



RECREATION & ACTIVITIES



VELAA

PRIVATE ISLAND
MALDIVES

Private Moments

DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF THE SILENT WORLD

Velaa Dive center is equipped by Scubapro renowned for its outstanding quality. Affiliated to PADI (the Professional Association of Diving Instructors), the largest dive association in the world.

Velaa Private Island is located in Noonu atoll, the latest atoll discovered and dived due to its far location. Only few minutes away from Velaa, divers will discover various unexplored dive sites with the most amazing fauna of the Maldives such as grey reef sharks, nurse sharks, the seasonal manta ray, black spotted sting ray and the graceful eagle ray.

PRIVATE MOMENT DIVE

CERTIFIED DIVER

US\$

Single dive 345
Single night dive395
Single DPV dive (Seadoo). 445

* Private Moment dives are with a private guide per couple/family and leave at 08:30 for 2 dives on a combined boat and return around 12:30. The afternoon dive trip leaves at 14:30 on a combined boat for a single dive and returns around 16:30.

Private single dive /
Discover Scuba & Private Boat ... 1 045
Private Double dive /
Discover Scuba & Private Boat ... 2 090
Additional person
single / double dive 345 / 690
*for Boats Khun Baa & Dhana

Private single dive /
Discover Scuba & Private Boat ... 1445
PPrivate single dive /
Discover Scuba & Private Boat ... 2890
Additional person
single / double dive 345/690
*for Boats Anna, Prestige, Virusika

EQUIPMENT RENTAL

US\$

Digital camera / GoPro hire145

PRIVATE GUIDING & SNORKELLING US\$

Half-Day Private dive guide295
Full-Day Private dive guide595
Half-Day Private snorkel guide195
Full-Day Private snorkel guide395
* For trips that don't include a guide like boat charters or when an additional guide is required.

ENTRY LEVEL

US\$

Bubble maker195
Discover scuba / Refresher..... 345
Scuba diver / Upgrade (2 dives)... 1 795
Open Water (4 dives)2 795

Semi-Submarine exploration
45 mins per diver395

SPECIALITY COURSES

US\$

Nitrox course (2 dives)1 095
Adventure diver (3 dives)..... 1 445
Advanced course (5 dives).....2 095
Rescue diver (5 Sessions).....2 695
EFR (no dives - theory & practical) . 690
Dive master5 995
DPV scooter specialty (2 dives) ... 1 295
Deep specialty (4 dives)..... 1 795
Drift specialty (2 dives).....1 095
Digital photo (2 dives incl. camera) 1 495

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DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF THE SILENT WORLD

GROUP DIVING

CERTIFIED DIVER	US\$
Single dive	195
Single night dive	245
Single DPV dive (Seadoo).....	295

* Group Dives leave at 08h30 for 2 dives and return around 12:30. The afternoon dive trip leaves at 14:30 for a single dive and returns around 16:30. Groups are up to 5 divers per guide. A minimum of 3 divers is required to qualify for group diving.

GROUP ENTRY LEVEL	US\$
Bubble maker	195
Discover scuba / Refresher.....	345
Scuba diver / Upgrade (2 dives) . . .	995
Open Water (4 dives)	1 495

* All group courses are for a minimum of 2 persons.

GROUP SPECIALITY COURSES	US\$
Nitrox course (no dives)	395
Adventure diver (3 dives).....	795
Advanced course (5 dives).....	1 195
Rescue diver (5 Sessions).....	1 495
EFR (no dives - theory & practical) . .	395
Dive master	3 200
DPV scooter specialty (2 dives)	795
Deep specialty (4 dives)	995
Drift specialty (2 dives).....	595
Digital photo (2 dives incl. camera) . .	795

