



Ocean Hues

Discover • Create • Connect

A Liveaboard Art Retreat in the Maldives

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BLUE OCEAN
MALDIVES

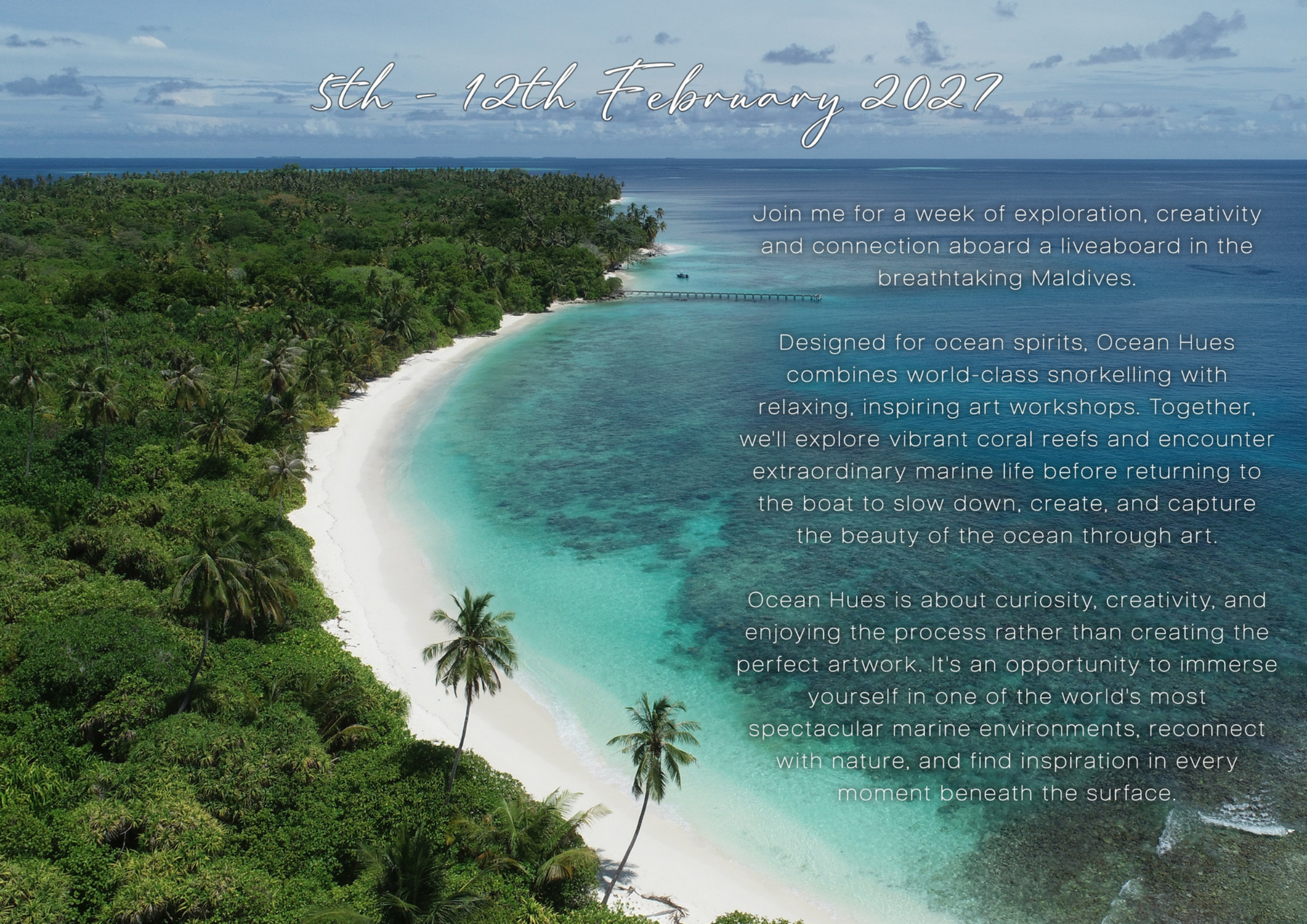


Meet your retreat host

Hi! I'm Johanna, a biologist-turned-wildlife artist from Finland, now based in Germany. I spent much of my childhood in Southeast Asia, surrounded by tropical beaches and turquoise waters, where my fascination with nature first began. It was years later, in the Maldives, that I truly fell in love with the ocean. Observing its bustling reefs and extraordinary marine life inspires the work I create today.

