

# ART OF THE OCEAN THE MALDIVES



BLUE OCEAN  
MALDIVES



## MEET YOUR TRIP HOST

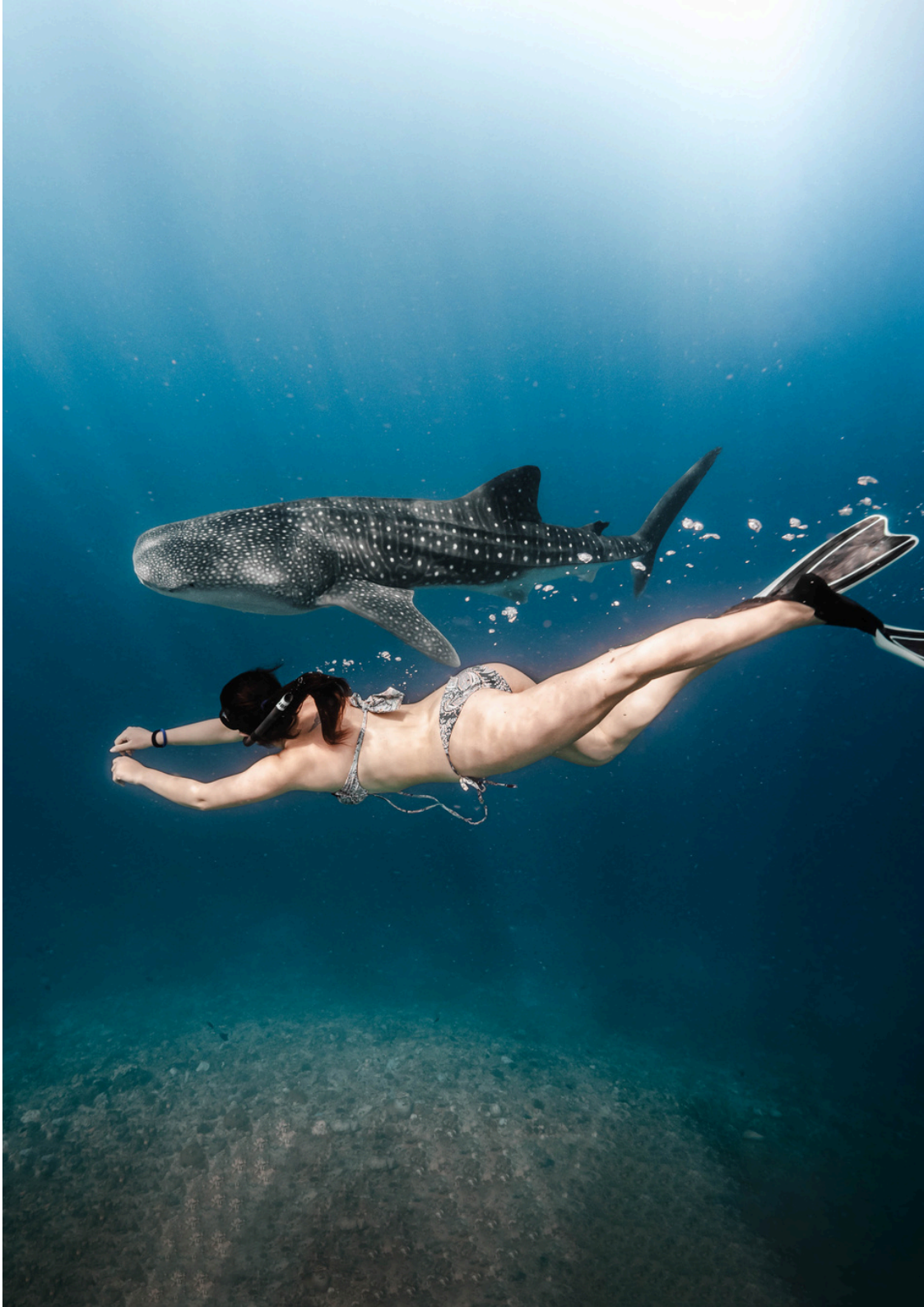
Hi, I'm Rachel and for as long as I can remember i've loved the ocean.

My life was changed when I went on a whale and dolphin research programme as a teenager, which led me to study Zoology at University. Being around so many marine biologists was really inspiring to me, and after graduating I couldn't wait to get out and see more of the world. I travelled much of Australia and South East Asia, working as a scuba instructor for 8 years in some of the worlds most biodiverse marine ecosystems. From the Great Barrier Reef on the East, the Ningaloo Reef on the West, the tiny critters in the Lembah Strait and the gigantic sharks in the Sea of the Hebrides. Each one of these places has inspired me and shaped me as an artist, and I couldn't think of a better place to explore the ocean with you than the magical Maldives!