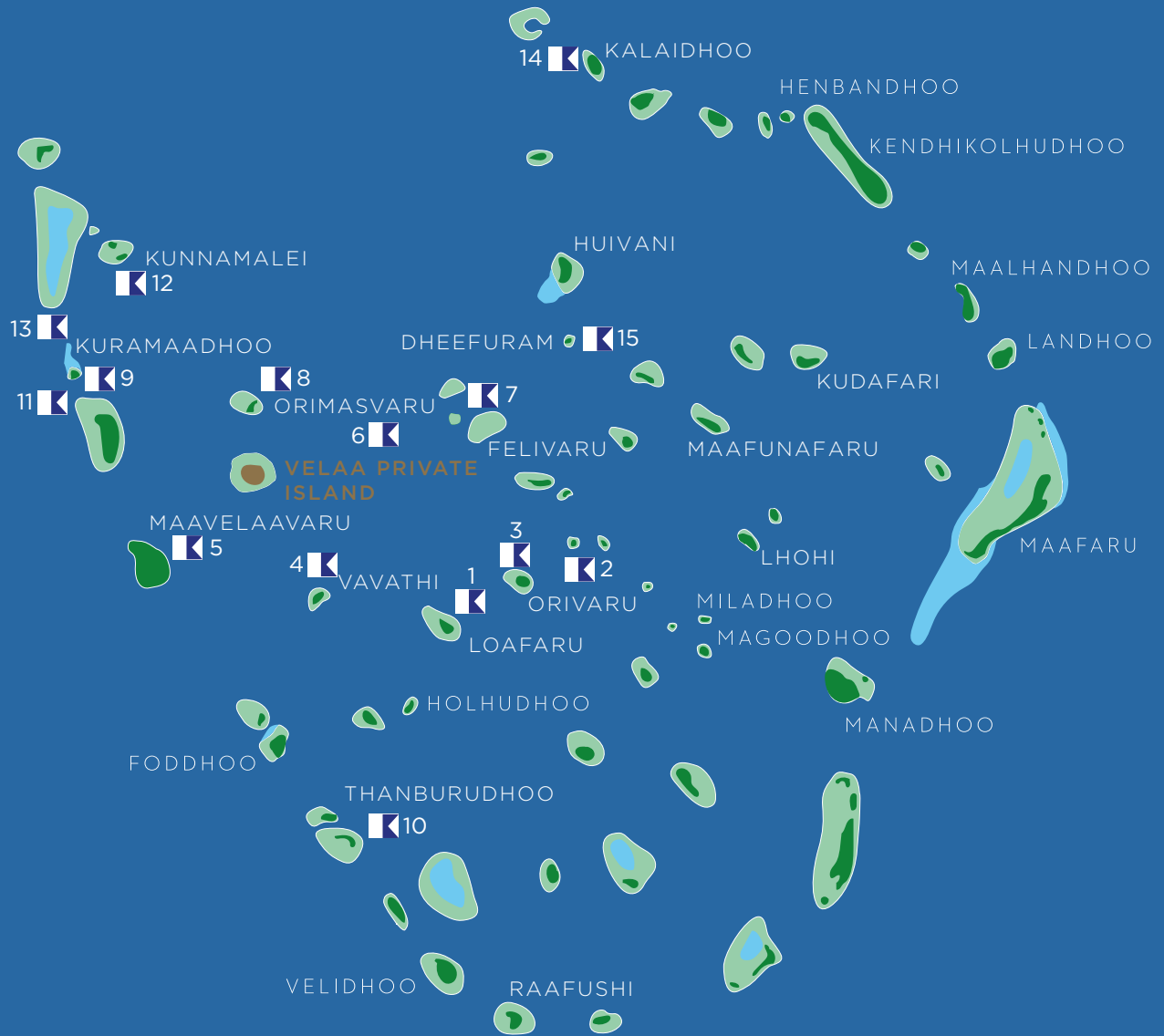
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VELAA PRIVATE ISLAND NEARBY DIVE SITES



 DIVE SITES



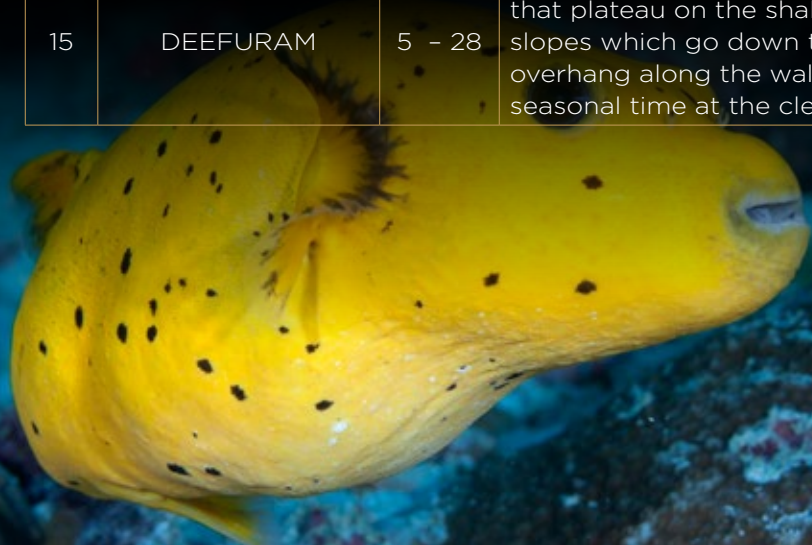
VELAA PRIVATE ISLAND NEARBY DIVE SITES

NO.	DIVE SITE	DEPTH (M)	DESCRIPTION
1	REETHI LOAFARU	3 - 18	Loafaru reef offer a spectacular corals garden, various type of species such as Moray eel, white tip reef shark, surgeon fish and shoal of Moorish Idol Fish.
2	RAIMAS THILA	6 - 20	Beautiful Thila, the shallow depth of the dive, expect to see shoal of fusilier, yellow snappers, oriental sweet lips and a good variation of hard and soft corals.
3	ORIVARU	3 - 18	Orivaru reef is known for its corals lush garden, garden of eels, shoal of Yellow Snapper, lion fish and Giant moray eel.
4	VAVATHI KUROLHI	3 - 28	Stunning drop off dive which start from 3, slopes down to 28 with some amazing overhang on the wall of the drop off. Expect to see a good variety of species under one roof which include Shoals of Banners fishes, Red snapper, Midnight snapper, Sting ray, Hawksbill Turtle and many others
5	MAAVELAAVARU BEYRU	3 - 30	Great drop off which starts from 3 and drops down to a Maximum depth of 30 . The wall showcase few overhang which homed the lobster, Moray eel, shoal of yellow snapper and many others. Now and then have a look into the blue catch the Eagle rays, Tuna and the Mobula rays.
6	ORIMAS THILA	15 - 30	Shoals of Sharks, Barracuda, Jack fish and Rays make Orimas Thila the most Fantastic big fishes spot in Noonu Atoll. Acting as a nursery and cleaning station for grey reef sharks, this underwater mound will often attract these fish in large numbers that take advantage of the ocean currents and warm waters. Other species of sharks such as leopard and guitar sharks are also commonly seen on the Thila, where eagle rays and sting rays also are frequently found.
7	FELIVARU GIRI	2 - 22	Easy and attractive dive which displays few large corals plateau on the shallow depth of the dive. Progressive slopes which go down to 22 that offer some lovely overhang along the wall. The reef is coloured by a large fish population which includes the Fusilier, the yellow snapper and the midnight sweetlips. Fantastic beginners dive.



