



MALDIVES

Painting the Ocean with Lara Sayegh

28th Jan - 4th Feb 2027



Meet Your Host

Hi my name is Lara!

I've been painting professionally for over five years and completed a painting course at Central Saint Martins in London. My work explores movement, light and the elemental forces of nature, drawing inspiration from time spent surfing and exploring the ocean.

I created this workshop because I believe creativity should feel enjoyable, intuitive, and accessible to everyone. It's not about painting something perfect; it's about slowing down, experimenting, and seeing the ocean through a different lens.

Whether you've never picked up a paintbrush before or simply want to spend time creating in one of the most beautiful places on earth, I'd love for you to join me.

Lara Sayegh



Maldives Art Retreat

Join Lara for an unforgettable week in the Maldives.

Live aboard a yacht as you explore crystal-clear waters, snorkel vibrant reefs, visit remote islands, and take part in inspiring painting workshops.

When: 28 January – 4 February 2027

Where: Atolls, Maldives

Painting the Ocean: Led by London-based abstract artist Lara Sayegh, this workshop is designed to help you reconnect with your creativity through the beauty and movement of the sea.

Working with acrylic paint, you'll explore colour, gesture, and flow to create your own abstract artwork inspired by the ocean. No experience is needed - it's about enjoying the process, experimenting freely, and creating without pressure.

Inspired by years of surfing and a deep connection to the ocean, Lara's practice captures the rhythm and energy of the sea through expressive, intuitive painting.

THE EXPERIENCE

- Daily guided snorkelling on vibrant reefs - chance to see whale sharks, manta rays and turtles.
- Dedicated time to unwind and create. Paint, sketch and photograph with the tranquil backdrop of the Maldives.
- Art workshops and creative guidance with abstract artist, Lara Sayegh
- Liveaboard accommodation with all meals.
- Visits to sandbanks, uninhabited islands and local villages.
- Professional photographer on board to capture the experience.
- Suitable for all levels of experience.





THE ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrival, airport transfer, welcome drink, meet the group, guided snorkelling.

DAYS 2-7

Guided snorkelling on vibrant coral reefs, with opportunities to encounter manta rays, turtles, reef sharks and, if conditions allow, whale sharks. Enjoy a sunset BBQ on a deserted island.

Between adventures, take time to unwind and create - sketch your marine wildlife encounters, paint, write, or simply soak up the peaceful surroundings. End each day watching spectacular sunsets over the Indian Ocean from the comfort of the yacht.

DAY 8

Check out and transfer to Velana International Airport.

The route and daily itinerary are dependent on weather and sea conditions and will be determined by the Captain each day to ensure the best possible experience. The schedule above is an example of what we aim to enjoy during the expedition.