28th February - 7th March 2026

Join us on a once-in-a-lifetime trip through the Maldives, combining world-class snorkelling with inspiring art workshops. Whether you're an ocean lover, creative spirit, or both—this journey offers exploration, relaxation, and space to create.



# AT A GLANCE

Daily guided snorkelling on vibrant reefs

Chance to see the charismatic megafauna of the Maldives, such as whale sharks, manta rays and turtles.

Dedicated time to unwind and create. Draw, photograph, write, with the tranquil backdrop of the Maldives.


Art workshops and creative guidance with professional wildlife artist Rachel Brooks.

Liveaboard accommodation with all meals

Visits to sandbanks, uninhabited islands & local villages

Professional photographer on board to capture the experience.

Suitable for all levels of experience

An underwater photograph of a whale shark swimming towards the left. The shark's head and front fins are visible, showing its characteristic white spots on a greyish-brown body. The water is dark blue, and numerous small, silvery fish are scattered throughout the scene, particularly around the shark. Sunlight rays penetrate the water from the top left, creating a shimmering effect.

# ITINERARY

## DAY 1

Arrival, airport transfer, welcome drink and snorkelling

## DAY 2-7

Guided snorkelling, relax on sand banks, evening BBQ on a deserted island, experience the culture of a local island. Edit your photos, sketch your marine wildlife sightings, and watch sunsets over the Indian Ocean.