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8	ORIMAS VARU	2 - 16	Gentle drop off from 2 slopes down to 16. The reef is entertained by various shoal of fish such as Fusilier, oriental sweetlips and yellow snappers. Divers can expect to see Lobsters on the overhang, stingrays lying on the sandy bottom, Lion fish hovering on the top of the table corals and the colourful Surgeon fish.
9	KURAMADHOO CAVES	18 - 30	Semi-caves diving spot with swim-through arches. Fantastic dive for the adventure divers to swim beneath open arches where various species can be spotted inside the cave such as: Lobsters, Moray eel, Fine fins Lion fish and much more. A small reef with abundant sea-life which includes shoal of banner fish, Shoal of fusilier, Tuna, eagle ray Napoleon.
10	THANBURUDHOO	5 - 30	A unique reef formation! A crack in the reef has led to the formation of a canyon which is great for exploring. Look out for morays and shrimp, schools of snappers and oriental sweetlips and fusiliers dashing into the reef for cover from hunting jack fish. The occasional glance away from the reef and into the blue water can be rewarded with sightings of napoleon wrasse and eagle rays passing by.
11	GATHAFARU	10 - 30	The most interesting topographic dives in Noonu atoll with overhang cover by soft corals and the home of many species: Napoleon, Eagle ray, Stingray, Lobsters, Midnight snappers, Oriental and much other marine life.
12	KUNNA MALEI	13 - 30	Kunna Malei is a beautiful Thila with some amazing overhang. The anemone garden, shoal of snappers, Hawksbill turtle, stingray, Lion fish bring a harmonious life to the Thila. It's a spot that you can expect to see a ballet of the eagle ray.
13	KURAMADHOO CHANEL	15 - 30	Experience the most sport games fishes such as, Tuna, Wahoo, shoal of Jack fish and Barracuda fighting through the ocean current.
14	THE DOME	10 - 30	Beautiful drop-off dive with some amazing overhang and swimming through arches. The reef has good mixture between soft corals, hard corals and abundant fish life.
15	DEEFURAM	5 - 28	Easy and attractive reef which displays few large corals that plateau on the shallow depth of the dive. Progressive slopes which go down to 28 that offer some lovely overhang along the wall. Catch up with the Manta in seasonal time at the cleaning station.



FULFILL YOUR THRILLING FANTASY AND JOYFUL MOMENT WITH OUR VARIETY OF HIGH TECH TOYS

Sail along Velaa Private Island reef with our Weta Trimaran and Topcat K1 catamaran. Experience a feeling of speed with our Jet Ski and feel like James Bond exploring the house reef by Sea Bob. Cruise along and surf Velaa Private Island with the Stand Up paddleboard. Feel the sensation of flying with Kite surfing.

JET SKI US\$

30 mins per waverunner 195
1,5 hour Atoll Tour 570
2 hours Sandbank & Snorkel Tour .. 780

JET SURF US\$

30 mins per Jet surf 195

SEABOB US\$

15 mins per Seabob 95
30 mins per Seabob..... 170
1 hour per Seabob 275

BOARDSPORTS US\$

Beginner lesson 30 mins 195
Expert Ride 15 mins 95

WATER TOWABLES US\$

One person fun tube 20 mins 95
Two person fun tube 20 mins 170
Three persons & above
fun tube 20 mins..... 240

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WINDSPORTS US\$

Competency check..... free
Windsurfing lesson 1 hour..... 195
Catamaran lesson 1 hour..... 195
Kite surf lesson 1 hour 195
Kite Surf Lesson
on Desert Island 3h..... 995
* including transfer & boat on stand by
Windsurfing international
certification (6 to 8 hours) 795
Catamaran international
certification (6 to 8 hours) 795
Kite surf International
certification (8 hours) 1 695
Catamaran K1 hire..... 95
Weta trimaran hire 95
Kite + board hire 95

“SMALL SPEEDBOAT” HIRE

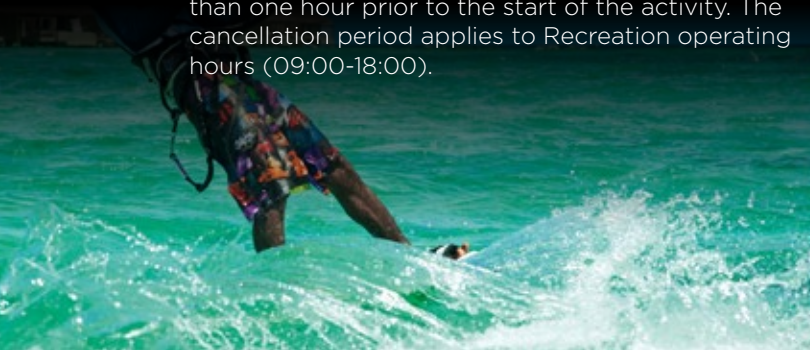
1 hour Hire..... 295

SAILING TRIPS US\$

Catamaran and Trimaran
with skipper per hour 145

COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

Stand up paddle
Kayak
Windsurf hire only



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Velaa Private Island embraces and encompasses the tranquil infiniteness that is the ocean. Experience the tranquility of Velaa Private Island surrounded reef, and cruise onboard our vessels selection on offer.

