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Future Ocean HERO

Hands-on Education and Restoration Opportunity 2026
20th-27th June 2026

Future Ocean Hero – Marine Summer Camp (8y - 16y)

Looking for a unique summer experience while taking action to protect the ocean? Join our experienced marine team for a once in a lifetime holiday camp in the Maldives! During the Ocean HERO week at Diamonds Thudufushi, we have 5 full days loaded with hands-on activities and unique experiences. Discover the secrets of the marine world and encounter the magnificent sharks and mantas of the Maldives. Be part of the marine biologist team, who will show you how to evaluate coral health and fish diversity during practical in-water activities. Discover our vibrant marine life and join us in protecting and preserving precious coral reef ecosystems for future generations. Give back to the ocean during our desert island cleaning trip, learn how to regrow a reef during our coral restoration sessions and be part of the largest 'reef star' restoration project in the Maldives. All Future Ocean Heros will receive a certificate of completion from the Maldives Marine Lab in collaboration with MaRHE Center of the University of Milano-Bicocca.





DAY 1 - Arrival in Paradise

- Welcome to Paradise at Diamonds Thudufushi
Check-in and relax in your villa, first dip into the Indian Ocean
- Introduction to Ocean Hero Program
Meet the marine team and get ready for some exciting days ahead
Receive your personal participant kit
Special Ocean HERO Dinner

DAY 2 - Island Paradise

MORNING

- Program Overview: Setting the Scene
- Knowledge Dive: The Maldives – Little Paradise in a Big Ocean
All you need to know about people and life in the Maldives
- Island Activity: Tour of the Marine Lab Thudufushi
Water Activity: Guided snorkel on Thudufushi reef, visit the “Big Build”

AFTERNOON

Boat Excursion: Desert Island visit, clean-up and beach games





DAY 3 - Crazy Corals

MORNING

- Knowledge Dive: Who lives on a Coral Reef?
Do you know who lives on a reef, what are corals and why they are so important?
- Island Activity: Coral Health Check
Learn how to do determine the condition of a coral reef

AFTERNOON

- Water Activity: Coral Health Check
Let's assess the health of our reefs together in the water

EVENING

- Ocean Movie Night with Popcorn





DAY 4 - Fantastic Fishes

MORNING

- Knowledge Dive: Finding Nemo & Friends –Fishes we can find on the reef
- Water Activity: Finding Nemo Snorkel
Let's play "Fish Bingo" in the water

AFTERNOON

- Water Activity: Fish Transects: counting all the fish in the sea?
Active fish census exercise (transect) under the guidance of our biologists
- Pizza and Marine Games
Can you solve the underwater murder mystery? Challenge our team in a marine memory competition.





DAY 5 - Sharks and Rays

MORNING

- Boat Excursion: Manta, Manta!

We will look for Mantas by dhoni (traditional Maldivian boat) and swim with them!*

We will also collect their favorite food, plankton!

** Minors need to be accompanied by an adult in the water*

AFTERNOON

- Knowledge Dive: Sharks and Rays of the Maldives

Learn about their unique biology, the threats they face and how we can protect them

- Island Activity: Marine Lab Shark Time

Investigate the plankton we collected under the microscope and enjoy a virtual swim with whale sharks, mantas and tiger sharks. Play our manta ID game





DAY 6 - Maldives Uncensored

MORNING

- Knowledge Dive: Everything you need to know about Maldives
Learn about local history, culture, food and fisheries of the Maldives
- Boat Excursion to a Local Island
Meet the locals, island tour, school visit and Bodu Beru drumming session
- Lunch with the Locals