Ocean Hues brings together my two greatest passions: exploring the underwater world and creating art. The ocean is where I feel most alive, and through this retreat, I hope to help you slow down, revel in the moment amidst the stunning surroundings of the Maldives, and capture the beauty of the ocean through art.

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5th - 12th February 2027

Join me for a week of exploration, creativity and connection aboard a liveaboard in the breathtaking Maldives.

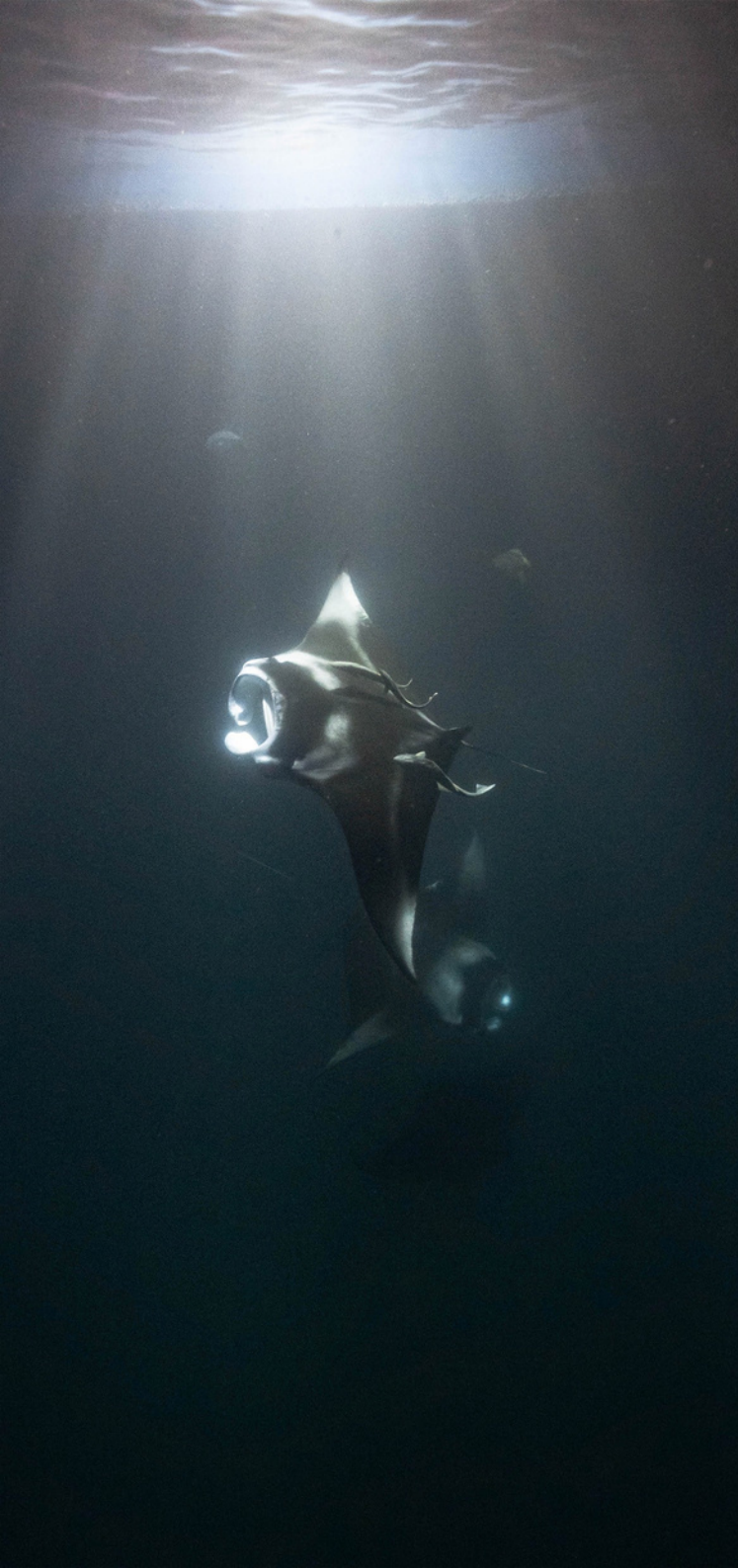
Designed for ocean spirits, Ocean Hues combines world-class snorkelling with relaxing, inspiring art workshops. Together, we'll explore vibrant coral reefs and encounter extraordinary marine life before returning to the boat to slow down, create, and capture the beauty of the ocean through art.

