2026 / 2027

Beneath the Blues

A festive journey inspired
by the ocean, our home.



Festive Journey Map

4° 17' 45.3" N, 73° 33' 34.0" E

The Private Reserve

Crusoe Residences

Seagrass Meadows

Jetty 1

Jetty 2

Jetty 3

Sandbank

Meera Spa

Arrival Jetty

Over Water Bar

Indian Ocean

Seagrass Meadows

Castaway and Coral Lines

One Palm Island

Three Palm Island

Welcome

We warmly welcome you to embark on an unforgettable festive journey at Gili Lankanfushi, where the magic of the ocean unfolds beneath endless shades of blue. Inspired by the beauty, rhythm, and mystery of the sea, Beneath the Blues invites you to drift through moments of wonder, celebration, and reflection. Guided by the tides and the ever-changing moon, each day reveals a new chapter of discovery, connection, and joy. May this festive season leave you with cherished memories that linger long after your journey home.

Shore

Welcome to Shore, where the journey begins at the edge of the unknown. Here, the ocean reveals only a glimpse of the mysteries that awaits below.

Chapter 1



22
December
Tuesday

Turquoise Flow Yoga

Move with the rhythm of the waves, breathe in the coastal calm, and embrace the season with peace, gratitude, and renewal through a soothing ocean inspired yoga experience.

07:30 - 08:15 ⚓ YOGA CHAMPA

Gingerbread House Decoration

Step into a festive underwater world and decorate your gingerbread creation. Let your imagination flow with colors and designs inspired by marine life, creating a masterpiece filled with Christmas joy.

14:00 - 15:00 ⚓ KASHIVELI

The "First Spark": Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Join us as our marine inspired Christmas tree comes to life, crowned with a golden starfish and treasures of the deep blue sea. Enjoy drinks and bites while carolers and live music create Christmas magic.

18:30 - 19:30 ⚓ GILI MEMORIES BEACH

Asian Street Market

Enjoy a Culinary Journey through Asia as you stroll down our elegant and charming street food market.

19:30 - 22:30 ⚓ KASHIVELI



23
December
Wednesday

The Tidebound Treasure Trail

Island Orienteering

Follow the ocean's whispers across the island on a festive adventure. Solve clues, discover hideaways and uncover a story shaped by the sea in this magical treasure hunt for explorers.

09:00 – 17:00 GILI VESHI

Blue Rush: Thrills Above, Wonders Below

Available throughout the festive season

Experience the thrill of speed and adventure as you glide across the crystal-clear waters, surrounded by the beauty of vibrant marine life beneath you.

All Day DIVE CENTRE $110++ PER PERSON
30 minutes

Christmas Fruit Mixing

As the tides of time carry us into 2027, join us in a cherished festive tradition. Mix and soak a beautiful selection of fruits that will be lovingly preserved and transformed into our very own Christmas cake for 2027.

14:00 - 15:00 OVER WATER BAR BEACH



Maldivian Fisherman's Grill

Experience the spirit of the islands at our Maldivian Fisherman's Grill. Enjoy freshly grilled seafood, local spices, and authentic Maldivian flavours inspired by generations of island fishermen, accompanied by live music in a relaxed and lively atmosphere.

19:30 – 22:30 OVER WATER BAR

24
December
Thursday

Christmas Tennis Rally

Join a friendly Christmas-themed tennis session with light games, doubles matches, and festive refreshments. Players are encouraged to wear red, white, or a Santa hat to add to the festive spirit.

11:00 - 12:00 TENNIS COURT

Underwater Ornament Workshop

Kids Activity

A fun-filled creative activity where children design Christmas ornaments inspired by the ocean. Using recycled materials and driftwood, they bring marine life to life through colourful creations featuring Nemo, Dory, sharks, starfish, jellyfish, and dolphins.

14:00 – 15:00 ECO CENTRE

Guided Walk along the Beach

A gentle guided beach walk along the shoreline. Listen to the soothing rhythm of the waves, feel the sand beneath your feet and discover marine life along the way.

16:00 – 17:00 GILI VESHI

"Sea of Stars" Christmas Dinner

Join us by the Christmas tree and step into a magical Christmas dinner filled with festive cheer. Enjoy delicious creations from live cooking stations, live music, joyful carolers, and a lively atmosphere as we celebrate the season together.