Cruise the Indian ocean turquoise water onboard our vessels selection; Traditional Luxury Maldivian Batheli ANNA offers an authentic comfort with her wooden style boat and contemporary interior.

BATHELI ANNA CRUISES

SUNSET / DOLPHIN CRUISE	US\$
2 hours / 4 persons	1 695
Additional person	345
Additional hour	750

* Including 1 bottle of Champagne or beers, canapés, fruit platter, juices.

LUXURY PRIVATE SNORKEL TRIP	US\$
2 hours / 4 persons	1 895
Additional person	345

* Including 1 bottle of Champagne or beers, canapés, fruit platter, juices.

DINNER CRUISE	US\$
4 hours / 2 persons	4 085
Additional person	595

* Including 4-course dinner & non-alcoholic beverages.

DESERT ISLAND DINNER CRUISE	US\$
5 hours / 2 persons	7 440
Additional person	900

* Including BBQ dinner & non-alcoholic beverages. 2 hours cruising, 3 hours dinner.

CHARTERS	US\$
Half-Day charter / 4 persons	2 895
Full-Day charter / 4 persons	5 495
Desert Island surcharge	1 995
Additional person	345

* Including 1 bottle of Champagne or beers, canapés, fruit platter, juices.

** Half-Day charter duration: 4 hours; Full-Day charter duration: 8 hours. Half-Day charters are from 09:30 to 13:30 and from 14:30 to 18:30.

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Live the tranquil moment on our luxury yacht Prestige 500 and experience the charm of her well thought-out design.

PRESTIGE LUXURY YACHT CRUISES

PRIVATE BIG GAME FISHING US\$

Half-Day / 4 persons	2 795
Full-Day / 4 persons	5 195
Additional person	345
Additional hour	700

* Including breakfast menu;
Half-Day trip duration: 4 hours; Full-Day trip duration: 8 hours.

SUNSET FISHING US\$

2 hours / 4 persons	1 695
Additional person	345
Additional hour	700

* Including 1 bottle of Champagne or beers, canapés, fruit platter, juices.

SUNSET / DOLPHIN CRUISE US\$

2 hours / 4 persons	1 695
Additional person	345

* Including 1 bottle of Champagne or beers, canapés, fruit platter, juices.

DESERT ISLAND DINNER CRUISE US\$

5 hours / 2 persons	7 290
Additional person	900

* Including BBQ dinner & non-alcoholic beverages. 2 hours cruising, 3 hours dinner.

CHARTERS US\$

Half-Day charter / 4 persons	2 795
Full-Day charter / 4 persons	5 195
Desert Island surcharge	1 995
Additional person	345

* Including 1 bottle of Champagne or beers, canapés, fruit platter, juices.

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TRANSFERS US\$

Cheval Blanc	1 695
Anantara Kihavah	2 795
Four Seasons Landaa Giraavaru	2 795
Amilla Fushi	2 795
Irufushi	1 695
Ifuru domestic airport	1 695

LUNCH / DINNER / VISITS US\$

Cheval Blanc	3 495
Anantara Kihavah	5 195
Four Seasons Landaa Giraavaru	5 195
Amilla Fushi	5 195
Irufushi	3 495

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Enjoy the thrill of speed combined with top-notch fishing equipment all in a Velaa luxurious way.

VIRUSIKA CRUISES

PRIVATE BIG GAME FISHING US\$

Half-Day / 4 persons 2 295
 Full-Day / 4 persons 4 195
 Additional person295
 Additional hour 550

* Including breakfast menu;
 Half-Day trip duration: 4 hours; Full-Day trip duration: 8 hours.

SUNSET FISHING US\$

2 hours / 4 persons 1 395
 Additional person295
 Additional hour 550

* Including 1 bottle of Champagne or beers, canapés, fruit platter, juices.

SUNSET / DOLPHIN CRUISE US\$

2 hours / 4 persons 1 395
 Additional person295

* Including 1 bottle of Champagne or beers, canapés, fruit platter, juices.

DESERT ISLAND DINNER CRUISE US\$

5 hours / 2 persons. 6 640
 Additional person 900

* Including BBQ dinner & non-alcoholic beverages.
 2 hours cruising, 3 hours dinner.

CHARTERS US\$

Half-Day charter / 4 persons 2 295
 Full-Day charter / 4 persons 4 195
 Dessert Island surcharge 1 995
 Additional person295

* Including 1 bottle of Champagne or beers, canapés, fruit platter, juices.

** Charter duration: 4 hours, Full-Day charter duration: 8 hours. Half-Day charters are from 09:30 to 13:30 and from 14:30 to 18:30.

