



## HUB Excursions

**Welcome to the Home of the Underwater  
Biosphere (HUB) at Amilla Fushi.**

Managed & Operated by Dive Butler

***“The sea, once it casts its spell, holds one in its net of wonder forever”.***  
**Jacques Yves Cousteau.**



## Excursions

Throughout your stay, the HUB team is on hand to offer scheduled excursions that allow you to sample the delights of the **UNESCO** Biosphere Reserve in the Baa Atoll. Choose the pace of your adventure; whether it's simply relaxing on a deserted sand bank, snorkeling around stunning coral reefs, or immersing yourself in Maldivian culture with a visit to a local village. Each excursion can be personalized in accordance with the comments below the experience summary. GoPro rentals and video services are available to capture your unforgettable Maldivian experiences, whether on land or at sea.

***“The journey, not the destination matters...”***

***T.S. Eliot***

## Snorkeling

All of the following scheduled experiences are conducted by one of our experienced snorkel guides. Each one of our guides has been handpicked for their in-depth knowledge on the underwater world, and comes fully trained in first aid. Snorkeling equipment is provided on a complimentary basis, and you may keep hold of it for the duration of your stay. Upon request, your Katheeb/a will escort you to HUB, which is located at the marina on the dive jetty just opposite the arrival jetty. Unguided snorkeling is permitted around the island, however for your comfort and safety we recommend that you discuss your wishes with a member of our knowledgeable team for the best advice on where to enter the water, as well as potential risks such as boat traffic, currents and other important considerations. Be sure to bring your waterproof camera or rent a GoPro.

### Guided House Reef Discovery Snorkel

The perfect introduction for those that are new to snorkeling: join our guides for a short introductory session in our shallow, protected lagoon and, once you feel comfortable enough in the water, you can proceed on a guided tour of our spectacular House Reef. This activity is conducted without a boat.

**When?** Every Mon, Wed & Fri from 11:00 until 12:00 **How much?** \$45++

**Personalize this experience:** *Request a private guide and enjoy this activity with just you and your loved ones. Please note additional that fees apply.*

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### Sunrise Snorkeling

As dawn breaks and the spectacular colors of the Maldives begin to emerge, join us as we head to one of the top snorkeling spots in the Baa atoll. Immerse yourself in the blue yonder and marvel as the coral reef and its inhabitants – among them turtles and schooling reef fish - wake up right beneath you.

**When?** Every Wednesday from 08:00 until 09:30    **How much?** \$60++

**Personalize this experience:** *Enjoy this experience on a vessel of your choice, with your own private guide and/or marine biologist onboard. Please note that additional fees apply - see boat charter options for more information.*

### Night Snorkeling

This is the ultimate adrenaline kick for the serious snorkeler! As night falls on the reef, it takes on a whole new dimension, with a medley of unusual species of flora and fauna emerging. Small groups are led by a member of our Marine Biology team, who love to top off the tour of the House Reef with a display of the mesmerizing bioluminescent plankton. Snorkel vests and torches are provided and must be used by all participants for safety, comfort and enjoyment.

**When?** Every Monday from 21:00 until 22:00    **How much?** \$130++

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### Blue Hole Snorkeling

Amilla Fushi is proud to have one of the Baa Atoll's most unique reef formations right on its very own House Reef. Accessible with a short boat ride, the Amilla Blue Hole is a tropical reef wonder and this trip allows you to snorkel above the entrance to the mysterious hole. Scattered near the Blue Hole are numerous coral blocks inhabited by a plethora of schooling fish.

**When?** Every Thu from 11:00 until 12:00 & every Sun from 15:00 until 16:00

**How much?** \$50++

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## Marine Biologist-led excursions and activities

### Marine Biology Talk

Join our resident Marine Biologist for an informative presentation and relaxed Q&A session. Find out the answers to all those nagging questions you've stored up from days spent beneath the surface and learn about the secretive lives of the creatures on the reef. This is a wonderful activity suitable for all the family, sharing our Marine Biologist's passion for the Ocean.

**When?** Upon request

**How much?** Complimentary

**Personalize this experience:** *Enjoy this experience privately with our Marine Biologist. Please note additional fees apply.*

### Hanifaru Manta snorkeling (in season only)

The Baa Atoll plays host to an amazing natural phenomena, whereby large concentrations of plankton attract scores of Whale Sharks to feed at Hanifaru Bay. This is seasonal and peaks between June and October, when you have the best chance of encountering these gentle giants. This snorkeling excursion is led by our Marine Biology team, together with a certified tour guide, and is likely to be one of the most memorable experiences you will ever have.