19:30 – 22:30 GILI MEMORIES BEACH

Coral Line

Our Coral Line project supports our reefs through propagation and transplantation. With more than 500 lines and 1000+ individual corals transplanted, each line helps bring new life back to the reef.

25
December
Friday

Christmas Morning with Santa

Celebrate Christmas morning with a delightful breakfast as Santa Claus makes a special appearance to spread festive cheer. Enjoy magical moments, joyful surprises, and unforgettable memories for the whole family.

09:00 – 10:30 KASHIVELI BEACH

Turtle Snorkel

Join us this festive season as we search for one of the ocean's most majestic sea animals, the sea turtle. Explore vibrant coral reefs, crystal-clear waters, and an unforgettable underwater world filled with marine life.

10:30 – 12:30 DIVE CENTRE $165++ PER PERSON

Mediterranean Spice Souk

Close your eyes and let the aromas guide you. The scent of cumin, saffron, and fresh herbs drifts through the warm ocean breeze as the colours of the Mediterranean come alive beside the living sea. An immersive spice souk experience where ancient flavours meet the finest treasures of the ocean.

19:30 – 22:30 KASHIVELI

"The Blue Planet" Beach Screening

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21:00 onwards BEACH

Surface

Welcome to Surface, where the familiar shoreline fades into endless blue. Here, sunlight, gentle currents, and turquoise lagoons mark the beginning of your journey through the ocean.

Chapter 2

First Light: A Secret Sunrise Breakfast

Welcome the first light of day with an intimate breakfast in a surprise location, thoughtfully arranged in perfect harmony with nature.

06:30 | SURPRISE LOCATION | $75++ PER PERSON Reservations required

Garden to Glass: Little Gili Mixologists

Kids Activity

A fun activity where children discover fragrant herbs, mix their own refreshing drinks and give their creations a special name.

16:00 – 17:00 | ORGANIC GARDEN

Beneath the Blues Party

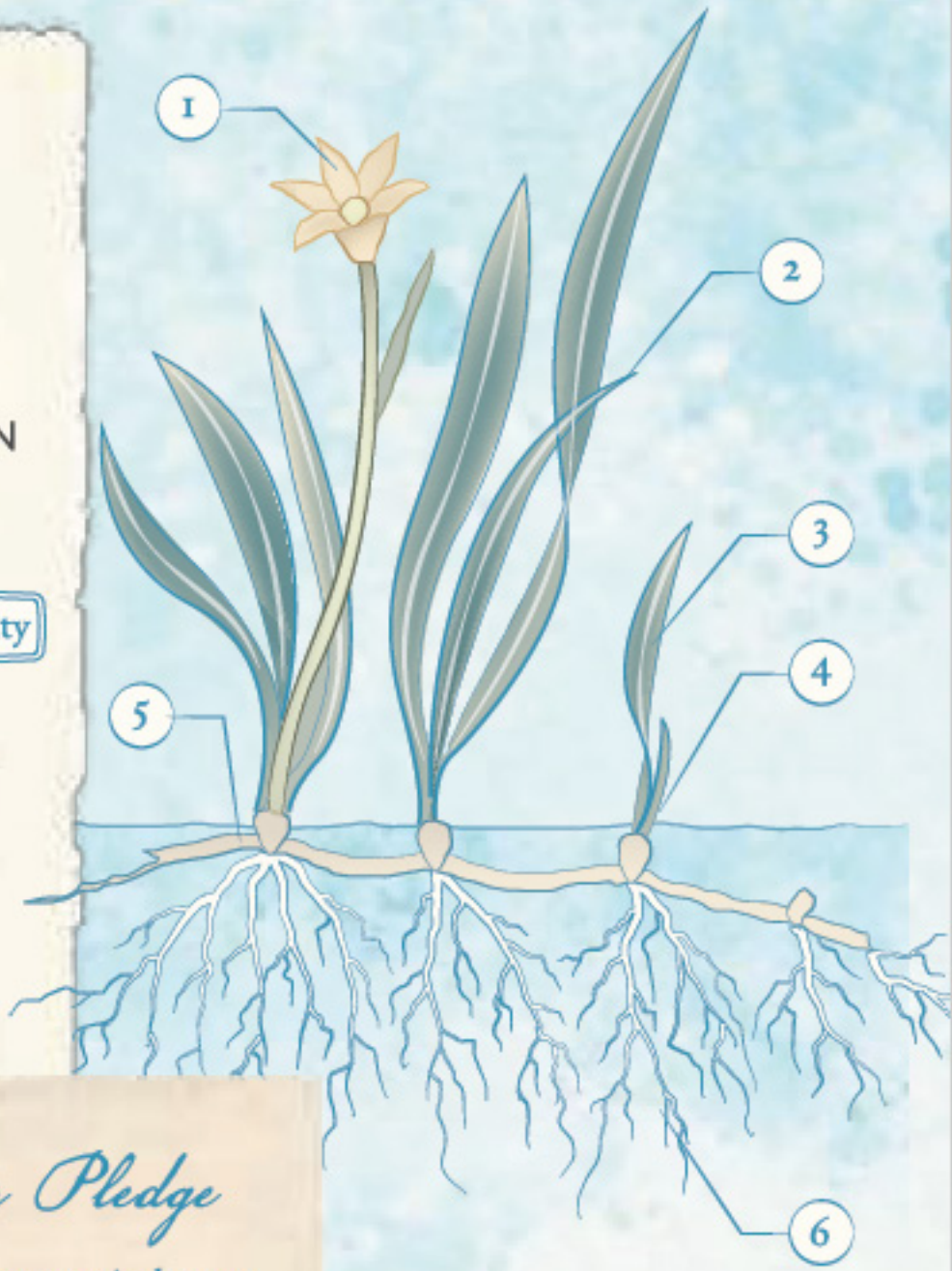
Join us for the Beneath the Blues Cocktail Party, an ocean-inspired evening of crafted cocktails, elegant canapés and soft music.