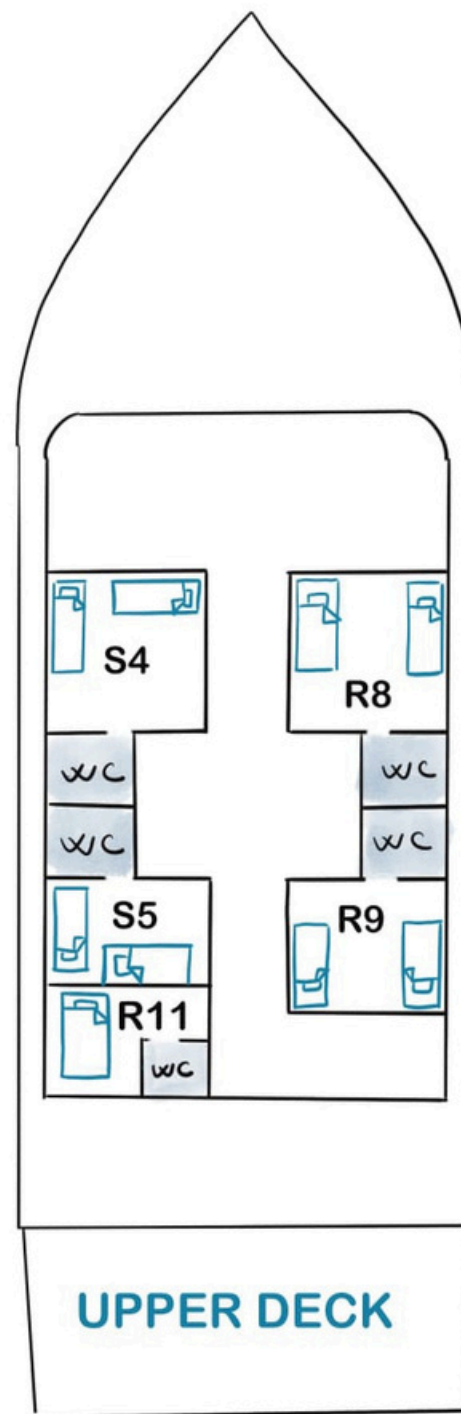
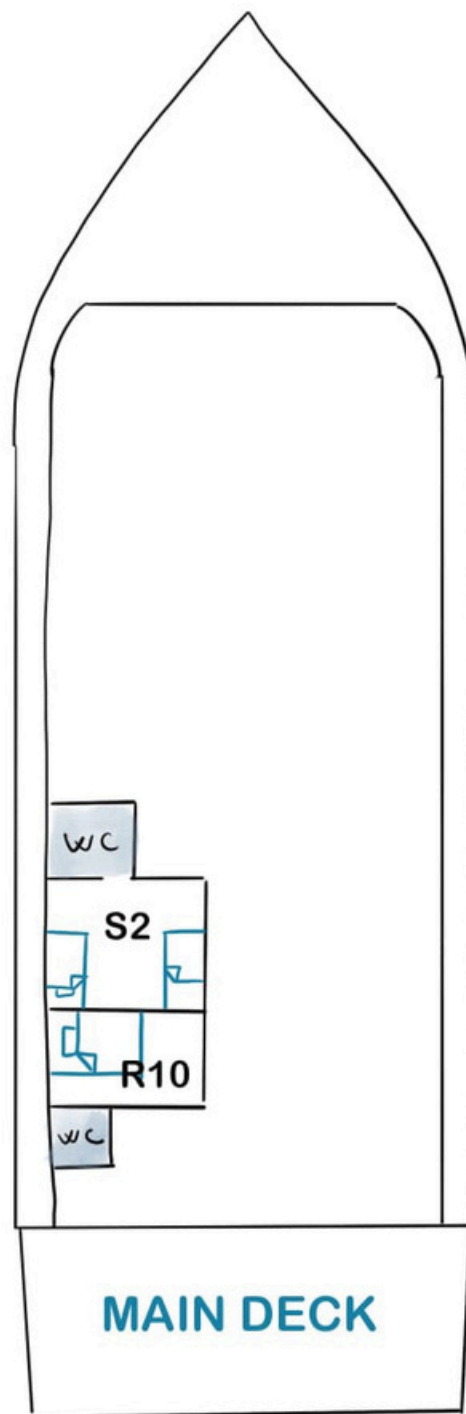
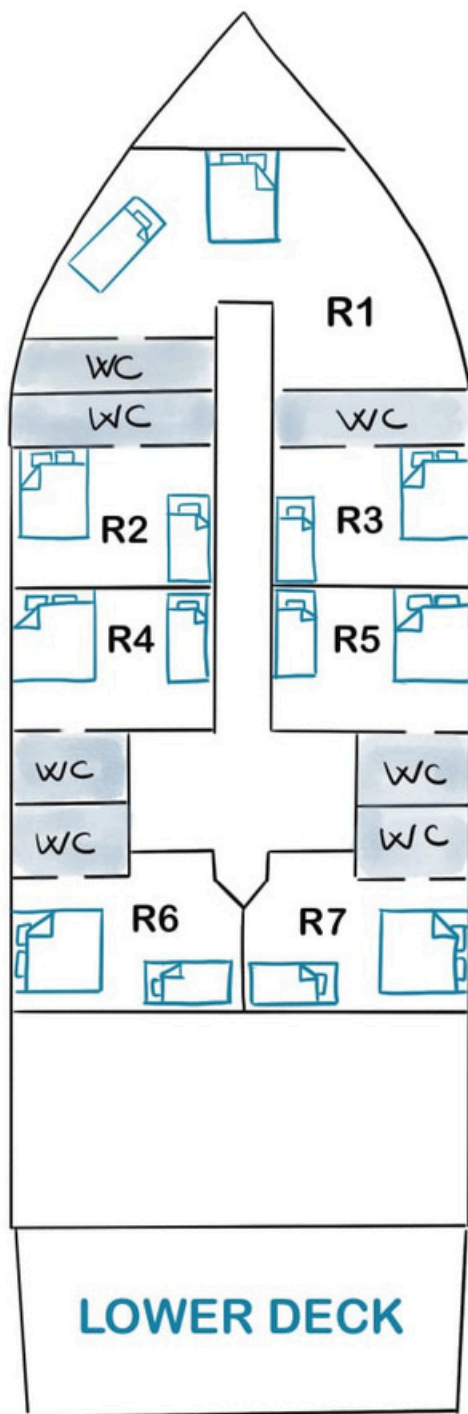
## DAY 8

Check out and transfer to Velana International airport.

The route and daily activities will be dependent on the conditions, which will be determined daily by the Captain. This is an example of what we hope to experience.

YOUR HOME ON THE WATER





### LOWER DECK

- R1 = 1 queen + 1 single
- R2 = 1 queen + 1 single
- R3 = 1 queen + 1 single
- R4 = 1 queen + 1 single
- R5 = 1 queen + 1 single
- R6 = 1 double + 1 single
- R7 = 1 double + 1 single

### MAIN DECK

- R10 = 1 double
- S2 = 1 single + 1 bunk bed

### UPPER DECK

- R8 = 2 single
- R9 = 2 single
- R11 = 1 single
- S5 = 1 single + 1 bunk bed
- S4 = 1 single + 1 bunk bed

S = Guides or Staff



# PRINCESS HASEENA

Size: Length 32 m, Width 10.5 m

Cruising Speed: 10 – 12 knots

Accommodation: 11 cabins with en-suite bathrooms (1 suite cabin, 6 cabins with twin and queen beds, 2 single cabins, 2 cabins with twin beds, air conditioning with individual controls)

Crew: 10 including captain and chef

Equipment: 20-foot dinghy with 60Hp outboard motor, soundproof marine generators 220V 50 Hz (48 kW ea.); 18,000 liters per day water desalination plant and 8,000 liters freshwater tank, 9,500 liter diesel storage, snorkelling and fishing equipment, fish finder and TV AND DVD

Engine: Cummins Marine Diesel 650 horsepower

Navigation and communications: satellite and mobile phone, GPS and depth finder, search light.





