# Things To Do

## at The Standard, Huruvalhi Maldives

The Standard

## Read This (please):

## Here's a few tips to keep in mind when booking any of our activities.

#### **Check-list Yourself**

**Remember to grab your protective gear:** Sunblock, sunglasses, hat - to name a few.

#### Say Cheese:

Feel free to bring a camera to capture your new memories, but if venturing out to sea we suggest you:

Use a waterproof phone case. Pick one up in The Dive Shop – we'll help you accessorize.

Bring a waterproof disposable camera or GoPro so you don't miss any underwater moments.

#### Land Dwellers:

Insect repellent spray or bands will be your best friend. *Available in The Shop.* 

#### **In-Water Tips:**

The sunken barge and coral nursery are a must-see when snorkeling our house reef.

Check under the supply jetty to meet hundreds of our closest friends. Just ask us for directions.

Our corals are a bit shy - look, but don't touch!

Stay clear of the Triggerfish (the angry, buck tooth one). They're very protective of their space.

Don't be scared of the baby sharks. They tickle, not bite.

Shell Yeah!



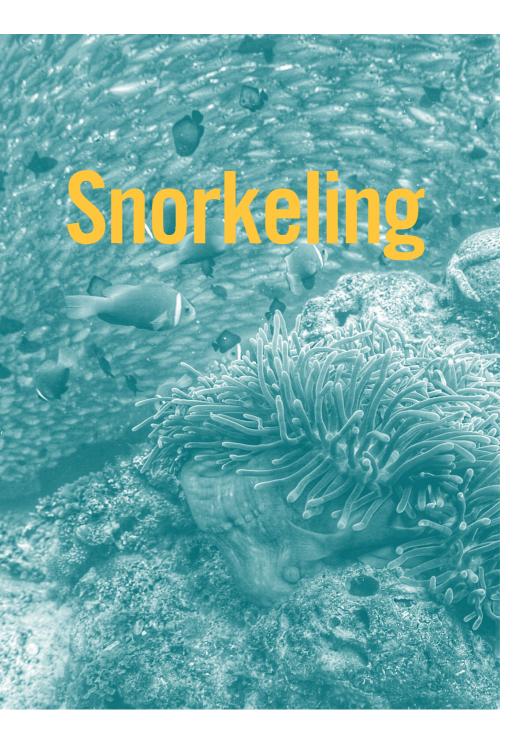
## **01.** Learn to fish like a local on this nocturnal adventure, casting hoop lines into an atoll while enjoying a starry Maldivian sky.

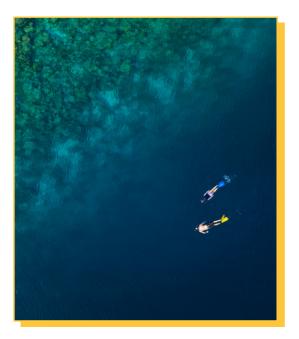
No experience brings you closer to Maldivian culture than fishing, a vital economic and social island activity. Either during the day or under the twinkling moonlight, anchor your boat at the edge of an atoll and learn to line-fish with hoop reels. With one of the world's most diverse aquatic ecosystems, you'll be pulling in mackerel, snappers, emperors, jacks, and other nocturnal reef fish and, if you so choose, have the chef grill them up for you back at the resort. Fishing with the kids? They'll love snacking on fish bait-shaped gummies and sweets while gazing at the star-filled skies.



## **02.** Enjoy leisurely downtime and bursts of adrenaline-filled action as you search for and battle big game fish in this deep waters fishing adventure.

Leave the shelter of the inner atoll for deeper waters on this big game fishing expedition. Experienced local staff provide safety and training sessions, allowing guests to practice their rod casting skills in open seas. Enjoy beer, wine, champagne, and cocktails as the boat cruises the depths, trolling for tuna, swordfish, barracuda, and ocean sharks. Strap in once a big fish is hooked and fight for your prize in an epic Melvillian Maldivian melee.





## 03.

Snorkeling is an easy and enjoyable way to experience the underwater world of the Maldives. The shallow and gentle waters of the Maldives' many atolls and bays, including UNES-CO biosphere reserve Hanifaru Bay, features everything from Manta Rays to Whale Sharks (don't worry, they're just giant fish.) Great for families or first-timers, snorkeling is an ideal way to enjoy the warm Maldivian waters both day and night.

## Snorkel Safari

After a short, 25-minute boat ride, choose a buddy, suit up in snorkeling gear, and jump into the pellucid aquamarine waters of Maldives, swimming with an array of exotic fish and coral. Look carefully and you may well spot some turtles, eels, clams, and even lobster.