18:30 - 19:30 | BEACH

"Ocean Table" Pop-up Restaurant

Look up and the stars stretch infinitely above you. Look ahead and the living sea glimmers at your feet. Tonight your table sits perfectly between two infinite worlds - where a carefully crafted five course journey through the ocean's finest flavours.

19:30 – 22:30 | PALM BEACH | $245++ PER PERSON



1 Flower
2 Leaves
3 Stem
4 Rhizome
5 Roots
6 Root Hairs

Our Pledge

As a seagrass industry leader we have pledged to protect more than 80% of the total seagrass we have in our lagoon.

26
December
Saturday

What is Seagrass?

Seagrass is the only flowering plant to have returned to the ocean. Evolving from land plants around 75–100 million years ago, it adapted to life beneath the sea, developing into the unique underwater meadows we see today.

Seagrass Species

Over 70 species worldwide. 8–9 in the Maldives, with at least 4 around Gili Lankanfushi.

27 December

Sunday



Cymodocea Rotundata (CR)

Halodule Pinifolia (HP)



Halodule Uninervis (HU)

Thalassia Hemprichii (TH)

Mini Marine Explorer

Kids Activity

A fun exploration activity where children discover the beauty of the lagoon by identifying shells, sand patterns, water reflections, and other interesting shoreline elements.

14:00 – 15:00 GILI MEMORIES BEACH

Tides & Treasures: Snorkel Bingo

Ages 10+

Glide across Gili's reefs and discover it's hidden gems. Using an ocean themed bingo card, spot and tick off colourful fish, coral, and marine life as you explore the underwater world.

15:00 – 16:00 GILI VESHI

Group Fishing Extravaganza

Show off your seasoned fishing skills – or will it be beginners' luck? Join us for an exciting group fishing competition surrounded by the beauty of the open sea and vibrant marine life.

17:00 – 19:00 DIVE CENTRE $125++ PER PERSON

Passage Through Indian Tandoor

Discover the flavours of India with aromatic spices and traditional tandoor cooking, served in harmony with the spirit of the sea.

19:30 – 22:30 OVER WATER BAR

28
December
Monday

Rejuvenation: Marine Therapy Journey

Available throughout the festive season

A restorative ocean-inspired therapy experience designed to rebalance the body, release tension, and renew the senses through calming, sea-inspired techniques.

Daily | MEERA SPA | $225++ PER PERSON

Island Bonds: Journey to Bodu Huraa

Visit the mangrove wetlands of Bodu Huraa to discover this unique habitat and its importance to the island's ecosystem. Learn about local conservation efforts before refreshing yourself with a freshly served coconut.