Ocean Hues is about curiosity, creativity, and enjoying the process rather than creating the perfect artwork. It's an opportunity to immerse yourself in one of the world's most spectacular marine environments, reconnect with nature, and find inspiration in every moment beneath the surface.

Your retreat includes:



- Daily guided snorkelling on vibrant coral reefs
- The opportunity to encounter incredible marine life, including whale sharks, manta rays and sea turtles
- Relaxing watercolor workshops with personal guidance from wildlife artist Johanna Excell
- Comfortable liveaboard accommodation
- All meals throughout the retreat
- Visits to idyllic sandbanks, uninhabited islands and local villages
- Professional photography to capture your experience
- A welcoming atmosphere suitable for all artistic abilities and snorkelling experience levels





The Workshops

During the retreat, we will use watercolor to capture the magic of the underwater world, creating beautiful textured backgrounds inspired by the colors of the ocean, and painting some of the incredible marine life we encounter along the way.

No previous painting experience is needed. I will guide you through every step, from techniques and materials to creating your own ocean-inspired artwork.

Please note: Watercolor supplies are not included. Before the retreat, you will receive a suggested supply list so you can bring everything you need.

Participation in the workshops is completely optional. If you prefer, you are welcome to spend this time relaxing, reading, socializing, or simply taking in the beauty of your surroundings.

