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The charm of Bodu Hithi is obvious to any who visit but our Uniquely Coco experiences intensify its wonder.

### BE GUIDED BY THE MARINE BIOLOGIST

By taking a personal guided tour with a marine biologist, your explorations of the reef will be so much richer. Learn all about the different species that live in the waters around us, including the friendly, photogenic wild Hawksbill turtles that will swim alongside you. Turtle Point, Shark Point and, during the season, Manta Point are all part of the tour. Each gives you a fascinating insight into some of the sea's most ancient and mysterious creatures. On select days, join a group for coral garden snorkeling led by the marine biologist. Or, if you'd like an expert all to yourself, private sessions can be booked on request.

#### *Reef Encounter*

Our reef is one of the best in North Male' Atoll, making a stay with us the perfect opportunity to explore the behavior and ecology of marine life. Hawksbill turtles are frequently spotted near the Water Villas and Escape Water Villas. Oriental sweetlips, giant parrot fish, and octopi live happily close to the island. At the Spa beach, a natural underwater mountain called a Thila gives strong swimmers a chance to swim amongst the brightly-coloured, friendly reef fish. For advanced swimmers looking for something more dramatic, the reef on the east side of the island, near Coco Residences, is where you might see sharks, Eagle rays, giant table corals and sea anemones.

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### *Turtle Point*

Our resident Hawksbill turtles live wild on our House Reef, but for the highest chance of seeing them, Turtle Point is just 15 minutes off the island by boat. This is one of the most loved snorkeling sites off Bodu Hithi. Take this excursion and you will learn about how these dignified creatures with striking markings use their beaks to probe into spaces between corals to find sponges and invertebrates to eat. They are naturally happy here and protected as part of our commitment to contributing data to the Maldives sea turtle identification program. Since 2012, more than 180 have been identified by our marine biology team who use the unique pattern on the turtle's heads to name them individually.

### *Shark Point*

Although shy, the large Nurse sharks that inhabit the waters at Shark Point, just ten minutes away from the island, are happy to live in the company of adventurous humans. Heading to Shark Point gives you the best chance of seeing these mysterious, misunderstood creatures of the deep. Sting rays are also seen regularly here as are the clever Remoras that attach themselves to sharks for a free ride, leftover food and added protection.

### *Manta Point*

Manta ray season for the North Male' Atoll is December to April. These incredibly graceful gentle giants park themselves up at Bodu Hithi Thila, an underwater cleaning station where smaller fish work across their elegant span to give them an annual makeover. At this point just 15 minutes away from Bodu Hithi, you can spot them and, if you like, swim and snorkel around them. They're at ease with an audience and it's a genuinely fascinating ceremony to witness.

### *Coral Nurseries*

Since 2012, our resident marine biology team have taken naturally broken pieces of coral and planted them in the island's lagoon, in areas where the corals flourish. What exists now is a little world under the water that is monitored and measured over time. Guests are invited to build on this and add their name or a dedication to the structure – leaving an important environmental legacy for the future.

Group:	Daily 10.00 am to 12.30 pm US\$ 45 per person / Minimum 6 pax required
Private:	Please contact the reception to arrange your customized experience and price enquiries. <i>Subject to availability of Marine Biologist</i>

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