## **House Reef Snorkel**

There's no easier way to enjoy the ocean than The Standard's House Reef. Meet in the lobby, walk to the jetty, and jump into one of the most spectacular underwater worlds imaginable, including 98 types of coral that are home to over 220 species of marine life.

## **Starlight Snorkel**

Imagine floating quietly in the sea beneath a sky filled with more stars than you've ever seen. Roll over and shine your waterproof flashlight on the reef and experience an entirely different community of marine life that are active only at night. Depending on the season, shut off the light and swim amidst the glitter of bioluminescent plankton.



## **04.** There are few more exciting and yet leisurely experiences than floating alongside a green sea turtle as it gently dines on sea grasses.

Take it slow, and go with the flow on a morning turtle expedition. Turtles are easy to locate, love shallow water with lots of marine life, and don't mind sharing the water with snorkelers. Five of the world's seven different sea turtle species call the Maldives home. Discover the beautiful Maldivian aquaculture hidden just beneath the surface from a turtle's perspective.



## **05.** Swimming with giant mantas is the experience of a lifetime.

These giant creatures may seem imposing but they're extremely gentle and not at all shy. Watch them glide through the water as various fish swim alongside in harmonious symbiosis. If you're lucky, you may even spot a whale shark, or better known as the largest fish in the world.

Note: This is a seasonal activity (July - October only)

# **Boats**, Booze and Beyond



## **06.** Board a boat cruise in search of the over 20 species of dolphins that call the Maldives home, all while sipping a cocktail and working on your tan.

Lounge around on this relaxing boat cruise as you scan the sea for dolphin pods and try your luck at snapping a photo as they jump from the water, performing their acrobatics and aerial maneuvers. Did we mention the cocktail in your hand?



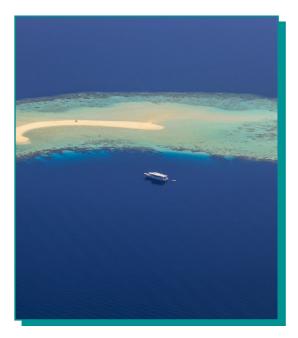
## **07.** Set sail on a romantic sunset cruise around the island while noshing on small bites and bubbles (or whatever your drink of choice is). No better way to wind down another epic day of sun and sea than with more sea!

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## **08.** Take a boat to visit different island communities and learn about the Maldivian lifestyle, including coral architecture, fruit picking, a guided tour of Ibrahim Fulhu Museum, and a visit to a traditional doctor.

Take a boat to Kudarikilu and Kendhoo islands to learn about traditional local lifestyle and history. Mingle with locals to learn about everyday island life while visiting contemporary and historical buildings and enjoy a tour of the Ibrahim Fulhu Museum, guided by the museum's founder and respected historian Ibraham Fulhu himself or with local Docent (depending on availability). Swing by a few beaches and The Old Banyan Tree along the way as your personal Polaroid photographer documents your adventure.



## **09.** Take a boat to an isolated and uninhabited slice of powdery white sand, surrounded by turquoise water and left alone to do as you please. *\*wink wink\**

This is why you brought your drone: for an aerial shot of you and your boo (or crew) on your own personal sandbar. Get shuttled to a private island (Kuda Vilingilli) where you'll find a nicely arranged pergola with blankets, cushions, and a picnic basket with your choice of snacks and a bottle of wine or a bucket of beer. Press play on your island playlist and the rest is up to you: build a sandcastle, toss the frisbee, frolic on the beach, or just laze the day away in crystal clear waters... it's your private sandbank for the day. When you're ready to return, just call the resort on the cell phone provided on departure.

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# **10.** Travel by boat to a nearby reef (length of voyage depending on season) and paddle into an empty line-up, for many a once-in-a-lifetime surfing experience.

Maldives may be famous for the underwater world, but there's some amazing waves for all levels of surfers. With a boat on standby in case you get tired or thirsty, this will be one surf safari you'll be stoked on for years.

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## **11.** Join one of our legendary afternoon pool parties at the main pool.

After 20 years of epic pool parties in Los Angeles and Miami, kick back at our infinity pool overlooking the crystal-clear waters and lounge all day long with a cocktail in hand & our beats in the air.



## **12.** Enjoy a movie on the beach and beneath the stars at our weekly moonlit double-feature with specialty themed tipples and treats.

Enjoy weekly movie screenings on our beachfront, including films for both families and adults. Stretch out on the sand or plop down in one of our cozy loungers and enjoy our curated menu of snacks and drinks inspired by the films.

Note: Weekly Moonlight Cinema screened at Todis Bar in case of rain.



