced
Boat trip: 15 Min

BLUE CANYON

No. 15

Blue Canyon is located north of Summer Island in the Makunudu Cannel. The canyon arises from a Thila and large coral rock formation.

In the canyon itself there is an unbelievably huge variety of marine life. The most dominant and remarkable corals are the soft blue corals everywhere, reminding us of an explosion of fireworks.

The degree of difficulty to this dive is (very) high, as we reach the reef of the thila only at 22 meters. This means the descent as well as the ascent is made in the blue water.

To enjoy the full beauty of the soft corals, we have to dive here with (strong) currents so the corals open up. This is another reason why this dive is only recommended to experienced divers, as middle to strong currents make the decent pretty difficult at times.

Anybody who can equalize their ears without problem and who don't mind diving in blue water, will have one of their most stunning dive experiences in the Blue Canyon...

FOR EXPERIENCED DIVERS ONLY!!!!

Depth: 22 – 38 m
Current: medium – strong
Level: depending on the current
Boat trip: 15 Min

ZIYAARA THILA

No. 16

The Ziyaara Thila is located in the wide channel in between Summer Island and Himmiya Faru, the western outer reef north of Summer Island.

The northern part of the Thila is convenient for a drift dive with incoming as well as outgoing current. For this dive the current should not be too strong, as the Thilla is pretty "short".

The reef drops from 9 meters down up to more than 30 meters. As the reef gets more and more sandy around 25 meters, but the most interesting stuff can be seen between 10 and 20 meters anyways!

Small overhangs with black coral, lionfish, groupers and lots more can be viewed in this Thila.

Not only huge schools of fusiliers, banner fish and barracudas in the blue make this dive unforgettable. Fascinating scorpion fish, octopus and nudibranches will make this dive a real event.

Depth: 9 – 30 m
Current: little – strong
Level: easy – difficult
Boat trip: 15 Min

KUDA THILA

No. 17

Kuda Thila is located north of Summer Island in the Makunudu Channel. The top of the thila comes up to 8 meters and the reef itself drops to 30 meters.

We prefer to make a drift dive on the southern side of the thila. Don't underestimate the current, as it can easily pull you away from the reef. For this reason we make a straight decent down to the top of the thila.

When we arrive to the thila, we will dive with the current along the drop off, where we, and the fish, find a natural protection from the current behind big rock formations. It is important to stay close to the thila (reef), otherwise the current becomes too strong and can sweep you away!

We end the dive doing our safety stop in the blue on top of the thila.

A wonderful dive site, offering lots of different things: big schooling fishes such as snapper, jacks, barracudas and sweet lips, but also nurse sharks and much more.

A top dive, right in front of Summer Island!

Depth: 15 – 30 m
Current: medium – strong
Level: depending on the current
Boat trip: 15 Min

ERI FARU

No. 18

Eri Faru is north of Summer Island, located at the north side of the Makunudu Channel.

Due to the reef formation, it is a very calm dive without strong current. This is a great dive for beginners; experienced divers will also relish the great diversity of marine life here!

A recess in the reef has created a long sheltered inlet with a sandy bottom about 17 meters deep where white tip reef sharks are seen resting.

On the outside of this 20m wide sand street is a long reef with the top at 14 meters, descending to more than 30 meters. On the reef is a range of invertebrates: featherstars, sponges, seastars.

To finish the dive off, we'll follow the main reef where we will find a well recovered reef with hard coral, fire and leather coral. The variety of this dive spot is amazing!

A wonderful dive for divers of any level.

Depth: 5 – 25 m
Current: little
Level: easy

Boat trip: 20 Min

KUDA FARU

No. 19

North of Summer Island, in the opening of the Makunudu Channel, we find Kuda Faru.

To dive this channel we make a drift dive from the outside of the channel to the inside. We try to jump close to the reef but depending on the conditions a decent in the blue water may be necessary; the current tends to push us inside the channel.

It is a finger link reef extending into the channel about 500 meters from the outside corner of Makunudu Channel.

We leave the main reef and follow the sand saddle to the reef, which is like a thila at 15 meters. With a strong ingoing current divers can hang on to dead coral and watch grey and white tip reef sharks, eagle rays and big Napoleon pass. The reef top has a good range of hard and soft coral and on the outer slopes are sponges, seawhips and seafans. Schooling fishes, turtles and even stone fish can spotted here!

Kuda Faru is one of the diving highlights of the northwest. At this dive site, sharks are not sometimes seen, but a common occurrence.

Take care with the current, it can be strong at times!!