TRANSFERS US\$

Cheval Blanc 1 395
 Anantara Kihavah 2 295
 Four Seasons Landaa Giraavaru .. 2 295
 Amilla Fushi 2 295
 Irufushi 1 395
 Ifuru domestic airport 1 395

LUNCH / DINNER / VISITS US\$

Cheval Blanc 2 845
 Anantara Kihavah 4 195
 Four Seasons Landaa Giraavaru ... 4 195
 Amilla Fushi 4 195
 Irufushi 2 845

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EXPERIENCE THE THRILL OF TRANQUILITY

Velaa Private Island is situated on the edge of Noonu atoll and surrounded by numerous uninhabited islands hosting numerous species of fish. Experience the catch of Pelagic fish such as Sail fish, Tuna or Waou on a Big-game fishing trip.

Live the Maldivian traditional fishing experience on a sunset fishing cruise.

Or cast the famous Maldivian Tuna on a fishing day trip.

Experience the care-free moment while cruising on our custom made Dhoni Dhana which provides you with a spacious and free environment.

DHANA DHONI CRUISES

PRIVATE BIG GAME FISHING US\$

Half-Day / 4 persons	1 995
Full-Day / 4 persons	3 595
Additional persons	.275
Additional hour	.475

* Including breakfast menu;

Half-Day trip duration: 4 hours; Full-Day trip duration: 8 hours.

PRIVATE SNORKEL TRIP US\$

2 hours / 4 persons	1 495
Additional person	.275

* Including 1 bottle of Champagne or beers, canapés, fruit platter, juices.

SUNSET FISHING US\$

2 hours / 4 persons	1 295
Additional person	.275
Additional hour	.475

* Including 1 bottle of Champagne or beers, canapés, fruit platter, juices.

SUNSET / DOLPHIN CRUISE US\$

2 hours / 4 persons	1 295
Additional person	.275

* Including 1 bottle of Champagne or beers, canapés, fruit platter, juices.

DESERT ISLAND DINNER CRUISE US\$

5 hours / 2 persons	6 265
Additional person	900

* Including BBQ dinner & non-alcoholic beverages. 2 hours cruising, 3 hours dinner.

CHARTERS US\$

Half-Day charter / 4 persons	1 995
Full-Day charter / 4 persons	3 595
Desert Island surcharge	1 995
Additional person	.275

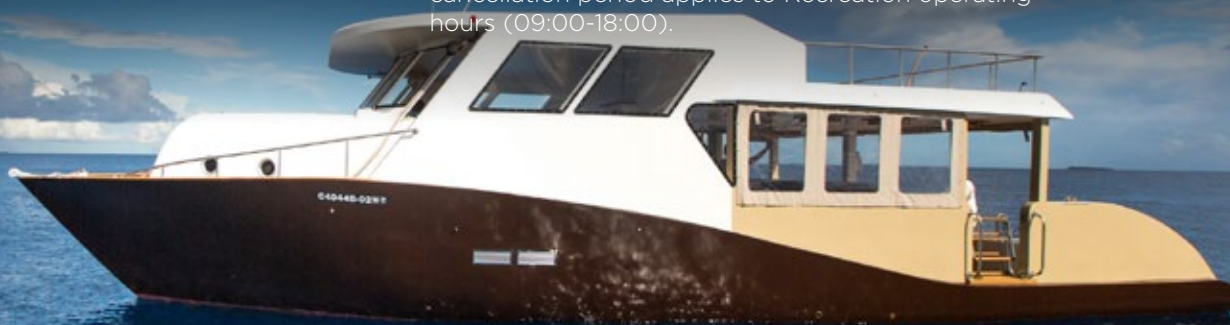
* Including simple refreshment menu (canapés, fruit platter, beer, juices).

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SPEEDBOAT KHUN BAA CRUISES

SUNSET FISHING US\$

2 hours / 4 persons 1 095
 Additional person 245
 Additional hour 395
 * Including Beers, canapés, fruit platter, juices.

DESERT ISLAND DINNER US\$

3 hours / 2 persons. 4 180
 Additional person 900
 * Including BBQ dinner & non-alcoholic beverages.

CHARTERS US\$

Half-Day charter / 4 persons 1 595
 Full-Day charter / 4 persons 2 995
 Additional person 325
 * Including Beers, canapés, fruit platter, juices.
 Charter duration: 4 hours, Full-Day charter
 duration: 8 hours

DESERT ISLAND SLUMBER US\$

Private Patch of Paradise
 for the Day (Orimasvaru Island) 1 195
 * Including simple set up. Excluding Food &
 beverages.

TRANSFERS US\$

Cheval Blanc. 695
 Anantara Kihavah 1 195
 Four Seasons Landaa Giraavaru 1 195
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 Irufushi 695
 Ifuru domestic airport 695