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P R I C E   I N C L U D E S :

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS ON BOARD PRINCESS HASEENA LIVEBOARD SHARING IN DOUBLE OR TRIPLE ROOM.

WELCOME DRINK ON ARRIVAL.

FULL BOARD MEAL PLAN (INCLUDES WATER, TEA AND COFFEE).

PROFESSIONAL LOCAL SNORKELLING GUIDE.

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO (1 SESSION PER DAY, DRONE & IN WATER SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS)

PREMIUM WELCOME PACK (WATER BOTTLE, BLUE OCEAN MALDIVES T-SHIRT, REEF FRIENDLY SOLAR STICK ).

ALL TRANSFERS TO AIRPORT (VELANA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT)

ALL PREVAILING GOVERNMENT TAXES (GOVERNMENT TAXES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

- TGST 17%
- GREEN TAX \$12 PER NIGHT.
- SERVICE CHARGE 10%

E X C L U S I O N S :

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

MANDATORY TRAVEL INSURANCE.

BEERS AND SOFT DRINKS THAT YOU CAN BUY ONBOARD BAR (CASH ONLY)

CUSTOMARY GRATUITIES FOR LOCAL CREW \$15USD PER DAY (CASH ONLY)

SOME DIETARY REQUIREMENTS WILL INCUR AN EXTRA SURCHARGE DUE TO LACK OF AVAILABILITY IN THE MALDIVES PLEASE GET IN TOUCH



# READY TO BOOK

Payment will be made in installments with a \$500 USD deposit being first paid to secure your booking. **Card payments** are best for ensuring accurate exchange rate.

Final payment is due 45 days prior to trip departure.

To keep this a small group experience spaces are limited.

Reserve your space on the link below with the following details

CONCEPT: Art By Rachel Retreat Maldives  
2026

AGREED PRICE: 500 USD  
DATES: 28 FEB – 7 MARCH 2026

BOOK NOW



### **BOOKINGS & RESERVATIONS**

A NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF 30% OF THE TOTAL INVOICE AMOUNT IS REQUIRED TO CONFIRM A BOOKING. THIS DEPOSIT MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS OF BOOKING CONFIRMATION IN ORDER TO SECURE THE RESERVATION.

THE REMAINING 70% BALANCE MUST BE SETTLED NO LATER THAN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED ARRIVAL DATE.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL BOOKINGS AND PAYMENTS ARE HANDLED DIRECTLY BY BLUE OCEAN MALDIVES, WHO IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRIP RESERVATIONS

### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

90 TO 60 DAYS BEFORE ARRIVAL: NO CANCELLATION FEES APPLY; HOWEVER, THE 30% DEPOSIT REMAINS NON-REFUNDABLE.

60 TO 30 DAYS BEFORE ARRIVAL: 50% OF THE TOTAL INVOICE AMOUNT WILL BE CHARGED AS A CANCELLATION FEE.

30 DAYS OR LESS BEFORE ARRIVAL: 100% OF THE TOTAL INVOICE AMOUNT WILL BE CHARGED.

NO-SHOWS OR EARLY DEPARTURES: 100% OF THE TOTAL INVOICE AMOUNT WILL BE CHARGED.

### **INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS**

WE ADVISE THAT INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS BE BOOKED ONLY AFTER THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS REQUIRED FOR THE TRIP HAS BEEN CONFIRMED. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY LOSSES INCURRED ON FLIGHTS RESERVATIONS DUE TO THE CANCELLATION OF THE TRIP CAUSED BY CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO AN INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND PURCHASING TRAVEL INSURANCE THAT INCLUDES COVERAGE FOR TRIP CANCELLATIONS AND OTHER UNFORESEEN EVENTS.

# WHAT NEXT?

If you have any questions please get in touch with [info@blueoceanmaldives.com](mailto:info@blueoceanmaldives.com) for any travel enquiries, or [artbyrachelbrooks@gmail.com](mailto:artbyrachelbrooks@gmail.com) if you'd like to know more!

You'll receive a guide of my favourite art materials for travelling for easy packing for the workshops, but you are welcome to bring your preferred materials, or use the time to swim, read and soak in the beauty of the Maldives!

Before the trip we will have an online hello for a chance to meet before the trip, and ask any questions.

We look forward to meeting you!





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