Depth: 12 – 25 m
Current: little – strong
Level: advanced – difficult
Boat trip: 20 Min

MAKUNUDU CHANNEL

No. 20

This very long outside reef close to the island Eriyadu is split in two dive sites. South of “Eriyadu Outside” the dive site is known as “Makunudu Channel”.

The reef is pretty steep which is covered with beautiful soft corals. This reef formation offers perfect conditions for sharks, stingrays, eagle rays, turtles and schooling fishes. The beautiful vegetation is like paradise for nudibranches, shrimps and crabs, this is a dive that macro lovers and macro photographers should not miss!

Depth: 6 – 30 m
Current: little – medium
Level: easy – advanced
Boat trip: 20 Min

ERIYADHU OUTSIDE

No. 21

This dive site is located north of Summer Island at the western outside of the atoll (see No.20 Makunudu Channel).

The reef goes down from 5 to 28 meters, but gets steeper after 12 meters. The diversity of this dive is great as the whole reef is built by corners and curves and leads to a sandy bottom after 28 meters.

The dive starts on the top reef and continues to the rim where divers can go down to 25 meters. Huge coral blocs offer protection to big schools of Kashmir Snappers and oriental sweet lips.

Lobster love to hide under the rocks and, with a little luck, we can find even a stingray or nurse shark in the area.

Look out in the blue to see some Napoleons and eagle rays that tend to pass by.

We finish the dive along the reef and on top of the reef, watching lionfish and moray eels.

An easy dive suited for everybody!

Depth: 6 – 30 m
Current: little – medium
Level: easy
Boat trip: 25 Min

DEVIL'S ROCK

No. 22

North of Summer Island, about 50 minutes by boat, Devil's Rock is found within the Akirifushi Channel.

About 80 meters away from the southern main reef of the channel there is a spectacular coral formation. A "needle" (about 150m x 80m) arises from a depth of more than 40 meters, you can even spot the peak in 12 meters from the surface!

We try to jump directly above and decent to the peak of the "needle" reef. We continue the dive to about 25 meters by circling this needle. With overhangs inviting us to stay and dive on through. Covered with soft corals, seawhips, seafans and black corals.

The needle really is a feast for the eyes, but don't forget the variety of fish in the area! Hundreds of Orange Anthias swimming wild around the top of the reef will remind you of fireworks... but we won't be staying here as we have to end the dive by drifting into the blue. To enjoy all the details of the reef, divers should bring a lamp!

Depth: 10 – 30 m
Current: little – strong
Level: depending on the current
Boat trip: 50 Min

AYASIGGI THILA

No. 23

After about 45 minutes by boat we reach the Dhuni Channel. The top of the thila starts at 12/15 meters and the reef drops down to more than 35 meters.

The whole thila is very impressive, thanks to the overhangs found one after the other. Beautiful colors of the soft corals make you curios to explore the reef in depth. Out in the blue we have the chance to see sharks and rays and endless schools of fish and cavorting turtles along the reef.

Depth: 12 – 30 m
Current: little – strong
Level: depending on the current
Boat trip: 45 Min

AKIRIFUSHI CAVES

No. 24

Akirifushi Island is located northwest in the North Male' Atoll. The caves lie on the southern side of Akirifushi.

This entire reef is alive with coral growth and a healthy range of reef fish and is well worth the dive.

At one point, a range of caves and ledges all the way down the reef-face will be found. The reef is a haven for morays, groupers, emperor and puffer fish.

Depending on currents and circles, the dive can be fairly demanding.

Depth: 3 – 30 m
Current: little – strong
Level: easy – advanced
Boat trip: 50 Min

AKIRIFUSHI CORNER

No. 25

Akirifushi Corner can be found at the east side of Akirifushi Island. By boat, it's about a 1 hour drive north of Summer island. The island is located between two channels. Thanks to the currents that these

channels provide, the food for fish and corals are optimal.

Our dive starts at the eastern point of the reef. At approximately 22 meters we'll drift past some nice overhangs and ledges that offer protection for soldierfish and sweetlips. In the blue you can often see sharks, big schools of bannerfishes and fusiliers. We finish the dive along the edge of the top reef to enjoy the view into the blue and to spot some eagle rays or even mobula rays! But don't put in your mind that the rays are the only reason this dive is great, so much more can be seen besides those gentle underwater jets.

As with all the dives around Akirifushi, this dive is filled with a variety of coral, which will impress every diver!

Depth: 10 – 30 m
Current: little – strong
Level: easy – advanced
Boat trip: 50 Min

AKIRIFUSHI NORTH

No. 26

We reach the top reef at 3 to 5m. Although, the reef drops down to more than 35 meters very quickly, so always watch your depth gauge.