## **13.** Coconut water is the nectar of the islands, but a cocktail is the nectar of The Standard.

Enjoy a demonstration in traditional tree-climbing techniques from an experienced staff member as he kicks off his shoes, throws on a sarong and free climbs to retrieve a fresh coconut. Then head over to Todis Bar to extract the juice for a custom-made cocktail, served right in your coconut shell.



## **14.** Watch and learn Maldivian palm frond weaving techniques and then weave your own basket, mat, mask, or hat.

Traditional Maldivian palm frond weaving supplies local communities with everything from baskets and masks to mats and roofing. Enjoy a demonstration of palm frond weaving and then join a workshop to make your own hand-made souvenir. Using traditional techniques passed down through generations, you will weave your own hat, fan, beach mat, or basket (ideal for the beach as they let the sand slip through).



## 15.

The Boduberu team meets at Todis Bar for a night of tribal beats, chanting, and dancing. The stage is set for anyone brave enough to join the Boduberu trance or sit back and enjoy the show.

Starting with a procession through the island to gather all guests, the show begins tame, then beats grows stronger until they reach the trance-like stage at which point the dancers come alive, making faces and sticking out their tongues as they move to the frenetic beat of the drums. We encourage all guests to join, and at the end of the show are welcome to get photos with the Boduberu group and their drums.



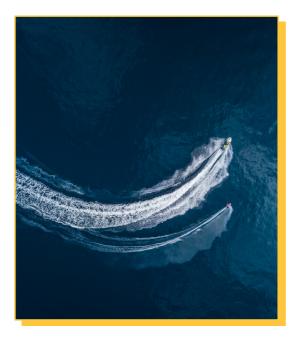
## **16.** Hammam Spa Mixer.

We don't think a spa always has to be quiet. Pop into our hammam for a communal do-it-yourself session with all your friends, both old and new. We'll provide the scrub and mud.

## Spa Sleepover (at Tonic)

Far from your childhood pajama party, begin with an herbal smoke blend, after which you'll slip into a sarong and enter the spa garden. Sample different services for a few hours over cocktails and bites (think tonics, elixirs, fruit bowls, etc.) and enjoy the pool and cozy daybeds. Around 11pm, enjoy a workshop or movie until 2am, when loungers are transformed into sleep-over beds with blankets and pillows. You're free to return to your room at any time, but those staying the night will receive one last early morning elixir at wake-up to kick-off a new day.

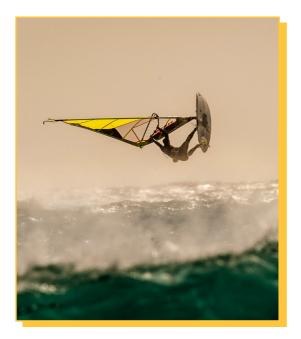




# Watersports

## **17.** Tubing, Kayaking Aqua Park, Jet Ski

Speedboat-driven water sports are adrenaline-filled fun for the whole family, or take a more leisurely outing such as a sunset kayak or paddle a glass-bottomed boat. Either way, our water sports are some of the best ways to explore the open water around the resort. Please just watch out for our turtle friends along the way!



## **18.** Stand Up Paddleboarding Windsurfing, Kitesurfing, Waterskiing, Monoskiing, Wakeboarding

Sheltered by reefs, the waters surrounding The Standard are a boardrider's dream. Enjoy the calm interior atoll location with a leisurely stand up paddleboard cruise around the resort. If that's too tame, get high with a kitesurfing class.



## **19.** Whether you're an experienced waterman or wanna-be mermaid, there are dozens of diving opportunities from introductory courses to shipwreck scavenger hunts.

Every trip to the Maldives must include some time underwater, mingling with some of the world's most diverse marine life. From introductory and children's PADI courses to specialty instruction, including digital underwater photography and fish identification classes, there's an aquatic experience for everyone. Suit up and slip into the peaceful, clear waters of the Maldives, including our pristine house reef which is home to 98 types of coral that are home to over 220 species of marine life.

