



Soleni Dive Centre

Soneva Fushi Resort

Soleni Dive Centre opened on Soneva Fushi in October 1995 and until December 1998 it was the only diving school operating in Baa Atoll. Thomas Wälchli and Elisabetta Benini have had a long experience teaching diving in the Maldives before deciding that Soneva Fushi was 'the island'. Their policy has always been to offer quality rather than quantity.

Special attention is given to all divers, whether they are experienced or only beginners. Diving groups are kept small and our instructors go beyond the normal supervisory line of duty, sharing with you their enthusiasm for diving.

Baa Atoll

Latitude: 04°48'N – 05°22'N

Longitude: 72°48'E – 73°11'E

Baa Atoll, located in the central region of the atoll chain that form the Maldives, is considered globally significant in terms of its biodiversity. The atoll covers an area of over 139,000 hectares and consists of several habitats that support the rich biodiversity of the atoll. Baa Atoll acts as a stepping stone for the transport of planktonic larvae of reef organisms from the western and eastern Indian Ocean.

Designated Biosphere Reserve in 2011, is home to a globally significant biodiversity of reef animals, including approximately 250 species of corals (stony and soft corals) and 1,200 reef and reef-associated fish species, a population of marine turtles, manta rays (*Manta birostris*), whale sharks (*Rhincodon typus*) and seabirds. These also include threatened and endangered species such as the green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), Napoleon wrasses (*Cheilinus undulatus*), and tawny nurse shark (*Nebrius ferrugineus*).



Diving in Soneva Fushi

General informations:

Water Temperature: 27° Celsius to 30° Celsius

Air Temperature: 25° Celsius to 32° Celsius

Underwater Visibility: 10 to 40 Metres

Max. Diving Depth: 30 Metres

Type of Dive Sites: **Thila**: submerged coral formation which top lies at a

depth of 5mt and deeper

Giri: very shallow coral formation

Reef: house reef of an island



When to go

From May to November: the Western Monsoon brings plankton to our side of the atoll lowering the visibility but attracting a great amount of marine life. This is the best time of the year to see manta rays and whale sharks.

From December to April: the Eastern Monsoon offers great visibility and welcomes the driest and warmest months.

Fit to dive

It is really important to keep yourself in good physical and mental condition before each dive. Scuba diving is usually an easy activity to participate in and is normally very safe and definitely enjoyable.

Being properly prepared for your dive will make you a much safer diver whilst ensuring that you enjoy your dive even more!

How to prepare yourself for diving?

- do regular physical exercise
- refresh your diving skills after a break in diving by doing a refresher dive at the resort prior to your first open water dive
- have a medical check up (*) every 2 years if you are under 45, or yearly if you are over 45

Refresher Dive

Scuba Divers of all levels that have not been diving for a while will be invited to participate to a refresher dive composed of a pool session, where the main skills will be performed, followed by a shore dive in the Ocean.



Boat Dives

Baa Atoll, with more than 30 dive sites, offers plenty of scuba diving experiences with beautiful reefs marked by swim-throughs, caves and overhangs, and current-swept thilas packed with abundant marine life.

Scuba diving in Baa Atoll is suitable for beginners and advanced divers.

We offer single dives every day in the morning and in the afternoon, as well as two tank dives on designated days.

Private boat and private instructor are available on request.

Flying after diving

Before taking a plane, it's important to wait 12 hours after a single dive or 18 hours after multiple dives (for example two dives in a day).



Dive sites visited by the Soleni Dive Centre

- 1 Nelivaru Thila
- 2 Nelivaru Haa
- 3 Wella Faru
- 4 Eydhafushi Corner
- 5 Maadhoo Giri
- 6 Maadhoo Thila
- 7 Neenge Faru
- 8 Hulhudhoo
- 9 Miriyandhoo Thila
- 10 Dhigali Haa
- 11 Dhigali Giri
- 12 Madi Thila
- 13 Dharavandhoo Thila
- 14 Shark Nursery
- 15 Dhigu Thila
- 16 Kuda Thila
- 17 Anga Thila
- 18 Bodu Gaa
- 19 Kakka Thila
- 20 Hani Faru
- 21 Aidhoo Thila
- 22 Aidhoo
- 23 Mas Giri
- 24 Olhufali Thila
- 25 Anemone Thila
- 26 Koamas Thila
- 27 Muthafushi Thila
- 28 Napoleon Thila
- 29 Maafaru Thila
- 30 Maafaru Caves
- 31 Fung Faru
- 32 Fares Thila
- 33 Reendheli Thila
- 34 Atholugali
- 35 Fares
- 36 Undhoodhoo

Decisions as to what dive sites we visit are made in the morning or afternoon of each dive.

However, due to the late start on Sundays and the cocktail party on Tuesdays, we usually go to a dive site within 10 minutes by boat from the resort.

We hope you enjoy your diving with us!

Private U/W video or photo sessions are available upon request.



PADI Diving Courses

With “Soleni” it is perhaps the most relaxing way to discover the underwater world. Small classes and the caring tuition will overcome your apprehension and make it an everlasting memory.



Bubblemaker

Bubblemaker is as fun as it sounds, a chance for kids to blow bubbles by scuba diving under the direct supervision of a Padi Pro. Children can use gear to breath underwater and swim around in water shallower than 2 mt.

Min. age: 8 years

Time required: 1 hour

Discover Scuba Diving

A simple lesson in the pool for getting familiar with the scuba diving equipment followed by a shallow house reef dive, in which our instructors will make you feel at ease, loose your trepidation of the equipment and the water.