11:30 – 13:00 | DIVE CENTRE | $150++ PER PERSON

Starlit Ocean Picnic

Kids Activity

An enchanting evening by the beach where children enjoy ocean-inspired snacks, cozy seating, and a movie under the stars.

19:00 – 21:00 | GILI MEMORIES BEACH

"Abyss & Aged": A Wine Pairing Dinner

Available throughout the festive season

Dive into the unknown. Just as the abyss holds the ocean's deepest and most mysterious secrets, every aged wine holds a story waiting to be discovered. Tonight we journey to both – pairing the finest aged wines with the extraordinary flavours of the living sea.

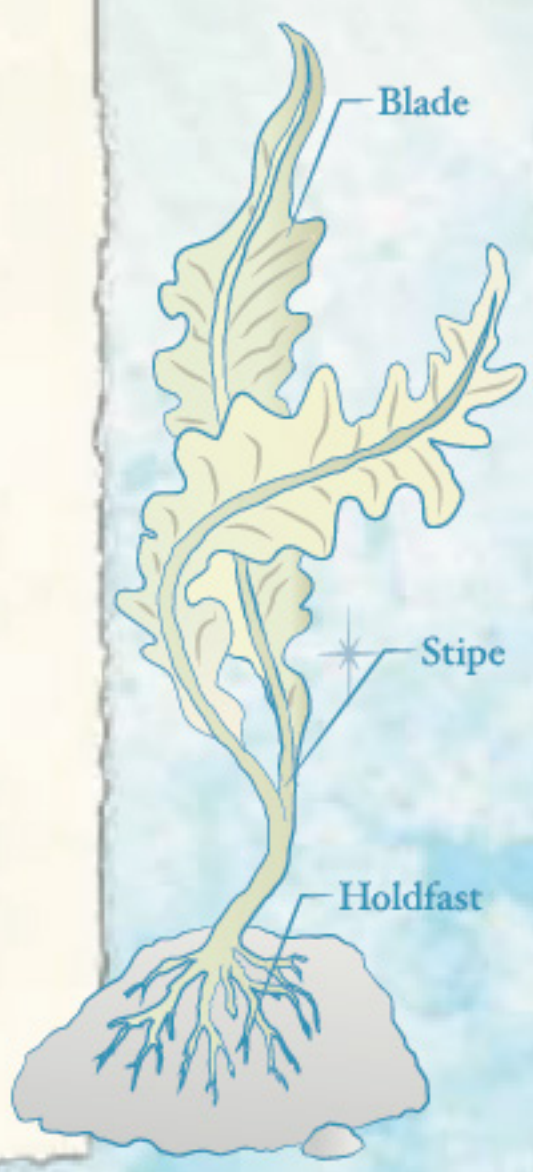
19:00 – 22:30 | UNDERGROUND WINE CELLAR | $245++ PER PERSON

Seagrass or Seaweed

Seagrass is a true flowering plant, with roots, stems, leaves, flowers and vascular tissue. Seaweed is algae it has no true roots, stems or leaves, and attaches using holdfasts.

Seaweed

- Algae -



29
December
Tuesday

Journey to Surf! Level 1 Beginners

Learn essential safety skills and techniques in the calm waters of our lagoon before taking on the waves. Just bring your swimsuit!

08:30 – 11:30 ⚓ TROPIC SURF

Paint Your Own Ocean Henna

Kids Activity

Dive into creativity with ocean inspired henna art, where little VIPs design their own unique patterns inspired by the sea.

10:30 – 11:15 ⚓ YOGA CHAMPA

Green Sundown Cocktail Party

Raise a glass to one of the ocean's most vital ecosystems. Enjoy cocktails inspired by the colours and gentle movement of seagrass meadows, accompanied by delicate canapés and laid-back music as the sun sets.