Your home for the week



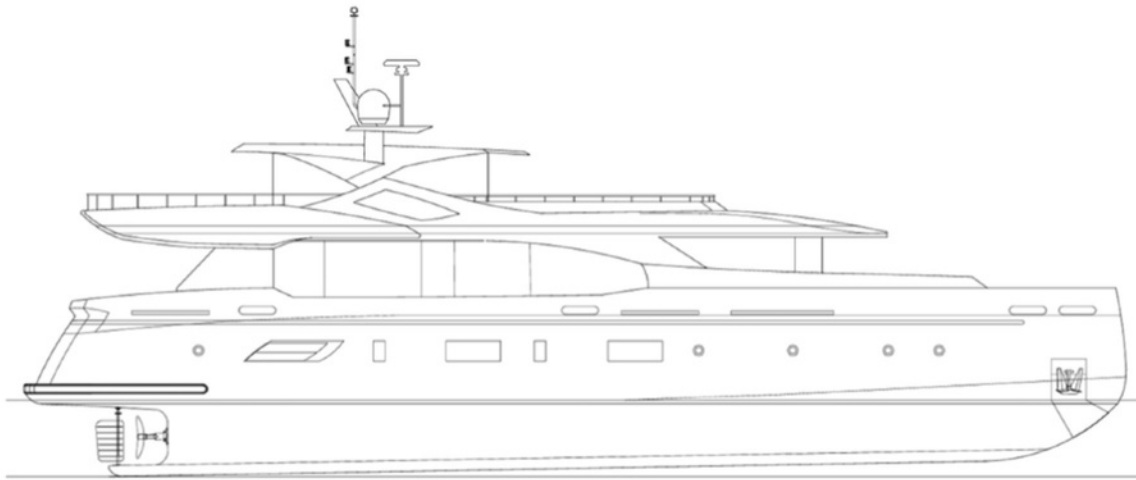


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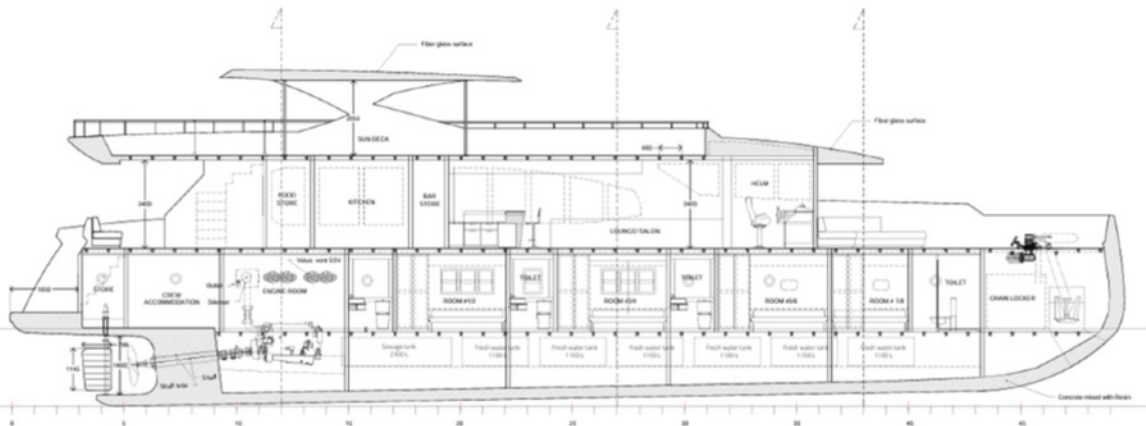


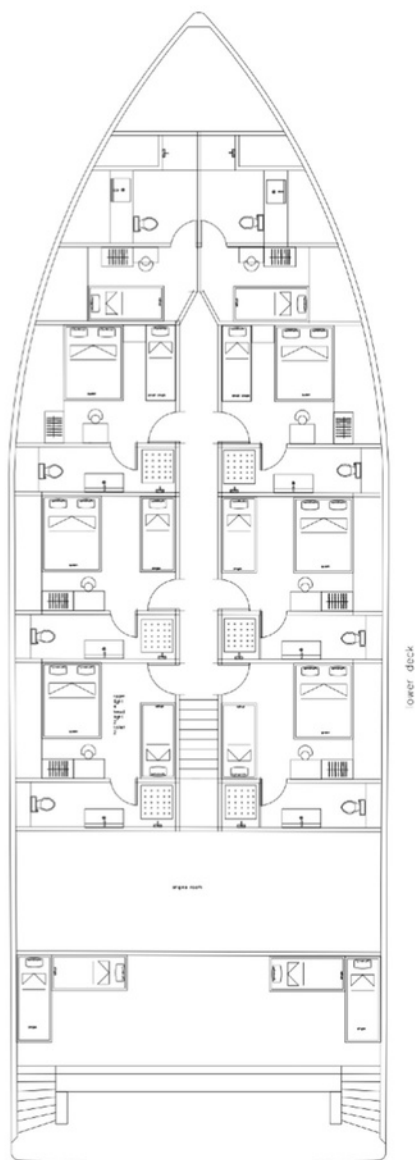
MISS MORENA is a modern expedition yacht designed for exploring the breathtaking atolls of the Maldives. Comfortable, spacious and perfectly suited to life at sea, she offers the ideal base for discovering remote reefs, relaxing between snorkelling excursions and enjoying an unforgettable week aboard.

