

# Dive Factsheet

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## Labyrinth

This dive site is one of our best and is a must-see site while in Raa atoll. As the name suggest, this dive site is a labyrinth of passages where you can swim through, and this makes the place such an interesting site to explore. The canyon like passages is covered in beautiful gorgonian sea fans. Labyrinth is a haven for all sorts of schooling fish. Different types of Snappers, fusiliers and the whole top reef is covered in healthy corals and anthias. The occasional turtle, sting rays and sharks can be seen here as well resting the sandy bottom surrounding the reef. The top reef starts at 12 meters and can go down up to 27 to 30 meters.



## Vaadhoo Thila

A: Are you a fan of seeing sharks up close and personal? Then this is definitely the site for you. Vaadhoo thila is a small pinnacle reef with beautiful overhangs with where you can spot the occasional sting ray or turtle just chilling. This dive site can be a place for beginners as well as most advanced divers. The top reef starts around at 14 meters and drops down to 28+ meters. This site is great for who love smaller fish as well. The top reef has many anemone fish and other juvenile fish as well as schools of fusiliers and jacks. In the dry season this site can have lots of grey reef sharks and that makes this site a must dive site for the shark lovers. You can hang around at 15-18 meters and just watch all the grey reef sharks swim around and get that special experience of just observing them in their natural habitat.



## Beriyen Thila

This is one of the sites where you get to experience two different types of reefs. The dive normally starts on the bigger thila and depending on the currents you can do a cross over to a smaller thila adjacent to the site and the other way round when the current changes. Bodu thila is a more wall like reef with a steep drop off that starts at 10 to 12 meters and some nice overhangs at 18 meters. Under the overhangs you can find beautiful soft corals. We have a friendly school of batfish as well that likes to follow the divers all through the dive. This is a great all level of divers.

12- 25+ meters.



## Kudathulhaadhoo Thila

This atoll is a place full of pinnacle reefs hence kudathulhaadhoo is also another great dive site who is interested in a bit of an advance dive. This site can have some strong currents at times but have an amazing plateau with big boulder corals where you can hide from the currents and watch the sharks. There are 2 split points at this site where grey reef sharks are possible to see. Apart from the sharks, this reef boasts also a variety of healthy corals and all different types of schooling fish like, snappers, fusiliers etc. This thila starts at about 15 meters and drops down to 30+ meters. On the north and northwestern side there are some deep overhangs at 30+ meters and on the south and southeastern side there are some shallower overhangs that starts around at 24 meters where you can see an array of soft corals. This site is considered an advance dive site during most months as this sits in a channel.

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## Manta Point: Bodu Thila & Sola Corner

One of the most common marine animals that everyone wants to experience while diving in Maldives is manta rays. To see one of the biggest rays in the world gracefully gliding over us while we watch in awe is always an amazing experience. As mantas are migratory animals, we get to see them at BODU THILA in the dry season and then at SOLA CORNER in the rain season. These are the 2 best spots to encounter these majestic yet gentle rays while scuba diving. At BODU THILA mantas are best sighted in the months of June through November. This is a cleaning station at the depth of 12 to 15 meters. When the season is in full swing, we can encounter up to 10 mantas at a time.

In the months of December through June we can see the mantas at SOLA CORNER. This is also a cleaning station where the mantas come to get themselves cleaned. Even though these are big blocks of corals, mantas are not the only marine life around. You can see big schools of snappers, fusiliers and small critters around as well.

### Dive Site Name

### Meaning

BODUFARU CAVES	Long reef inside the channel with caves and overhangs, soft corals
LABYRINTH	Thila with canyons, feels like in a labyrinth. Beautiful corals and big school of blue line snappers
KUROSHI GIRI	A shallow reef, shallow pinnacle at kuroshi island
SOLA CORNER	Corner dive with some manta cleaning stations (east monsoon)
RAINBOW CAVES	Beautiful soft corals in caves, like rainbow colors, macro
KUKULHUDHOO	Wall with overhangs and lots of fish, used to be a chicken farm
LHOHI	Wall dive with macro life
MAAFARU CAVES	Very long stretched reef with caves and soft corals
MAAFARU THILA	Underwater pinnacle, napoleon wrasse, blue line snappers, macro
MUSKULHI THILA	"Old" captain remembers this amazing deep underwater pinnacle. Very rich fish life and sharks
MIYARU UTHURU THILA	Shark thila "north" from kudathulhaadhoo island, mountain with overhang, sharks, big grouper
KUDATHULHAADHOO THILA	A pinnacle in front of kudathulhaadhoo island, sharks, lobster, blue line snappers, eagle ray
VAADHOO THILA	A pinnacle next to vaadhoo island. Soft corals, canyon, sharks, eagle ray, tuna, very rich
BERIYAN THILA	A big and a small mountain next to beriyan faru, scorpion fish, grey reef shark, bat fish,
BERIYAN CAVES	Channel close to beriyan faru with caves, overhangs and a small thila in the channel entrance
BODU THILA	Big mountain inside of kottefaru island with a manta cleaning station (west monsoon)
KUDA THILA	Medium size pinnacle next to bodu thila. Anemone garden, big tuna, grey reef shark, healthy coral
KOTTEFARU BEYRU	Outside reef of kottefaru island, wall diving, turtles and feeding manta in west monsoon
VANDHOO THILA	South pinnacle of vandhoo island, soft corals, overhangs, big jack fish, fusilier fish
VANDHOO WALL	Outside reef of vandhoo island. Different type of morena eel, manta train in west monsoon