18:30 – 19:30 ⚓ LEAF TABLE

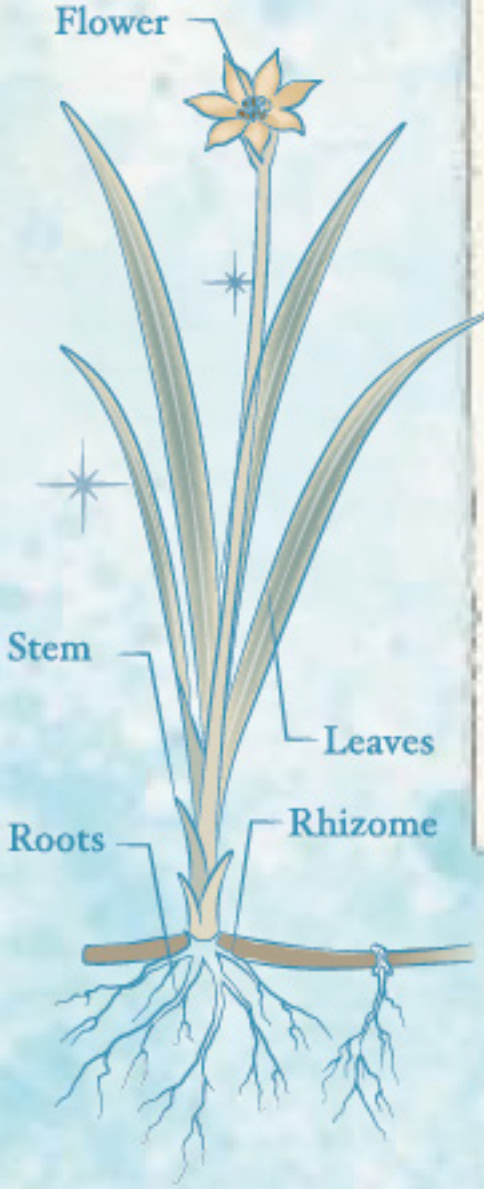
Asian Street Market

Enjoy a festive evening of vibrant Asian flavors and lively market delights, inspired by the colors and richness of marine life.

19:30 – 22:30 ⚓ KASHIVELI

Seagrass

- Flowering plant -



Why Seagrass matters?

Seagrass meadows produce oxygen, store carbon, protect our shores, and provide food and shelter for countless marine creatures. Healthy seagrass means a healthy ocean, today and for generations to come.

Whispers of the Tidal Treasure: The Pirates Party

Kids Activity

A fun pirate adventure where children discover hidden treasures and explore ocean wonders through sensory play, surrounded by soft blues and natural textures.

11:00 – 12:30 GAME CHAMPA



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December
Wednesday

Chocolate Tasting

Kids Activity

Sweet discoveries await! Kids embark on a delicious chocolate tasting journey, exploring unique ocean-inspired flavours and creations crafted to delight every little taste bud.

15:30 – 16:30 KASHIVELI

Year End Night Dive Adventure

End the year with an unforgettable underwater experience. Discover the ocean after dark, where the reef comes alive with its most mysterious and colorful marine life. A truly unique experience beneath the waves, for certified divers only.

19:00 – 21:00 DIVE CENTRE $160++ PER PERSON

Gili Churrascaria

Let the sea inspire your appetite. Indulge in a magnificent selection of succulent grilled meats where the spirit of the ocean and the art of the grill come together in one spectacular dining experience.

19:30 – 22:30 OVER WATER BAR

Deep Water

Welcome to Deep Water, where light fades and mystery begins. Here, untouched depths guard ancient legends, hidden wonders, inviting you into a world where myth and ocean become one.

Chapter 3

The Beach Escape

Settle into our new beachside chillout zone, where laid-back music and island energy set the mood. Enjoy refreshing cocktails from the live beach bar, tempting food options, a friendly game of volleyball, a dip in the lagoon or simply stretch out under the sun.

11:00 – 18:00 ⚓ JETTY 3 BEACH

31 December Thursday

"The Blue Lagoon": A Living Sea New Year's Eve Cocktail Party

Where the ocean meets celebration. An unforgettable New Year's Eve cocktail evening by the living sea – crafted cocktails, ocean inspired bites, and the magic of midnight on the shores.

19:30 – 21:00 ⚓ OVER WATER BAR

"A Living Sea": A New Year's Eve Celebration

Dive into a vibrant New Year's Eve celebration as The Living Meadow comes alive beneath the stars. Enjoy an ocean-inspired feast, flowing music and uplifting energy before gathering on the beach to dance your way into the New Year.

21:00 – 02:00 ⚓ POOL BEACH

Pearl Types



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January

Friday

Shell Pattern Designing

Kids Activity

A fun and creative activity where children design beautiful patterns using natural shells, arranging them in symmetrical and wave-inspired forms while discovering balance, rhythm, and the beauty of nature.

