

CORAL REEF CONSERVATION PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

MARINE CONSERVATION DIVING TRIP

Sample Itinerary: 7 day trip**

- Day 1 Check dive and an introduction to the Maldives and its underwater world
- Day 2 Early morning manta ray dive; reef fish photography and identification workshop; afternoon drift dives to become familiar with Indian Ocean fishes; coral reef ecology seminar
- Day 3 Early morning deep pinnacle dive for sharks and pelagics; shark and ray workshop (ecology, biology, conservation); afternoon reef fish assessments; evening coral reef ecology seminar
- Day 4 Early morning channel dive; training in coral identification and survey approaches with in-water practice; afternoon turtle dive with evening seminar on their ecology, identification and conservation measures
- Day 5 Early morning reef wall dive for invertebrates; invertebrate identification session; night dive
- Day 6 Assessment on reefs impacted by crown-of-thorns starfish; starfish ecology workshop and dives to remove starfish and coral-eating snails; evening seminar on coral reef threats
- Day 7 Whale shark and/or manta ray snorkels and dives; debrief on skills learned and trip highlights

^{**}Please note that a scheduled itinerary may differ due to seasonal and weather restrictions, and may include alternative options, such as: coral nursery establishment, coral disease workshops etc.