MAIN PARTICULARS



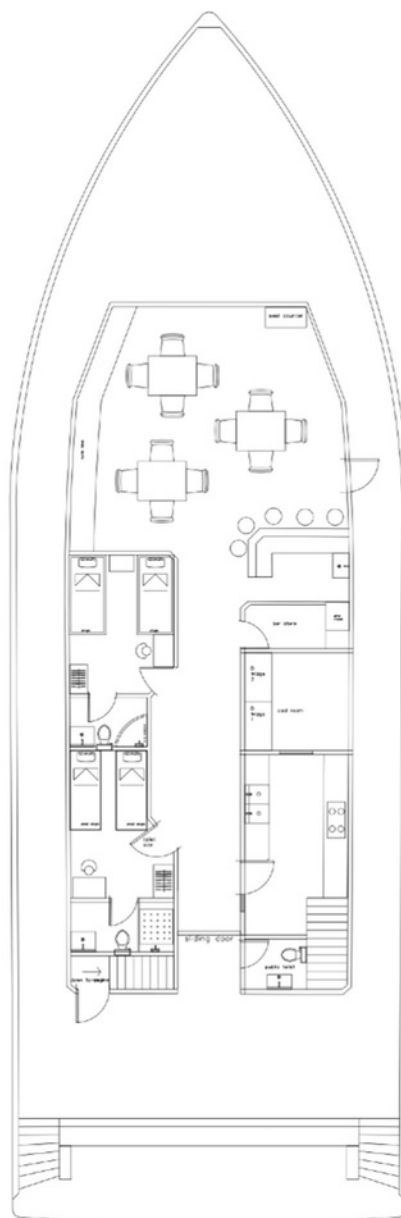
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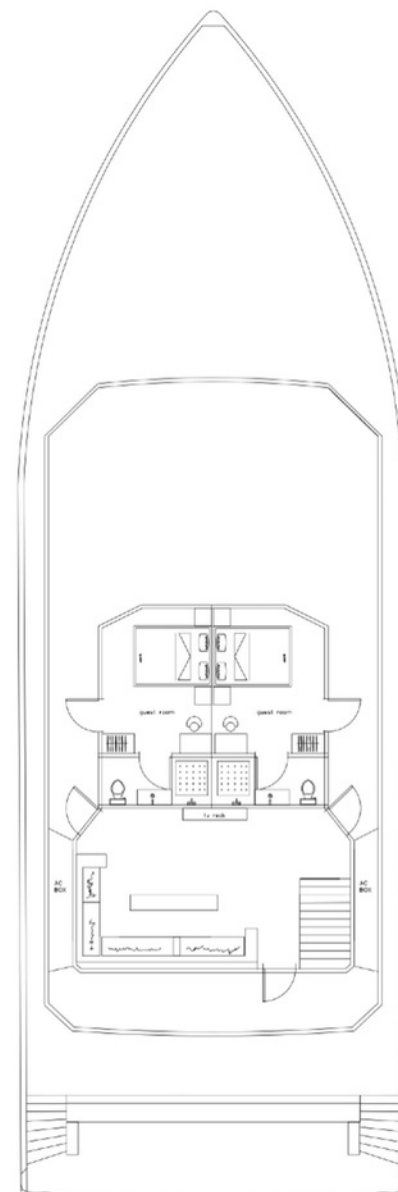
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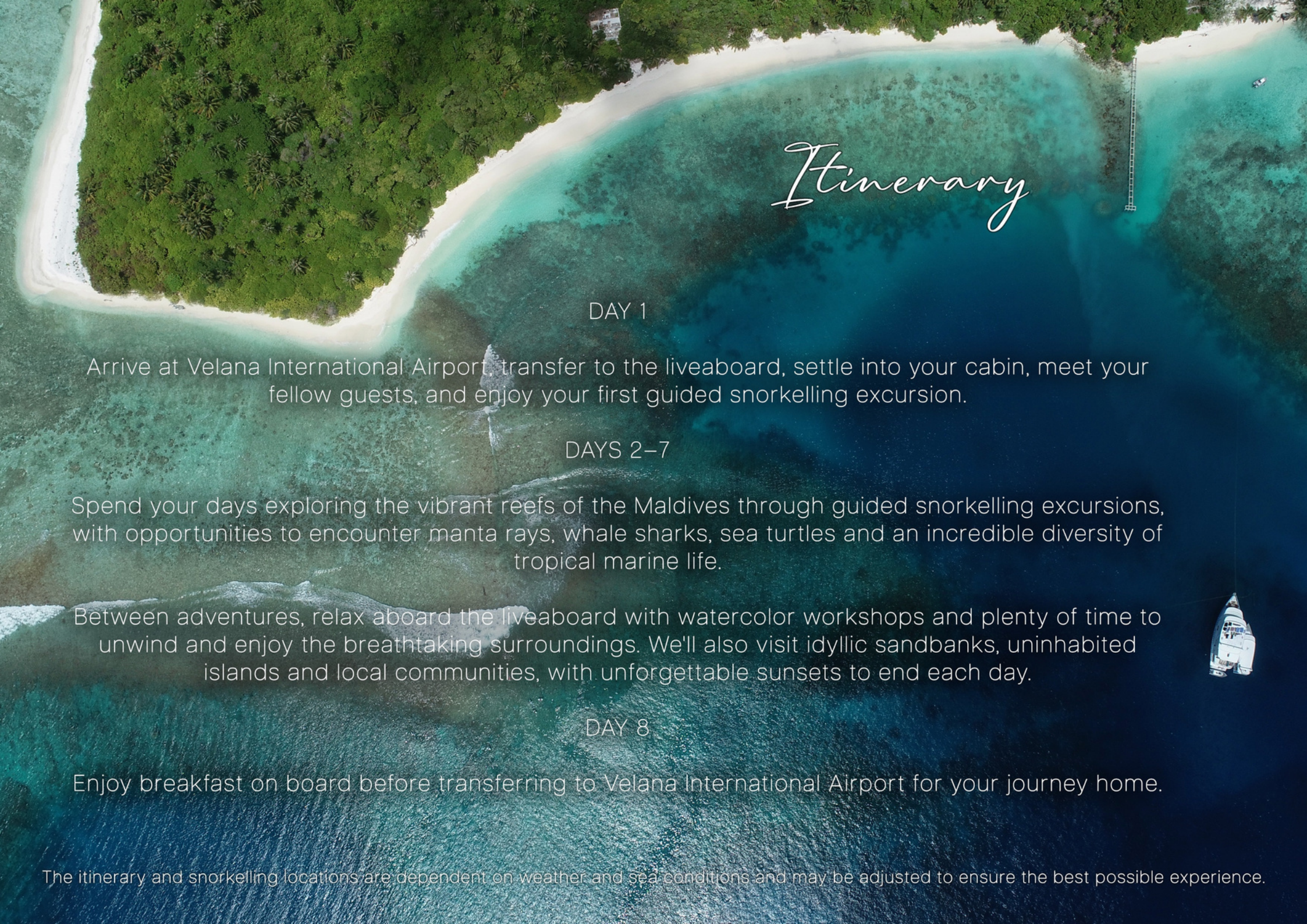
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GUEST CABINS