10:00 – 10:45 ECO CENTRE

Waves of Renewal Meditation

Let the rhythm of the ocean guide you into deep relaxation as you release tension, restore balance, and renew your energy while the sun sets into calm.

18:30 – 19:15 PALM BEACH

Mediterranean Spice Souk

Close your eyes and let the aromas guide you. The scent of cumin, saffron, and fresh herbs drift through the warm ocean breeze as the colours of the Mediterranean come alive beside the living sea. An immersive spice souk experience where ancient flavours meet the finest treasures of the ocean.

19:30 – 22:30 KASHIVELI

Flames Lounge by the Garden

As the flames rise and the ocean whispers beside you, gather around the shore and let the warmth of the Mediterranean carry you into the night. A beach bonfire experience where the fire dances with the sea, the spices fill the air, and the stars above the living ocean become your ceiling.

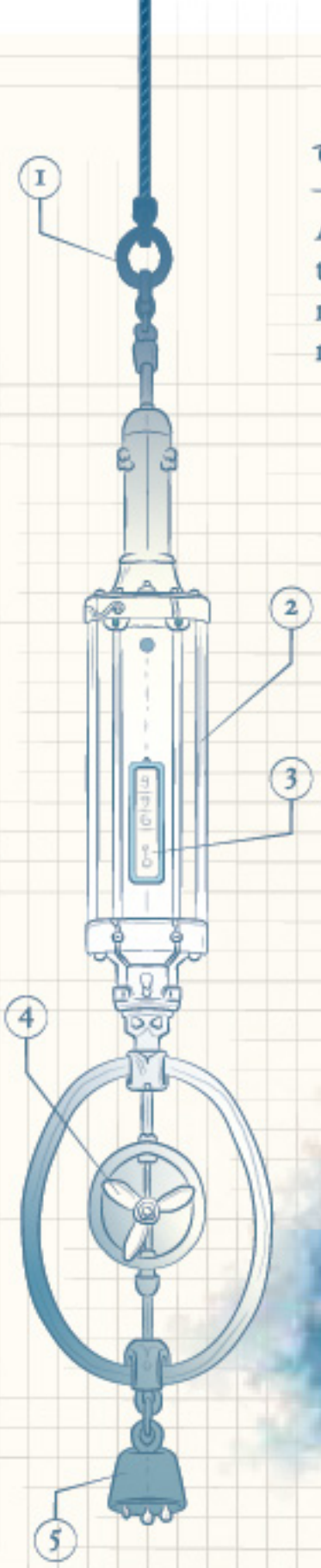
20:00 – 22:30 LEAF TABLE

Seagrass

Seagrass meadows can be twice as productive as tropical rainforests, generating energy through photosynthesis and supporting rich marine life.

Current Meter

An instrument used to measure the speed and direction of water movement in oceans, seas, and rivers.



1. Suspension Ring
2. Frame
3. Mechanical Counter
4. Rotor (Propeller)
5. Weight

key parts

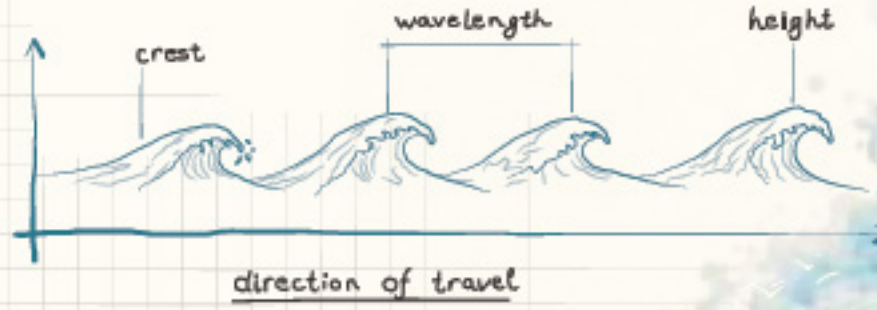
Echo Current

Welcome to Echo Current, where the energy of the ocean gently lingers. Soft currents, quiet tides, and endless shades of blue invite you to slow down, take it all in, and move with the rhythm of the ocean.