YOUR HOME ON THE WATER



GUEST CABIN



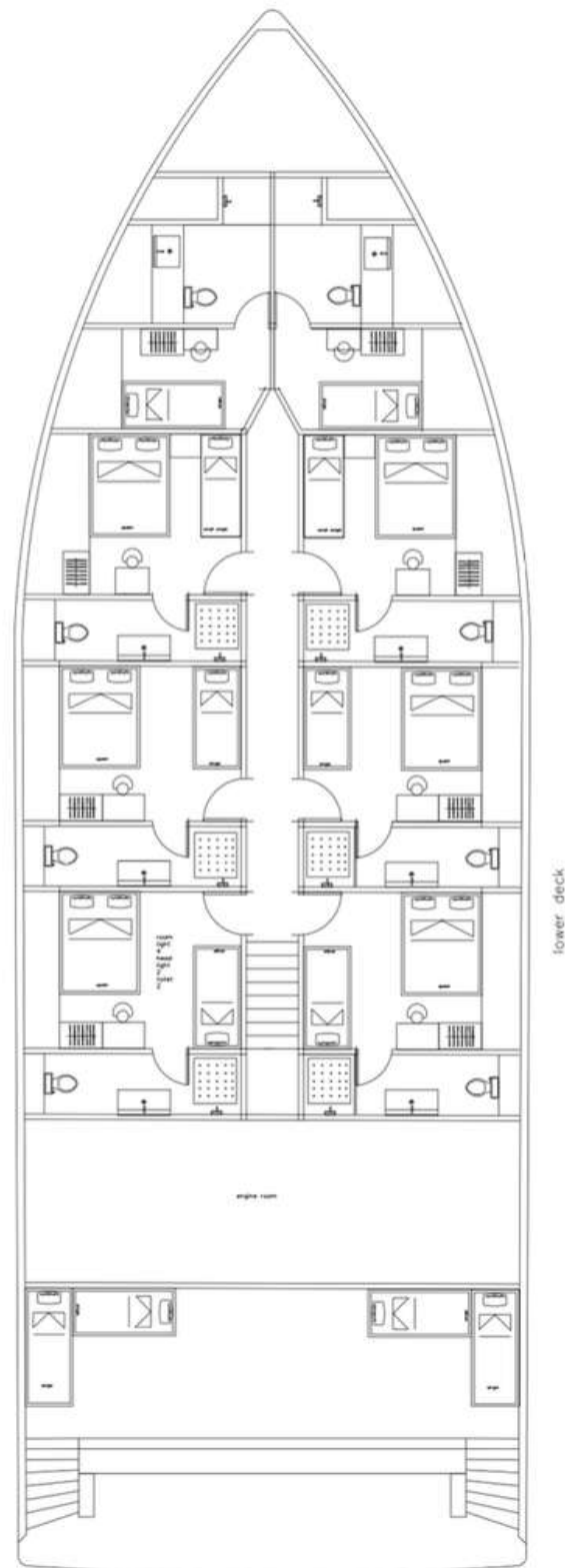
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