Incoming current is the ideal condition for this dive site. This way we can drift with the current along the reef towards the inside of the atoll!

Overhangs, offering protection for sponges, softcorals and seafans, shape the whole reef. Photographers will find impressive motives and really enjoy this spot. The reef is paradise for morays, rays, boxfishes and turtles. Sharks and eagle rays may pass by in the blue, so always look around so you won't miss anything. We end the dive with our safety stop on the top reef.

Depth: 3 – 30 m
Current: little – strong
Level: easy – advanced
Boat trip: 60 Min

FINOLHU CORNER

No. 27

North of Eriyadhu Island a sand bank can be found inside the atoll.

The dive starts at a steep wall where we find a nice overhang full of schooling cardinal fishes. The wall merges into a sandy field at about 30m depth, where you can often find white tip reef sharks hanging around.

We continue the dive towards the coral garden, which is build by numerous hard corals, table corals and many more. This area is home to turtles, snappers, fusiliers and octopus. Those who have an eye for nudibranches, cleaning shrimps, garden eels and worms, will not be disappointed by this dive site! Therefore, this is a dive site loved not only by macro photographers, but macro lovers alike!

Depth: 5 – 30 m
Current: little – medium
Level: easy – advanced
Boat trip: 60 Min

FINOLHU GARDEN

No. 28

This coral garden "shares" the sandbank with the dive site "Finolhu Corner".

The reef drops slowly from 5 to more than 30m. Endless coral blocks with a beautiful natural cover is the basic build of this garden. Fusiliers, sweetlips, rays and turtles make this dive spot interesting and diverse.

You could name this dive site also "Garden of nudibranches", as you can hardly find so many different species in any

other place. Divers are often having a competition on who'll find the most different nudibranches.

Covered in sand, sting rays can be found on this sites sandy bottom, along with the occasional resting reef shark.

Depending on the current condition, sometimes it is possible to dive Finolhu Garden and Corner in a single dive!

Depth: 5 – 30 m
Current: little – medium
Level: easy – advanced
Boat trip: 60 Min

MAKUNUDU OUTSIDE

No. 29

On the northern part of the Makunudu island, inside the Makunudu Channel, we will dive along this part of the reef known as Makunudu Outside.

An impressive coral garden can be seen at the surprisingly shallow depth of 5 – 8 meters, formed by many hard corals such as table, finger and warty corals.

The reef drops down to more than 25 meters and offers protection to sleeping nurse and/or leopard sharks. Numerous sponges, snapper, surgeon fishes and banner fishes cavort around and divers are more then not eye to eye with Napoleons and turtles...

Diving at Makunudu Outside is only possible with ingoing current.

Depth: 5 – 25 m
Current: little – strong
Level: easy – advanced
Boat trip: 10 Min

MAKUNUDU INSIDE

No. 30

The dive sites Makunudu Outside and Inside are directly next to each other.

Depending on the current, this dive starts at a “sandy street”, so you should dive quite shallow, as the reef top has a wonderful natural cover and offers an enormous variety of marine life. In the middle of the “sandy street” is a huge coral block where nurse and/or leopard sharks tend to rest. Turtles escort us along the reef before they surface to take a breath.

Depth: 5 – 25 m
Current: little – medium
Level: easy – advanced
Boat trip: 10 Min

TURTLE REEF

No. 31

Between Summer Island and Makunudu we find a reef from 5 to 30 meters, which is split by a “sandy street” known as Turtle Reef. The reef can be approached from any direction. Here, you can see white tip reef sharks, but turtles are the dominate large marine animal here, hence the dive sites name!

With a little luck you will also find some sand covered rays. Table corals, leather corals and seafans provide shelter to morays, lobster and sweetlips.

Depth: 5 – 30 m
Current: little – strong
Level: easy
Boat trip: 10 Min

YELLOW REEF

No. 32

Yellow Reef is in between Makunudu and Summer Island inside of the Atoll. The reef is a so-called "Giri" which reaches 2 meters under the surface. The reef forms nearly a right angle and a small Thila is a little upstream.

As the dive sites name entails, the reef is colored yellow. Nearly every part of the reef shimmers yellow, sometimes a sandy slope crosses the reef.

Morays, parrot fishes and banner fishes can be found everywhere. Lots of turtles and even nurse sharks can be seen.

People who love small animals will love this spot, as you'll spot scorpion fish, stone fishes, nudibranches, worms, shrimps and much, much more.

An ideal dive sites for beginners, as well as for advanced divers.

Depth: 5 – 25 m
Current: little
Level: easy
Boat trip: 15 Min

KUDA GIRI

No. 33

The English translation/interpretation of "Kuda Giri" is: small hill underwater.