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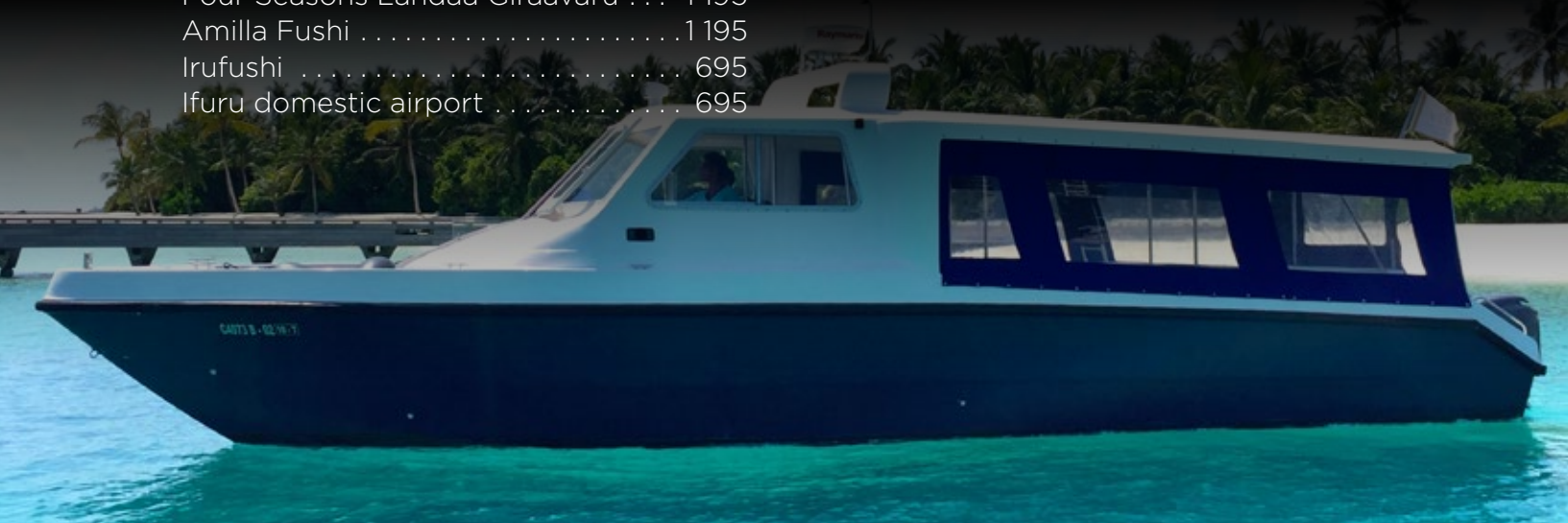
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 Anantara Kihavah 2 395
 Four Seasons Landaa Giraavaru 2 395
 Amilla Fushi 2 395
 Irufushi 1 595

SPEEDBOAT RENTAL

1 hour 395
 2 hours 795
 3 hours 1 195

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Rain or sunshine, our covered tennis & squash courts are ready for your game, whether playing with friends or our resident Pro.

It is the resort's policy to accept bookings for tennis, squash and badminton only for maximum 2 days in advance to give everyone a fair chance to be able to play.

TENNIS **US\$**
 Court rental (Including racket) 120
 Court rental (excluding racket) 80
 Private lesson 175
 * All per 1 hour

SQUASH **US\$**
 Court rental (Including racket) 100
 Court rental (excluding racket) 70
 Private lesson 175
 * All per 1 hour

BADMINTON **US\$**
 Court rental (Including racket) 80
 Court rental (excluding racket) 60
 Private lesson 175
 * All per 1 hour

GAMES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

- Petanque
- Beach tennis
- Speedminton
- Croquet

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VELAA MARINE CENTER

Explore the whole new world and the beauty of our reefs. Welcoming by the friendliest Maldivian Marine life beneath the blue turquoise water. Venture through the glistening water of the Atoll to discover the bustling schools of fish and abundant coral diversity. Only 15 mins away from the Resort experience the most untouched reefs of Noonu Atoll.

SNORKELING

DISCOVER SNORKELING LESSON

A whole new world to explore is awaiting you. Beneath the turquoise abyss you will be welcomed by the friendly Maldivian marine life. Once you put your head underwater and discover the beauty of the oceans there is no stopping you.

60 mins lesson and snorkel (6 years old and above) US\$ 125

GUIDED HOUSE REEF

We want to inspire, educate and share our knowledge about our passion for the marine world. We will help unravel the mysterious natural environment that encompasses Velaa.

60 mins (8 years old and above) US\$ 95

NIGHT SNORKELING

Visit and explore the nightlife of the reefs. Witness the movements of the elusive creatures by night. The house reef is perfect to explore at night. With only our torches to guide us we seek out the marine life. (15 years old and above)

45 mins / per person (min 2 persons) US\$ 195

45 mins / per person / by boat to another reef (min 2 persons) US\$ 295

COMBINED SNORKEL TRIP WITH MARINE BIOLOGIST

Hop on a short boat trip and join our marine biologist for a short trip close by reef Orimasvaru and see some beautiful corals and marine life.

Available on Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday from 09:00 to 10:00

45 mins snorkeling (1 spot) / per person (min 2 persons) US\$ 145

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PRIVATE SNORKEL WITH MARINE BIOLOGIST ON SPEEDBOAT

Let's venture through the glistening waters of Noonu Atoll and find a quiet reef on the surface, but underneath teams of bustling schools of fish and abundant coral diversity. We will take you to the best snorkel sites in Noonu Atoll seeking any of your favorite marine life we have here in the Maldives. This is but a nice quick boat ride to our destination for a 45mins snorkel to excite the taste buds. (8 years old and above)

1,5 hours trip, 45 mins snorkeling / up to 4 persons..... US\$ 595
Additional person US\$ 145

2,5 hours trip / 2 x 45 mins snorkeling / up to 4 persons..... US\$ 995
Additional person US\$ 245

SEADOO RENTAL

Do you feel the need for some speed? Why not try the powered Seadoo to move through the water around Velaa, allowing you to see a lot more of the island in one snorkel trip.