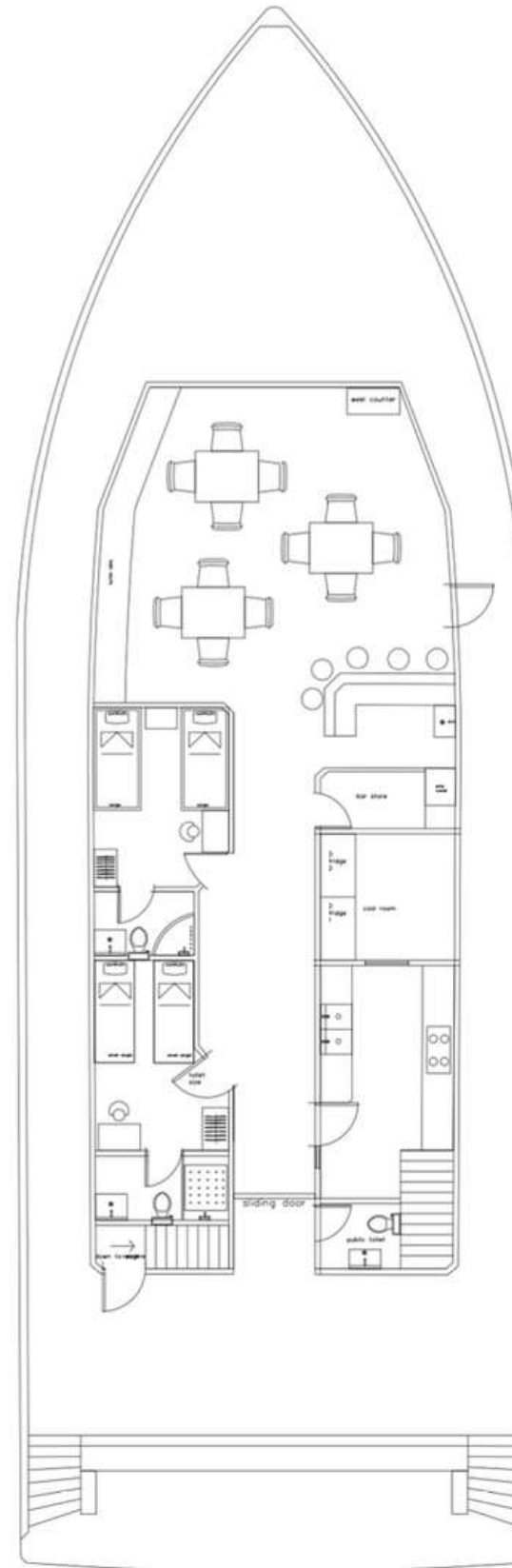
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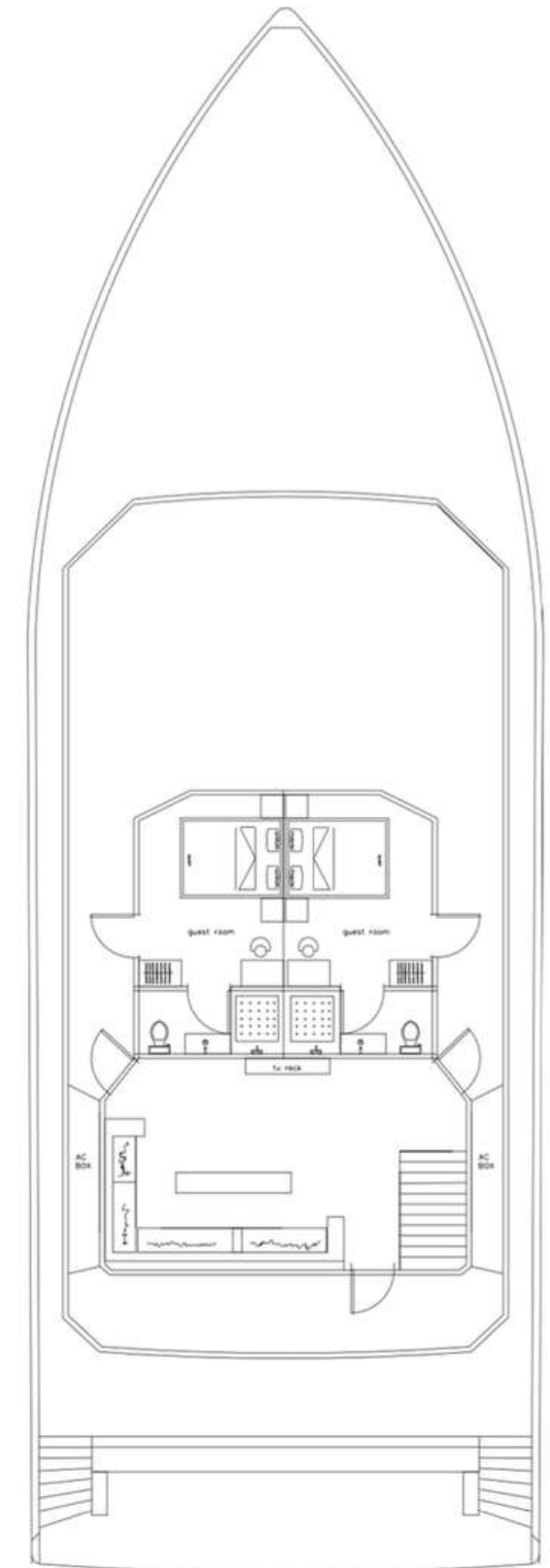