Please note that due to the status of the Marine Protected Area, we are only able to offer this excursion every other day. Please check with the HUB for the current schedule.

You may also place your name on the **Manta On Call** list, and our team will call you when Mantas are sighted for a spontaneous outing in hopes of a Manta encounter, maximizing the chances of swimming alongside these graceful creatures.

**When?** Every other day in season, varies depending on season, tides and sightings.

**How much?** \$175++

**Personalize this experience:** *Enjoy this experience on a vessel of your choice, with your own private guide and/or marine biologist onboard. Please note that additional fees apply - see boat charter options for more information. **\*\* Your experience at Hanifaru bay is limited to 45 minutes in the water as per local regulation \*\****

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### Amilla Blue Journey

Join our Marine biologist on a fun and educative snorkel tour of our spectacular House Reef. During this interactive experience, you will learn how to ID the various fish families and discover some fun facts about Amilla's ecosystem.

**When?** Every Friday from 15:00 until 16:00      **How much?** \$60++

**Personalize this experience:** *Enjoy this experience with your own private guide and/or marine biologist. Please note that additional fees apply.*

### Turtle Safari

Turtles are one of the nature's toughest survivors and, within this area of Baa atoll; we are lucky enough to support one of the largest populations of hawksbill turtles in the Maldives. This experience is conducted at a nearby reef, where you'll have a good chance to swim alongside these curious creatures, led by our Marine Biologist. The excursion is complemented with a briefing on how to identify turtles and an explanation on the current status of turtles around the world. Perhaps you'll be lucky enough to discover a new turtle at the reef and name it after a loved one, a friend or yourself!

**When?** Every Tue & Friday from 09:30 until 11:30      **How much?** \$130++

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### Reef Hopping

This experienced offers snorkeling at its best for underwater aficionados. Join our experienced team of guides as they handpick a duo of reefs based on the current conditions – you'll be amazed at the incredible fish life that the Maldives is famous for. This excursion comprises two separate snorkel sites, giving you an insight as to why the Baa Atoll has been achieved its UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status.

**When?** Every Saturday from 15:00 until 17:30      **How much?** \$170++

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### Snorkel Adventure

Discover amazing reefs that are simply teeming with life on this underwater adventure. Led by our Marine Biologist, the Snorkel Adventure will give you an understanding of our fantastic yet fragile coral reef ecosystem in-situ.

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**How much?** \$130++

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### Ocean Discovery

Our Ocean Discovery excursion combines two wonderful wildlife encounters: the Turtle Safari and the Dolphin Cruise. On this special adventure, you'll have a chance to snorkel with curious turtles and try your luck at spotting a pod of dolphins out at sea - perfect for wildlife lovers - with our Marine Biologist on hand to elevate your experience.

**When?** Every Sunday from 09:30 until 12:30

**How much?** \$170++

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## Fishing

For centuries, the Maldivians have lived and breathed at one with the ocean, depending on it for survival and sustenance. Our fishing excursions harness local knowledge and customs for a traditional Maldivian experience. Maldivians have perfected the technique of hand line fishing, and there's no fresher catch of the day. Above a certain per guest quota as determined by our Marine Biologist, we practice catch and release practices.

***"Fishes come in 3 sizes, small, medium and the one that got away"***  
***Unknown***

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### Traditional Sunrise Fishing

Race against dawn and capture the spoils of the reef as the sun rises on the horizon. Mornings are typically the most active time of day on the reef, as fish school together to hunt. Try your luck and bring home the freshest 'Jack Fish' or perhaps an 'Emperor Fish'. It's a perfect tonic for the "Monday Blues" - or any blues for that matter.

**When?** Every Monday from 08:00 until 10:00      **How much?** \$80++

**Enhance this experience:** *Allow the Amilla Chefs at Bazaar to carefully prepare your catch for dinner. Additional fees apply.*

**Personalize this experience:** *Enjoy this experience on a vessel of your choice, with your own private guide and/or marine biologist onboard. Please note that additional fees apply - see boat charter options for more information.*

### Traditional Sunset Fishing

This is the perfect way to end the day as the sun sets in a spectacular display over the horizon. Try your luck at catching a 'Grouper' or a 'Red Snapper' as dusk sets in, using traditional hand line Maldivian methods.