1 hour / per SeadooUS\$ 95

LUXURY YACHT PRIVATE SNORKEL TRIP

Indulge yourself with a luxury experience by cruising onboard our yacht to the snorkel site in the company of your private snorkel guide.

2 hours / 4 personsUS\$ 1895
Additional person US\$ 345

PRIVATE SNORKELING GUIDE

Half-Day private snorkel guide on charters US\$ 195
Full-Day private snorkel guide on charters US\$ 395



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VELAA HOUSE REEF SNORKEL SITES








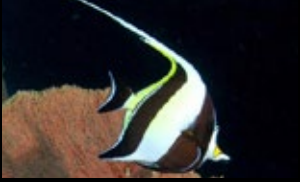

-  Reef access channels
-  House reef sites

Depth at Velaa house reef ranges from 1.0 – 24 m

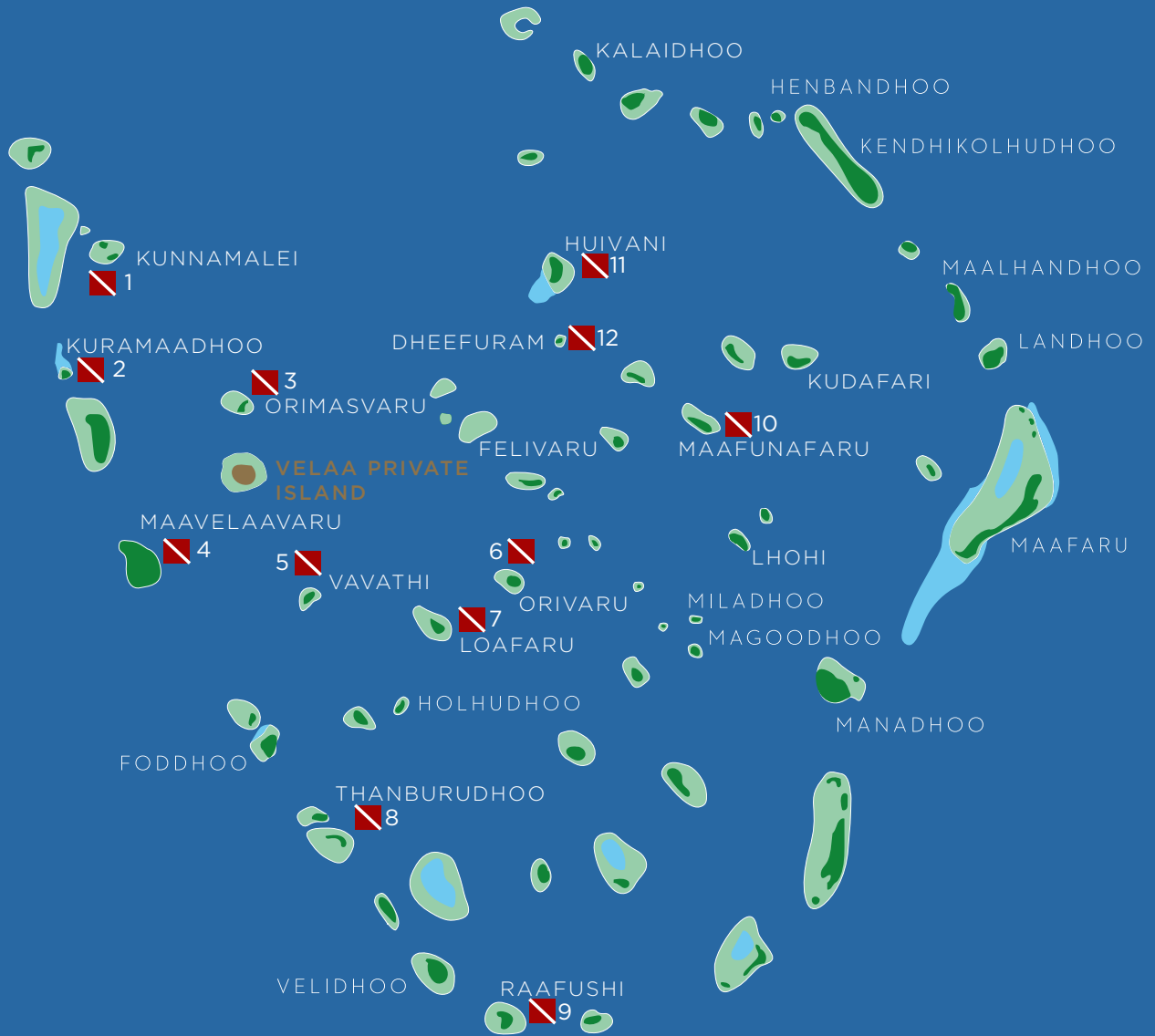
Commonly seen fish on Velaa house reef

FISH IDENTITY	COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	HABITAT	FUN FACT
	Blue-fin jack	<i>Caranx melampygus</i>	Seen circling around the islands amongst the reef crest and reef slope in search of food. Very fast and robust fish.	Known as roving predators, they create distracting situations to capture their unaware prey.
	Black-spotted Pufferfish	<i>Arothron nigropunctatus</i>	Hides during the day and is very shy. Active at night seen in sand flats feeding on invertebrates. Variable in colour from grey to yellow.	When in danger its defense mechanism reacts quickly inflating its body and it becomes a suspended looking ball. They eventually deflate once the danger has subsided.
	Sabre squirrelfish	<i>Sargocentron spiniferum</i>	Found under rocks and overhangs, seen solitary.	Nocturnal fish, feeding on crabs, small fish and shrimp at night.