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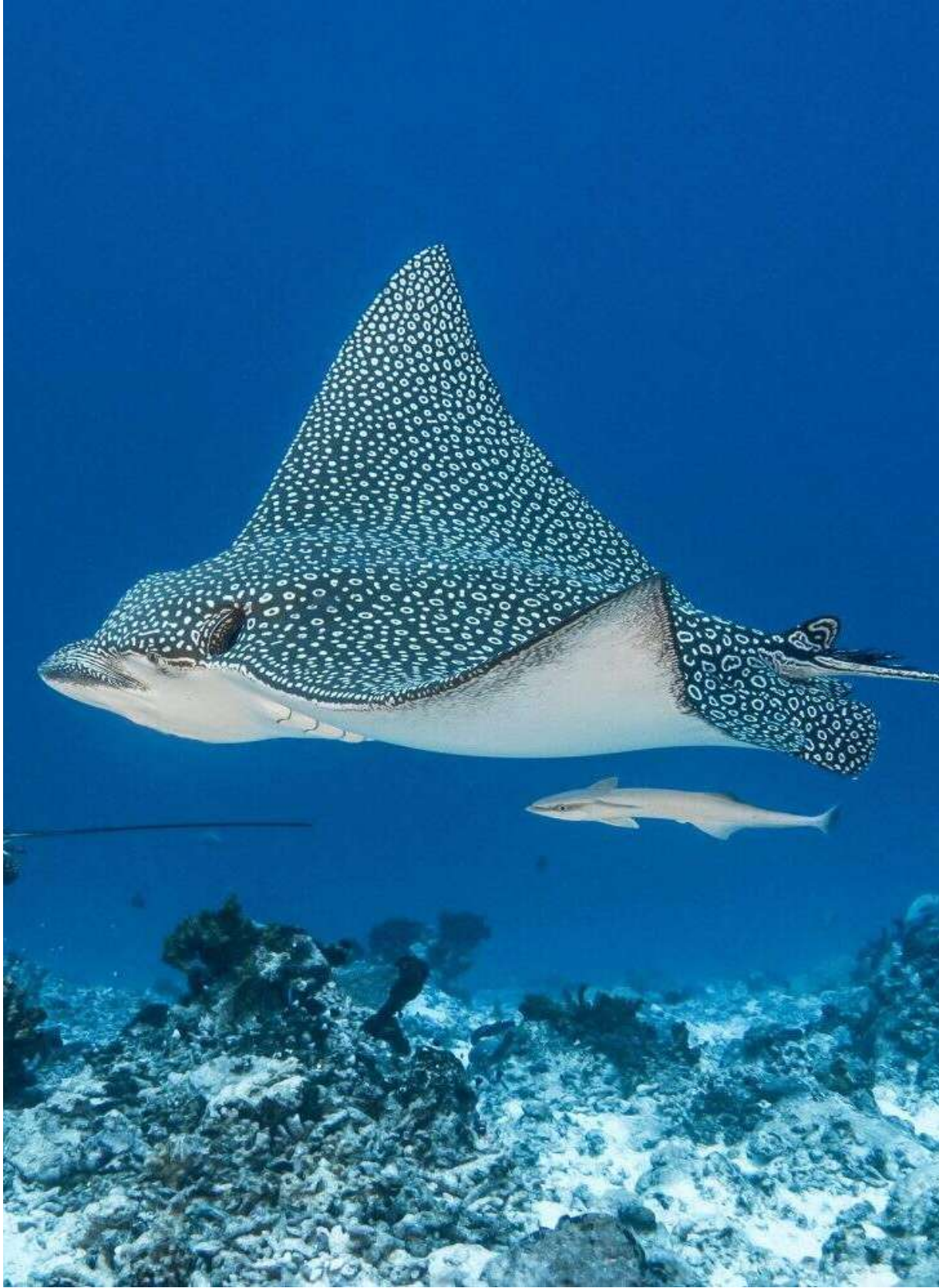
LOWER DECK