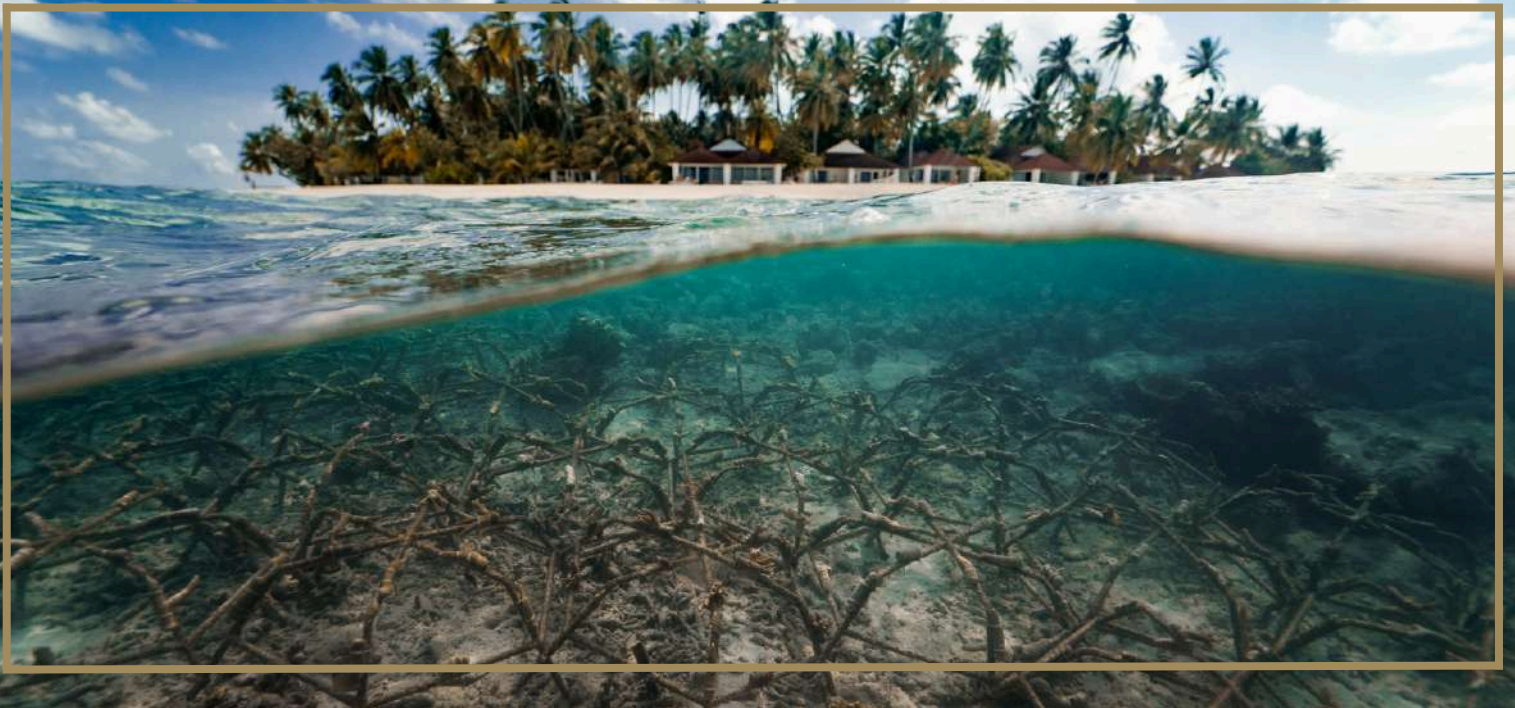
AFTERNOON

- Reef Snorkel Boat Excursion on the way back to Thudufushi

EVENING

- Maldivian Dinner and Bodu Beru Performance





DAY 7 - Saving Corals with Reef Stars

MORNING

- Knowledge Dive: Saving our coral reefs
Why are coral reefs in trouble and what can we do to help them?
- Island Activity: Coral Rescue Workshop
Let's look at the different tools we have to regrow corals on the reef
- Water Activity: Collecting corals of opportunity on the housereef
Let's rescue broken coral pieces and give them a second chance!

AFTERNOON

- Island Activity: Be a Reef Star!
Together we attach the collected corals to reef stars and add them to our large-scale coral restoration site, the Big Build!

EVENING

- Program Closure: Recap and Presentation of Certificates
- Ocean HERO Special Team Dinner





DAY 8 - Departure from Paradise

- Check out and Departure
Return to reality as a true Ocean Hero - empowered with new skills, unforgettable memories, and lasting friendships!

Ocean HERO - Terms and Conditions:

Inclusions:

- 5 full activity days with theoretical and practical activities led by our marine biologist team
- Snorkeling excursions by Dhoni (traditional Maldivian boat)
- Free rental snorkeling gear
- Training material, Ocean Hero kit bag and certificate

Conditions:

- The program is suitable for children between 8 and 16 years of age
- Minors under the age of 16 need to be accompanied by an adult during activities outside Thudufushi (i.e. local island/snorkeling in deep water)/a waiver must be signed
- Participants must be able to swim confidently in deep water and be able to use snorkeling equipment (mask, snorkel and fins; a snorkel lesson/refresher can be booked ahead of the program) – all water activities are conducted snorkeling.
- Activities and order of topic days is subject to weather conditions and may be altered or substituted
- Min/Max participants (4 -12)
- Program language: English (assistance in Italian and German is available)

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