## Dive package

1-5 dives USD 100 (per dive)
6-10 dives USD 95 (per dive)
11-20 dives USD 90 (per dive)
21 Dives of more USD 85 (per dive)
House Reef Dive USD 75 (per dive)
Early morning or night dive supplement USD 15
Complimentary nitrox for EANX certified divers

## Personalize your experience

Private guide for 2 or more divers USD 60 Private guide for 1 diver USD 100

## **Equipment Rental (Per dive)**

All (BCD, regulator, computer & wetsuit) USD 10 One item (BCD, regulator, computer or wetsuit) USD 5 Torch rental (one torch) USD 10 Snorkel Kit (mask, fins, snorkel) USD 10 Mask USD 5 Fins USD 5 Snorkel USD 5 Snorkel USD 5 Magnifying glass USD 5 Surface buoy USD 5 Pressure gauge USD 5 Octopus USD 5 Alternative air source USD 5 Low pressure hose for BCD USD 5

## **PADI Courses**

Price includes all equipment, boat fees and certification Bubblemaker (8+ years old) USD 120 Discover Scuba Diving (10+ year old, max depth 12m) USD 180 Repeat Discover Scuba Diving (by boat) USD 150 Padi Scuba Diver (3 dives and theory lessons) USD 550 Open Water Diver (4 dives) USD 750 Open Water Diver with a Private Instructor USD 950 Open Water Diver e-learning (theory at home, practical at the resort) USD 550 Upgrade from Scuba Diver to Open Water Diver USD 350

## PADI Scuba Tune up

USD 155 Required for certified divers with 2 years inactivity (price includes all equipment and one dive)

## **Advanced PADI Courses**

Price includes tank, weights and certification Adventure Diver (3 dives) USD 480 Advanced Open Water (5 dives) USD 600 Advanced Open Water & Nitrox Specialty (5 dives) USD 730 Rescue Diver USD 750 Emergency First Response USD 170



## **20.** Take your commitment to sustainability below the surface of the sea, enrolling in an aquatic environmental education course or learning to dive tank-free.

Given the challenges the Maldives faces from a changing environment, there's no more suitable venue to add some sustainability studies to your holiday and The Standard's commitment to such extends below the surface of the sea, including both PADI Project Aware Specialist and PADI Project Aware Coral Reef Conservation Diver courses. Or go natural, and leave the tanks behind as you take your snorkeling skills underwater with a Skin Diver or Freediver course. The Standard Specialty Courses focus on environmental awareness and protection of the marine ecosystem.

## **Specialty Courses**

PADI Enriched Air Diver USD 170 Deep Diver Specialty (4 dives) USD 450 Peak Performance Buoyancy Specialty (2 dives) USD 350

#### PADI Basic Freediver Course USD 250

Confined water session to learn breathhold techniques as well as static and dynamic apnea, plus proper buddy procedures. Goal - static apnea of 90 seconds and dynamic apnea of 25 metres/80 feet.

### PADI Freediver Course USD 400

Confined water session to learn breathhold techniques as well as static and dynamic apnea. Goal – static apnea of 90 seconds and dynamic apnea of 25 metres/80 feet. Open water sessions to practice free immersion and constant weight freedives, plus proper buddy procedures. Goal – constant weight freedive of 10 metres/30 feet.

## PADI Advanced Freediver Course USD 450

Confined water session to learn breathhold techniques as well as static and dynamic apnea. Goal – static apnea of 150 seconds and dynamic apnea of 50 metres/164 feet. Open water sessions to practice free immersion and constant weight freedives, plus proper buddy procedures. Goal – constant weight freedive of 20 metres/65 feet.

## **Upgrade Your Diving Adventure**

Digital Underwater Imaging Specialty (Includes 2 dives, digital camera rental & Photo USB) USD 350 Drift Diver Specialty (2 dives) USD 350 Underwater Navigation (3 dives) USD 400

## PADI Project Aware Fish Identification

#### (Includes 2 dives) USD 350

Once you learn to recognize the types of fish you see, you'll find it easier to spot and reference the exact species during and after each of your dives. Over two open-water dives, you'll learn how to identify characteristics of local fish families and species, as well as important information about fish survey techniques. Most importantly, you'll help Project AWARE work towards the protection of aquatic life in the Maldives.

## **Price List**

Fish Like a LocalUSD 100Big Game FishingUSD 200/HourTurtle ExpeditionUSD 80Snorkel SafariUSD 80House Reef SnorkelUSD 35Starlight SnorkelUSD 35Hanifaru Manta SnorkelUSD 150Lucky Dolphin CruiseUSD 90Sunset CruiseUSD 90Local Island HoppingUSD 250/CouplesSurf SafariUSD 200/HourCoconut FishingUSD 20Private YogaUSD 145
Private Yoga       USD 145         Jet Ski       USD 79/15 Mins per person         Waterski       USD 80/30 Mins per person         Windsurfing Lesson       USD 75 per person         Fun Tube       USD 35/15 Mins         Spa Sleepover       Price upon request

## Free of charge

Standard Pool Parties Moonlight Cinema Traditional Boduberu Hammam Spa Mixer Sunrise & Sunset Yoga