MAIN DECK



SUN DECK



During the workshop, you will:

Throughout the week you'll complete five guided workshops inspired by the Maldives.

- Painting Movement — Capture the rhythm and energy of the ocean through expressive brushwork.
- Light & Shadow — Learn how to paint luminous underwater light, creating depth, atmosphere, and the illusion of marine life beneath the surface.
- Sunset Studies — Explore colour mixing while painting the vibrant skies of the Maldives.
- Composition — Turn your sketches, photographs and snorkelling experiences into a balanced composition.
- Final Painting — Create your own ocean-inspired artwork that reflects your personal experience of the trip.

(2-3 hour classes - All materials provided)





Price: US \$2,950

Price Includes:

8 days / 7 nights aboard Miss Morena Liveaboard, sharing a double/triple cabin.

Welcome drink on arrival.

Full-board meal plan, including water, tea and coffee.

Professional local snorkelling guide.

Professional photography and videography (one session per day, including drone and underwater footage, subject to weather and sea conditions).

Premium welcome pack, including:

Reusable water bottle

Blue Ocean Maldives T-shirt

Reef-friendly sunscreen stick

All airport transfers to and from Velana International Airport.

All applicable government taxes*:

TGST (Tourism Goods & Services Tax) – 17%

Green Tax – US\$12 per person, per night

Service Charge – 10%

*Government taxes are subject to change.

Exclusions

International flights.

Mandatory travel insurance.

Alcoholic beverages and soft drinks purchased from the onboard bar (cash only).

Crew gratuities – US\$15 per person, per day (cash only).

Special dietary requirements may incur an additional surcharge due to limited availability of certain ingredients in the Maldives. Please contact us in advance to discuss your requirements.



Ready to Book

To secure your place, a \$500 USD deposit is required at the time of booking. The remaining balance can be paid in instalments, with the final payment due 45 days before departure.

We recommend paying by card, as this provides the most accurate exchange rate.

Reserve Your Place:

To keep this an intimate, small-group experience, spaces are limited. To reserve your place, please use the booking link below:

Option 1: For those who want to pay either the full amount or 30% directly, they can use this link:

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Option 2: For those who want to make the payment in three stages, they can use the reservation payment link:

Concept: Lara Art Retreat Maldives 2027

Deposit Amount: \$500 USD

Dates: 28 January – 4 February 2027

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Bookings & Reservations

A 30% non-refundable deposit is required to confirm your booking. This deposit must be received within 7 days of your booking confirmation to secure your place.

The remaining 70% balance is due 45 days before the retreat departure date. Please note that all bookings and payments are processed directly by Blue Ocean Maldives, who are solely responsible for managing reservations and payments.

Cancellation Policy

90–60 days before departure: No cancellation fee applies; however, the 30% deposit remains non-refundable.

60–30 days before departure: 50% of the total booking cost will be charged as a cancellation fee.

30 days or less before departure: 100% of the total booking cost will be charged.

No-shows or early departures: 100% of the total booking cost will be charged.

International Flights

We recommend booking your international flights only after the minimum number of participants has been confirmed for the retreat. Please note that we cannot accept responsibility for any costs or losses related to flights if the retreat is cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control, including an insufficient number of participants.

We strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance that includes cover for trip cancellations, travel delays, and other unforeseen circumstances.

A large manta ray is shown swimming in clear blue water. The ray is dark-colored with a lighter patch on its head. It is positioned on the left side of the frame, swimming towards the right. The water is a vibrant blue with some lighter patches near the bottom.

What's Next

If you have any questions, we're here to help.
For travel enquiries, please contact:
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For questions about the art workshops, please
contact:
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Before You Travel:

A few weeks before departure, you'll receive a guide to my favourite travel-friendly art materials, making it easy to pack for the workshops. You're also welcome to bring your own preferred materials if you have favourites. There will be plenty of free time to swim, snorkel, read, unwind, and simply soak up the beauty of the Maldives.

MEET THE TEAM



Lara Sayegh

Abstract artist - A lover of nature & adventure. She will accompany you throughout the entire experience.

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Ready to Join us in the Maldives



If you have any questions or would like to reserve your place, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We'd be delighted to help you plan your unforgettable adventure.

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