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	Oriental sweetlips	Plectorhinchus vittatus	Found in schools or solitary under boulders and overhangs.	Sweetlip juveniles are very different to their adult form; they go through many changes of appearance and behaviour before becoming an adult. The juvenile Oriental sweetlips looks like a little dancing fish.
	Dogtooth tuna	Gymnosarda unicolor	Generally found solitary circling around reefs at a fast pass or in the deep blue.	The tuna fish family are built for speed and are among the fastest fish in the ocean.
	Maldivian anemonefish	Amphiprion nigripes	Hides inside the sea anemones (Heteractis magnifica). Seen on shallow reefs up to 15m depth.	Only seen in the Maldives and small communities seen in Sri Lanka. Anemone fish get their name from the living organism which they live inside, an anemone. They use the anemone as a home and shelter from predators because the anemone stings other species, the anemone fish are immune to these stings.
	Parrot fish	Scaridae	Seen on reefs, sleep in crevices and caves at night. Adults often seen in schools, juveniles are solitary or form small groups.	Very colourful, you can hear them feeding on corals which the algae is growing on, helping to keep the reef healthy. They contribute to producing the white sandy beaches we have here in the Maldives.
	Blue-Powder Surgeon Fish	Acanthurus Leucosternon	Found in most clear water habitats to 20m depth.	Given the name surgeon fish because of the spine which is said to be as sharp as a surgeon's knife. Very common to seen beautiful large schools of these fish.
	Moorish idol	Zanclus cornutus	Seen in shallow reefs and deep outer walls. Usually seen alone or in pairs.	Larvae can live more than three months allowing it to drift to near and far locations by the oceans currents allowing it to be distributed throughout the Indo-Pacific.
	Vermilion Rock Cod	Cephalopholis miniata	Seen mostly in coral reefs or rocky bottoms up to 20m deep, normally in small groups.	They are territorial, with one male and 12 females in each group, each female has its own area and the male visits them all individually on a daily basis.

VELAA PRIVATE ISLAND NEARBY SNORKEL SITES



 SNORKEL SITES



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NO.	DIVE SITE	DESCRIPTION
1	KUNNAMALEI	Hawksbill Heaven. Devil rays found here in season.
2	KURAMAADHOO	Caves, ledges, overhangs, shallow top reef, steep drop off, lots of fish and unique corals.
3	ORIMASVARU	Has everything, gentle sloping reef, lots of fish, abundance of live corals.
4	MAAVELAAVARU	Steep drop off, lots of red-toothed triggerfish, overhangs.
5	VAVATHI KUROLHI	A giri with everything, high densities of live coral, patchy reef, boulder corals, baby white tip sharks, hawksbill turtles.
6	ORIVARU	Best corals in Noonu atoll, sometimes see the green turtles here and octopus and lobster are common too.
7	LOAFARU	Gentle sloping gradient with oriental sweetlips, red snapper and butterflyfish.
8	THANBURUDHOO	Steep sloping reef, lots of red-toothed triggerfish, damsel fish, anemone fish and groupers.
9	RAAFUSHI	Beautiful reef, steep slope, occasional turtles, lots of fish.
10	MAAFUNAFARU	Unique reef with lots of boulders and unique structures, also many anemone fish, groupers, midnight snapper, occasional baby reef sharks.
11	HUIVANI	Patchy reef. Mantas seen here in season.
12	DHEEFURAM	Steep drop off with lots of fish and schooling bannerfish.



CORAL CARE PROJECT

The Maldives' famous turquoise crystal clear waters wouldn't be possible without the exquisite and fragile coral reefs. Often referred to as the 'Rainforests of the Sea' because of their richness in biodiversity. Coral reefs are the building blocks for shelter, protection, home and a food source for its inhabitants. Its success is measured through a perfect equilibrium for its survival.



We consider ourselves fortunate to be the guardians of the sea that encompasses our island home. We understand the need to safeguard such a precious and finite resource.

Our dedicated Marine Team is currently implementing numerous coral restoration programs in order to conserve our reef. One such program is our Coral Adoption Program.



HOW CAN YOU HELP? ADOPT A CORAL DOME.

What is coral? Rock, animal or plant? Start your Coral Care Project with an introduction to corals to find out these answers, held by our resident Marine Biologist.

COLLECT AND ATTACH THE CORAL FRAGMENTS

Join us on a house reef snorkel to find fragments of broken corals that can be used to attach to your coral dome and grow into large coral colonies.

ATTACH THE CORALS AND PLACE THE DOME

Attach your collected coral fragments securely onto your coral dome. Then snorkel out with the dome to place in an optimal location for your corals to thrive.



Your conservation efforts will not go unnoticed, a coral adoption certificate will be given for your generosity to our reef, along with biannual updates of your corals development. On your next visit to Velaa our Marine Biologist will take you on a complementary coral observation snorkel, giving you the chance to re-attach corals if needed and observe the growth of your coral dome.



Coral adoption US\$ 340

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