Most people are a little apprehensive at first: don't worry you are not the only one.

It is addictive...

Min. age: 10 years

Time required: 2 to 3 hours

Scuba Diver

The course is designed for novices who want to be certified but do not have the time or the wish to complete the full Open Water Course.

The training achieved during the course will be accredited when completing the PADI Open Water Diver.

5 lessons and theory.

Min. age: 10 years

Max depht: 12mt

Time required: 3 to 4 days

Open Water Diver

The international diving license. This course allows you to dive independently with a buddy who has at least the same training level.

7 lessons, theory and final exam.

Min.age: 10 years

Max depth: 12 mt for divers under 12 years

18mt for divers older then 12

Time required: 5 to 7 days

Advanced Open Water Diver

If you want to improve your diving skills and are looking for more confidence, then this is the right course for you.

Deep dive and navigation are the fundamental dives.

Advanced training can be individually tailored.

5 dives.

Min. age: 12 years

Max depth: 21mt for divers under 15 years

30 mt for divers older than 15

Time required: 2 to 3 days

EANx Diver

Learn how to deal with a new mix of breathing gas, NITROX (EANx) and enjoy the benefits of longer bottom times or more safety on your dives.

Min. age: 12 years

Specialty Courses

Give you the tools to enhance your exploration. Discover your unique diving aptitude (photography, fish identification, deep, etc.).

All PADI Certifications are recognized and valid Worldwide

SOLENI DIVE CENTRE DIVING RATES 2021 – 2022 SONEVA FUSHI

(Effective as per 1st November 2021 – Valid until 31st October 2022)

DIVING

TANK & WEIGHT & BUOY

| | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| UP TO 5 DIVES | (PER DIVE) | US\$ 97.00 |
| FROM 5 DIVES | (PER DIVE) | US\$ 91.00 |
| FROM 10 DIVES | (PER DIVE) | US\$ 85.00 |
| FROM 15 DIVES | (PER DIVE) | US\$ 80.00 |

EQUIPMENT RENTAL

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| BCD | (PER DIVE) | US\$ 12.00 |
| REGULATOR | (PER DIVE) | US\$ 12.00 |
| WET SUIT | (PER DIVE) | US\$ 9.00 |
| COMPUTER | (PER DIVE) | US\$ 9.00 |
| FULL SET (BCD, REG., WET SUIT, COMPUTER) | (PER DIVE) | US\$ 36.00 |
| TORCH | (PER DIVE) | US\$ 15.00 |
| DIGITAL CAMERA | (HALF DAY ONLY) | US\$ 50.00 |
| SNORKELLING EQUIPMENT | COMPLIMENTARY | |

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| NITROX (CERTIFIED DIVERS ONLY) | NO EXTRA CHARGE | |
| BOAT TRIPS | (PER BOAT TRIP) | US\$ 42.00 |

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| TWO TANK DIVE SUPPLEMENT (INCLUDING BOAT TRIPS AND REFRESHMENT) | US\$ 102.00 |
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| PRIVATE DIVES & COURSES (EXTRA CHARGE TO DIVES & LESSONS) | US\$ 250.00 |
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SONEVA IN AQUA DIVING PACKAGE

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| (DAILY CHARGE, INCLUDES: 2 DAILY DIVES FOR 2 DIVERS, PRIVATE INSTRUCTOR & EQUIPMENT) | US\$ 750.00 |
| EXTRA DIVER (PER DAY) | US\$ 175.00 |

COURSES (BOAT CHARGES NOT INCLUDED)

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| DISCOVER SCUBA PROGRAM & REFRESHER (POOL SESSION & HOUSE REEF DIVE) | US\$ 215.00 |
| REFRESHER DIVE (FOR "EXPERIENCED" DIVERS AT HOUSE REEF) | US\$ 186.00 |
| EXTRA DIVE DISCOVER SCUBA (HOUSE REEF ONLY, ALL EQUIPMENT INCLUDED) | US\$ 186.00 |
| BUBBLE MAKER & TRIAL DIVE (POOL SESSION ONLY) | US\$ 151.00 |
| BUBBLE MAKER (HOUSE REEF DIVE max. 40 minutes) | US\$ 186.00 |
| PADI SCUBA DIVER (5 DIVES, BOOK, THEORY, LOGBOOK AND CERTIFICATION) | US\$ 850.00 |
| PADI OPEN WATER TUNE UP FROM SCUBA DIVER (4 LESSONS AND CERTIFICATION) | US\$ 640.00 |
| PADI OPEN WATER (7 LESSONS, BOOK, 5 THEORY, TABLE, LOGBOOK AND CERTIFICATION) | US\$1170.00 |
| PADI REFERRAL (4 OPEN WATER LESSONS. Every additional lesson 140\$) | US\$ 640.00 |
| PADI EXPERIENCED (5 DIVES, BOOK, LOGBOOK AND CERTIFICATION) | US\$ 885.00 |
| PADI ADVANCED (5 DIVES, BOOK AND CERTIFICATION) | US\$ 850.00 |
| PADI NITROX COURSE (MANUALS AND CERTIFICATION FEES) | US\$ 225.00 |
| SCUBA REVIEW (SKILLS IN THE POOL & DIVE AT THE HOUSE REEF) | US\$ 215.00 |
| PADI SPECIALTIES & OTHER | ON REQUEST |

REBREATHER COURSES & DIVES ON REQUEST

ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO 10% SERVICE CHARGE and 12% GST

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