**When?** Every Wed, Fri & Sun from 19:00 until 21:00      **How much?** \$80++

**Enhance this experience:** *Allow the Amilla Chefs at Bazaar to carefully prepare your catch for dinner. Additional fees apply.*

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### Big Game Fishing

Pursue some of the Maldives' notorious big game fish on this private adventure. Choose dawn or dusk, and spend a day on the hunt for an enormous 'Sailfish' or 'Tuna'. On your return, Amilla's Chefs will transform your catch into a dish to suit your desires. Please note this is a private excursion.

**When?** Upon request      **How much?** Subject to the vessel chartered

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## Maldivian Experiences

There is nothing more quintessentially Maldivian than a day spent lapping up island life, whether you're seeking solitude, the company of your loved ones or a chance to absorb some local culture. Our carefully selected Maldivian Experiences are curated with Amilla's beguiling Biosphere Reserve surrounds in mind.

***"Traveling - it leaves you speechless then turns you into a storyteller!"  
Ibn Batuta - 14th century scholar and adventurer who travelled through the  
Maldives***

### Sandbank Visit

This serene experience epitomizes tranquility. Imagine yourself alone on a curl of sugar soft sand, dabbling your toes in an idyllic turquoise lagoon. Our private sand bank appears only with the drop of the tide, before the Indian Ocean lays claims to it once more. For a moment, you'll find yourself in total solitude, cast far from anything at all; a soothing experience that serves as the ultimate relaxing remedy in paradise.

**When?** Every Friday from 16:30 until 18:00

**How much?** \$100++

**Personalize this experience:** *Enjoy this experience on a vessel of your choice, with your own private guide and/or marine biologist onboard. Please note that additional fees apply - see boat charter options for more information.*

### Local Village

Soak up true Maldivian culture at a local village, where you'll be immersed in traditional custom. With your guide in tow, you'll have a chance to meet the villagers, learn some Dhivehi phrases and sample Maldivian cuisine. We recommend that all visitors to any Maldivian village respect local tradition and dress conservatively. Mosquito repellent is advised.

**When?** Every Thursday from 16:00 until 18:00

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### Truly Maldives

Combining the Sandbank and Local Village experiences, our Truly Maldives excursion gives you a chance to soak up island vibes and live like the Maldivians do.

**When?** Every Tuesday from 15:30 until 19:00

**How much?** \$170++

**Personalize this experience:** *Enjoy this experience on a vessel of your choice, with your own private guide and/or marine biologist onboard. Please note that additional fees apply - see boat charter options for more information.*

### Starry Starry Night

Looking up at the sky on a warm Maldivian night is one of the best feelings in the world, and there's no better way to take it in than from the bow of a boat. With no light pollution, you'll catch a glimpse of the Milky Way, punctuated with shooting stars as far as the eye can see.

**When?** Every Tuesday from 21:30 until 23:00

**How much?** \$170++

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### Full Moon Cruise

Enjoy the beauty of the full moon shimmering on the surface as you cruise across the Indian Ocean. Relax on one of our traditional Maldivian dhonis and feel the warm night breeze as moonlight catches the waves and illuminates the surrounding islands. Champagne and delectable canapés will be served by our friendly crew on this unique once a month experience.

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## Cruising

The Maldives is traditionally a seafaring country, with some 1,200 islands strung across the equator like a pearl necklace. Boats have long been a necessity for this island nation, and we believe that there is simply no better way to experience the spoils of the Maldives than by boat.

### Luxury Sunrise Cruise

For early birds who wish to start the day in style, this is an opportunity to enjoy dawn out on the open ocean. Rise and shine with a glass of juice or champagne paired with freshly baked pastries, and soak up another beautiful morning in paradise.

**When?** Every Thursday from 08:00 until 9:30      **How much?** \$195++

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### Dolphin Cruise

For centuries, Maldivian fishermen have believed that dolphins watch over them, and this is a chance for you to seek out a pod of dolphins at sunset onboard a traditional dhoni. Whether it's the beautiful Bottlenose or the playful Spinner, keep your cameras poised for a snap of these breathtaking creatures in action; the Maldivian sunset provides a perfect backdrop.

**When?** Every Thursday from 18:30 until 20:30      **How much?** \$80++

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### Luxury Sunset Cruise

Set sail for the sunset on a luxurious vessel. Sit back and relax with the sound of the waves to soothe you as the crew serves champagne and canapés. The sky lights up in a dazzling array of colours as the sun sets.

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### Sunset Cruise

Experience sunset in traditional Maldivian style with a cruise onboard one of our authentic dhonis. Watch as dusk paints the sky with an impossible spectrum of colours reflected against the surface of the sea, and enjoy champagne and canapés served by your crew.

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