It is a reef inside the atoll, east of Summer Island with a perfect construct to just explore the underwater world. This rank covered reef is a must for everybody, especially those who like small reefs and marine life animals. Nudibranches, shrimps and even ghost pipefishes are just waiting to be discovered ☐

Turtles, fusiliers, snapper and parrotfishes entertain you and make the change.

Depth: 5 – 25 m
Current: little – medium
Level: easy
Boat trip: 25 Min

HEMBADHOO WRECK

No. 34

Hembadhoo Wreck is an easy dive at the house reef of Hembadhoo Island. The wreck is a former tug-boat, sunk by the dive school and it lays in an upright position in the sandy ground, at a depth of 22 meters.

The dive starts on the house reef at 3 meters. Slowly we drift over the coral blocks to a depth of 15 meters, where the reef merges into a sandy bottom.

There you'll see the shadow of the wreck and then, covered with amazing marine life will be right in front of you before you know it! Bushy black corals are well established on the wreck, inside you'll find morays and small shrimps, doing their work by cleaning the fish.

After circling the wreck two/three times, we start heading back up to dive along the reef. Small overhangs offer protection to sting rays, lion fishes and octopus!

We prefer to start the dive directly on top of the wreck, so we only have to descend straight towards this unnatural piece of scenery underwater, which is also an absolute highlight for night dives!!

Depth: 2 – 24 m
Current: little
Level: easy
Boat trip: 25 Min

CORAL BAY

No. 35

The dive site Coral Bay is located in a protected bay. The reef has a steep drop and is built mainly by hard corals, such as table and finger corals. Seafans and sponges round off this already beautiful picture.

Schooling fish, as well as groupers, sweetlips and banner fishes love this environment. At a depth of about 25m, the reef merges into a sandy ground where reef sharks and rays like to rest.

An interesting diversified dive for divers of all levels!

Depth: 2 – 30 m
Current: no – little
Level: easy – advanced
Boat trip: 60 Min

LEO'S REEF

No. 36

This dive site on the western outside reef is ideal for beginners as well as advanced divers. The Reef drops softly and merges at 25 to 30m into a sandy bottom. This reef will impress all eyes with it's unique formations as well as how many different kinds of fish it houses! A little attraction can be the resting white tip reef sharks and string rays at the bottom.

The location of the reef attracts many reef fish and small predators. The colorful fusilier fish in light blue and yellow is some nice eye candy for all divers. The fish will begin by swimming in a dull motion next to the divers before the whole school flees in a wild zigzag formation, while the colors sparkle in the light like a personal firework show.

The fish aren't the only highlight at this site, the bizarre caves and coral formations on the top reef make this easy dive pretty interesting.

Depth: 8 – 30 m
Current: little – medium
Level: easy
Boat trip: 35 Min

CORAL GARDEN

No. 37

As the name tells us, divers can expect a lot of nice coral formations, alternating between bright sandy areas. Since this dive rarely has current, it is perfect for beginners and photographers. The macro-life is impressive with a variety of nudibranches, colored mantis shrimps, worms and cleaning shrimps. The wonderful natural cover is perfect camouflage for ghost pipefish, scorpion fish and stonefish. Overhangs offer shelter to lion fish, morays and lobster. Over the sandy parts schooling fusiliers cavort and a remarkably large amount of "baby fish" schools can be seen in the coral garden.

Depth: 2 – 25 m
Current: no – little
Level: easy
Boat trip: 30 Min

MANDY'S PLACE

No. 38

An untouched coral reef right at the doors of Summer Islands, Mandy's Place begins at a depth of one meter and drops down to 25 m.

The divers are attracted to the wonderful reef formations and an inviting swim-through can be found at a depth of 15 meters.

The highlight of this dive site is the huge Lettuce-coral that boasts a diameter of

3 meters and a height of 2 meters.

In an amazing underwater environment, everybody enjoys a relaxing dive during the day with a spectacular dive that can be done at night.

Depth: 1 – 25 m
Current: no (very little)
Level: easy
Boat trip: 8 Min

THE WALL

No. 39

Every diver is going to love this steep face. The wall begins at a depth of only 2 meters and drops to 30 meters.

This dive site really caters to all levels: those who will stay shallow to witness all the beautiful colours of the wall and those who like to explore the overhangs at a deeper depth.

Besides the wonderful reef, Napoleon, whitetip reefsharks and huge schooling fishes will impress the eye.

This kilometer long reef is perfect for a drift dive where currents are not too strong.