EN-SUITE BATHROOMS





Itinerary

DAY 1

Arrive at Velana International Airport, transfer to the liveaboard, settle into your cabin, meet your fellow guests, and enjoy your first guided snorkelling excursion.

DAYS 2–7

Spend your days exploring the vibrant reefs of the Maldives through guided snorkelling excursions, with opportunities to encounter manta rays, whale sharks, sea turtles and an incredible diversity of tropical marine life.

Between adventures, relax aboard the liveaboard with watercolor workshops and plenty of time to unwind and enjoy the breathtaking surroundings. We'll also visit idyllic sandbanks, uninhabited islands and local communities, with unforgettable sunsets to end each day.

DAY 8

Enjoy breakfast on board before transferring to Velana International Airport for your journey home.

The itinerary and snorkelling locations are dependent on weather and sea conditions and may be adjusted to ensure the best possible experience.

US \$2,950

What's included:

- 8 days / 7 nights aboard Miss Morena sharing a twin cabin
- Welcome drink and welcome pack including water bottle, Blue Ocean Maldives T-shirt and a reef-friendly sunscreen stick
- All airport transfers to and from Velana International Airport
 - Full-board meals, plus water, tea and coffee
- Daily guided snorkelling excursions with professional guide
- Watercolor workshops with personal guidance from Johanna
- Visits to sandbanks, uninhabited islands and local villages
 - Professional photography throughout the retreat
- All applicable Maldivian taxes and service charges

Exclusions:

- International flights.
- Mandatory travel insurance.
- Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages 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 in the Maldives. Please contact us in advance.



An underwater photograph showing a sea turtle resting on a coral reef. The turtle is positioned on the left side of the frame, facing right. The reef is covered in various types of coral and small fish are visible in the background.

Ready to book?

To keep this an intimate, small-group experience, spaces are limited.

To secure your spot, a US \$500 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.

Option 1

If you would like to pay either the full amount or 30% directly, please use this link:

[Book](#)

Option 2

If you would like to pay in three instalments, please use this link:

[Book](#)

Concept: Johanna Retreat Maldives 2027
Deposit amount: US \$500
Dates: 5 - 12 February 2027

Bookings and Reservations

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

The remaining 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 (the 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.





Important!

We recommend booking your international flights only once the minimum number of participants has been confirmed and the retreat is guaranteed to go ahead.

Please note that we cannot accept responsibility for any costs, losses, or expenses related to flights or other travel arrangements if the retreat needs to be cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control, including if the minimum number of participants is not reached.

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



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 workshops or the retreat in
general, please contact:

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I can't wait to share this experience with you!