

OCEANIC OSCILLATIONS

DIVING THROUGH CHANGING SEASCAPES

8 DAYS | 12 DIVES
for Certified Divers

9th to 16th April 2023
Dhigurah, MALDIVES

diving the year of the El-Nino

ABOUT THE TRIP

8 Days

12 Dives

**THIS PROGRAM IS FOR DIVERS CERTIFIED
AS OPEN WATER AND ABOVE**



Current forecasts for the summer of 2023 are pointing towards an El Nino - characterised by a slowing down of trade winds and warmer-than-average water temperatures.

This counterpart of a larger weather phenomenon is what alters atmospheric circulation, impacting temperatures and precipitation across the globe.

April 2023 is likely to be the summer preceding the coming El Nino.

Diving in tropical systems presents an interesting opportunity to witness and document the many subtle and dramatic responses of coastal marine systems.

**WILL WE EVER DIVE THE SAME REEFS
AGAIN?**



What will we be doing on the Ocean Oscillations dive expedition?

Your 12 dives will be curated into 4 themes, each focusing on a different documentation technique.

The program will also include discussions and introductory training in reef ID, indicator species, mapping methods, etc.

locating your habitat

DHIGURAH, MALDIVES



AREAS OF LEARNING

Collecting & Connecting

Using comparative image data from the region

Zooming in & Zooming out

Techniques to assess coral health

Tales & Trails

Gathering anecdotal information and stories of change

Mapping & Making

Documenting & representing spatial and temporal aspects of reef systems.

your stay

THE HOTEL AND BOAT

TME Retreats Dhigurah is a lovely beach hotel, opened in 2012. It is the first guest house opened in Dhigurah the hotel is located a little bit away from the village, yet close enough to walk and enjoy the island lifestyle of Maldives. Just a few meters away from the rooms, has a 3km long white sandy beach.

With bright airy rooms, common spaces for all our activities post diving TME is the perfect place for an Earth Colab expedition base.

The dive boat is a big comfortable Dhoni with a small cabin on board as well as a marine toilet. The best part of the Dhoni though is the top deck - perfect to catch some sun, post dives to warm up nicely! On rainy days, there is a lot of shelter as well and a hot water flask to make hot beverages in between dives to have along with some biscuits!



WHATS INCLUDED

- INTER ISLAND BOAT TRANSFERS
- ACCOMMODATION
- BUFFET MEALS & REFRESHMENTS
- SNORKELLING GEAR
- 12 DIVES (WITH EQUIPMENT)

NOT INCLUDED / EXTRAS

- FLIGHTS
- TRAVEL & DIVE INSURANCE
- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (APPLICABLE ONLY ON RESORT ISLANDS)
- ADDITIONAL DIVES
- ROOM SERVICE / À LA CARTE ORDERS
- GST

DATES: 9TH - 16 APRIL 2023

USD 2220/- PER PAX

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The Team



Umeed would trade anything for a set of gills... Initially having explored the world of academics through Marine Biology, Umeed realised that his heart and mind were happier while submerged. He has spent the last 25 years scuba diving, teaching and furthering the spirit of biophilia through his area of expertise. Professionally teaching as a PADI staff instructor, Umeed now conducts specialised underwater photography courses designed to address both ecology and photography. His imagery ranges from fine art to scientific documentation – his practice draws one's eye to aquatic systems and the detail within. Umeed has applied this combination of skills and interests across fields – with numerous popular publications, book and film contributions, exhibitions, educational material and in the setting up of a marine research dive facility on the Andaman Islands.



Tasneem will do anything to avoid wearing shoes... She has spent the last 15 years facilitating interdisciplinary initiatives in the fields of ecology, conservation, education and science communication. Her formal training in marine zoology and practice in the development of experiential learning pedagogies translated into eight years spent as director of the Andaman and Nicobar islands Environmental Team. Tasneem has managed operations for the Diva Andaman live-aboard in Thailand & set up the Vessel for Inquiry - leading dive expeditions and marine learning programs in the Phang Nga Bay, Mergui archipelago and Similan Islands. Her photography and writing are visible across scientific and popular publications, book contributions and in the development of learning materials. Beyond the scope of research and field education, she believes that learning and working across subject boundaries is fundamental. Sailing, diving, writing, image making and exploring are the binding factors in all her endeavors.



Savita can be lured into anything if one uses a good book at bait ... She is curious about how ideas of 'nature' and 'society' are produced and connected to one another. By drawing tools from the field of political ecology, she examines the relationship between knowledge and power in the process of place-making that depicts the oceans as a frontier(s). For many years, she have worked on public policies which affect livelihoods across fisheries, agrarian, and forest ecologies. She am interested in the locations of political-agency and the production of resistance mounted by coastal societies. More broadly, her work speaks to the imaginaries of people's relation to places that are at the cusp of land and sea. At Earth CoLab she specifically works on conceptualising and delivering the learning programmes, to which she brings perspectives on human geography, political economy and political ecology.