Depth: 2 – 30 m
Current: little – medium
Level: easy – advanced
Boat trip: 40 Min

NORTH POINT

No. 40

As the name suggests, North Point can be found at the north of Summer Island. The beautiful reef rises from a depth of 30 meters and ends right under the surface.

The dive will start at a depth of 20 meters to marvel at beautiful cavities with its countless glassfish and morays.

We then work our way up to gaze at the colours of the reef and marine life.

From Tunas and sharks to schooling fusiliers and soft to hard corals “North Point” offers it all. For all levels, your wishes should be fulfilled in what can only be described as a great dive.

Depth: 2 – 30 m
Current: little
Level: easy
Boat trip: 40 Min

MAKUNUDHU GARDEN

No. 41

Near the island of Makunudhu on the inside of the atoll will we find this beautiful dive site.

A great dive for beginners as well as experienced divers, we will dive the the beautiful underwater landscape and play around with the many turtles at this dive site.

The coral diversity and growth has attracted swarms of beautiful reef fish, along with sea robbers such as tunas and

barracudas that have called this garden home.

To start the dive, let yourself dive along the reef to a depth of 20 meters, then lazily „work“ your way back up to a depth of 8-12 meters where the coral growth is at its finest, a perfect place to make your safety stop.

Depth: 2 – 20 m
Current: small
Level: easy
Boat trip: 15 Min

KUDA KANDU

No. 42

Kuda Kandu – translated: Small Channel. It is exactly here, on the interior of this channel that we find this dive site.

From Parrotfish to Barracudas, white tip reef sharks, napoleans and turtles...here, really anything goes. From the December to April Season there is even the chance to spot a Manta Ray or, with a little bit of luck, even the elusive whaleshark!

To start the dive with a small current, it is best to go to a depth of 20 meters and gradually make you way up to 10-15 meters where you'll be gazing at some beautiful big fish when they pass by.

This dive site can be done by beginnings and experienced divers alike.

Depth: 5 – 30m
Current: small – medium
Level: easy – medium
Boat trip: 30 Min

TAJ CORAL

No. 43

Those with an interest in beautiful corals and small fish will fall in love with this dive site, where the underwater world at Taj Coral rivals that of aquariums. From emperorfish to nudibranches, brain corals to table corals, you can find more or less anything in terms of coral and small fish. The many different types of corals on the reef give the divesite a fresh feeling as if the site is bran new and untouched.

This dive site is best dived shallow for the beautiful colors to be visable with the available light given by the sun.

Depth: 0 – 20m
Current: none – small
Level: easy
Boat trip: 40 Min

OLHAHALI CAVES

No. A

These caves are on the northern side of Olhahali Island. There are a couple of small caves at 15 and 20 meters, but the main attraction is a single big cave 40 meters long at a depth of 25 meters, also known as the Blue Cave. Blue and white soft coral can be spotted on the ceiling, as well as some seafans and sponges on the walls. At its base is a mixture of sand and coral on which seawhips grow and where sharks and rays rest.

Due to the depth of the dive and strong currents, this dive can be very demanding!

Depth: 8 – 30 m
Current: little – strong
Level: advanced – difficult
Boat trip: full day trip

OLHAHALI THILA

No. B

In the middle of the channel next to Olhahali Island we find this wonderful lush thila. It starts at about 12m and drops to more than 30m. On the top of the thila we find huge coral blocks, building interesting formations and of course offer protection for groupers and morays. There are big schools of fusiliers, red-toothed triggerfishes and snapper, who feel safe here and stay around the thila.

Along the reef we'll find some sandy dells offering protection from the current.

We are often escorted by curious Napoleons and eagle rays to the sandy spots where some of our favorite predators enjoy a rest or two. What better way to make a complete picture!

Due to the depth and currents coming from the channel, the dive is pretty demanding!

Depth: 12 – 30 m
Current: little – strong
Level: advanced – difficult
Boat trip: full day trip

HELENGELI THILA

No. D

Helengeli Island is located at the northeastern side of the North Male Atoll. In the channel right next to the island is Helengeli Thila.

The reef top is between 12 and 15m and goes down to a depth of 40m in some areas! Along the steep cliffs on the west side of the thila, caves and outcrops make the reef interesting site. Beautiful seafans, soft corals and sponges offer impressive images. Four outcrops in the reef rise from the depths of the channel with schools of snappers, sweet lips and fusiliers surrounding them. Grey and white tip reef sharks, as well as turtles love these reef formations and come by this area on a frequent basis.

This dive also can be very demanding due to both currents and depths.

Depth: 12 – 30 m
Current: little – strong
Level: advanced – difficult
Boat trip: full day trip