



# A Touch Of Luxury

WITH EUROPE an expensive choice at the moment due to the pound plunging against the euro this might be the time to venture further afield. And where better to head than the idyllic Maldives?

Situated in a secluded corner of the South Ari Atoll, the luxurious Conrad Maldives Rangali Island is surrounded by some of the world's best dive sites. The resort's dive centre offers a variety of PADI courses and excursions for all levels, which will allow you to fully experience the idyllic underwater paradise of the Indian Ocean.

For those looking to take their first underwater steps, the resort's numerous house reefs offer the perfect setting for a Discovery Dive. For keen divers, the world-famous Manta Point 'Madivaru' is only minutes from the shore and just one of numerous world-class dive spots situated within 30 minutes of the resort.

Group or individual dive excursions can be arranged dependent on preference and a wealth of PADI courses, from underwater photography to Shark Diver and Night Diving are available to help you pursue your own interests. For true enthusiasts, there is even the opportunity to hold an underwater renewal of love ceremony!



Programme' until June before returning again later in the year.

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Profit organisation has already paved the way in establishing new whale shark protection guidelines in the country, with the Maldivian Government requesting their direction to establish community and tourism industry guidelines to protect the vulnerable species.

During the team's visit the Conrad Maldives Rangali Island will once again provide sponsorship and equipment including a research vessel, dive kit, food, fuel, maintenance and accommodation to support the team's efforts as part of their ongoing commitment to protecting the fragile paradise setting of the resort.

Visitors to Rangali Island will also have the opportunity to learn more about the whale shark population from the team during their regular visits back to the resort as well as the opportunity to join the team on research trips. Longer volunteer programmes are also available with team members involved in all aspects of the research, from photographing, measuring and swimming with the whale sharks to participation in community workshops and important database maintenance.

For more information visit: [www.maldiveswhalesharkresearch.org](http://www.maldiveswhalesharkresearch.org)

For further information on the resort visit: [www.conradmaldives.com](http://www.conradmaldives.com)

Above the water, Conrad Maldives Rangali Island's guests experience the highest level of luxury diving in the Maldives. A new top-of-the-range Dhoni provides divers with extra space to relax pre and post dive, whilst everything from freshwater showers, fluffy bath robes and towels to fresh fruit is provided onboard to truly reflect the comfort of the resort.

State-of-the-art equipment and an international team ensure all nationalities receive the highest level of tuition and care, whilst back on dry land the Conrad Maldives Rangali Island Dive Centre is fully equipped with a soundproofed compressor room, new Video Lab for individual photo CD production and classrooms.

Due to its position within one of the most fragile eco-systems on the planet, the Conrad Maldives Rangali Island also offers a range of Green Speciality PADI Courses including Naturalist, Coral Awareness and Project Aware.

The resort is also sponsoring a study on Whale Sharks to both enhance understanding of their behaviour and learn how best to protect them. A team of three UK environmental experts have made a return visit to the island, where they will continue their groundbreaking 'Maldives Whale Shark Research

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# New Website for Scuba Travel ...

THE EAGLE eyed amongst you will have noticed that over the past few months, Scuba Travel has been making some changes. Earlier this year they moved from Tony Backhurst to Scuba Travel (although it is still all the same team!).

In June they launched a great new website [www.scubatravel.com](http://www.scubatravel.com) - a one stop shop for diving holidays worldwide.

You can navigate easily from liveboards, go diving and learn to dive packages or cruise the world map for inspiration.

Alongside all the information and videos from the old website, you will find even more detail about every aspect of Scuba Travel holidays.

Sample itineraries accompany every trip as well as pictures and testimonials so you can see what others thought. You can also now book online or skype the travel team for an instant response. You can even subscribe to the Scuba Travel blog and keep up to date with the latest happenings.

Visit [www.scubatravel.com](http://www.scubatravel.com) and take a look for yourself, if you send in your comments by July 31, you will be entered to win a Red Sea holiday.



# ... And Another for Regaldive

A DIVING HOLIDAY is an incredible experience, so diving holiday specialist, Regaldive, believes that a diving website ought to be just as inspirational – which is why it has given [www.regaldive.co.uk](http://www.regaldive.co.uk) an impressive overhaul.

Now boasting a thoroughly modern look, the re-designed website features generously sized photos and spot-on detail. Destination pages – easily found via the simple navigation menus – vividly portray the local culture, marine landscape and accommodation options in easy to use tabs.

Says Regaldive's Managing Director, Andreas Elia: "This new website translates the feel of a destination so well, it almost feels like you've visited already. It informs people and inspires them to travel – the primary goal of any travel website."



For the savviest web-surfers, there's the option to sign up to an RSS news feed to stay updated on the latest Regaldive news and offers, and share buttons for linking to websites like Facebook, Digg or Twitter, or telling a mate about the site. Meanwhile, clearly laid out special offer pages promote up to the minute deals.

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