Chapter 4

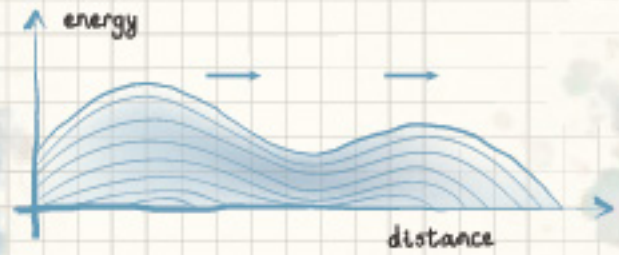
Wave Anatomy

fig.1



Wave Energy

Energy travels in waves, not the water itself.



Ocean Forces

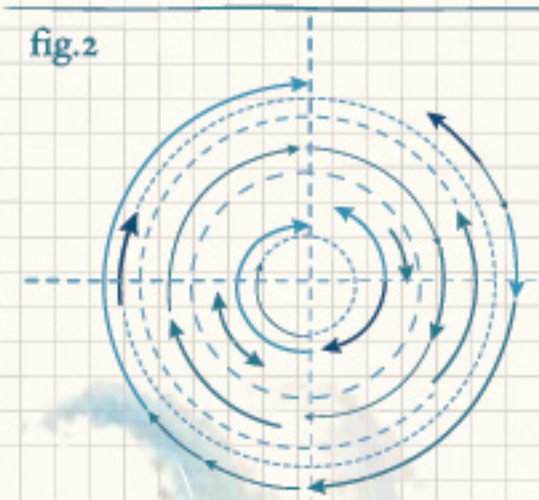


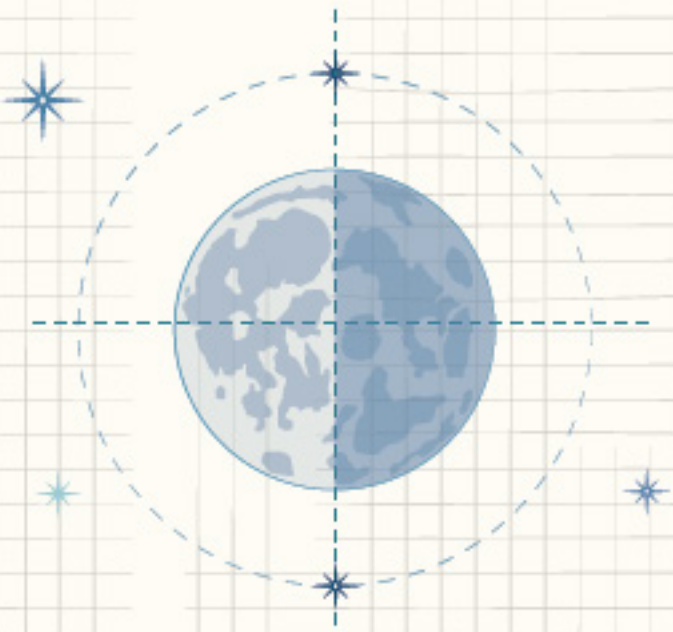
- Wind
- Gravity
- Depth Topography
- Coriolis Effect

Turbulence is the soul of the sea where energy, movement, and mystery collide.

Turbulence and Eddies

fig.2

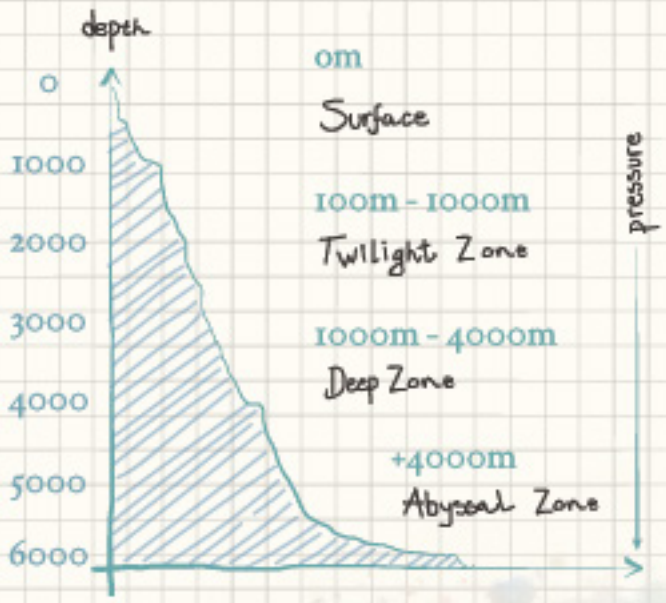


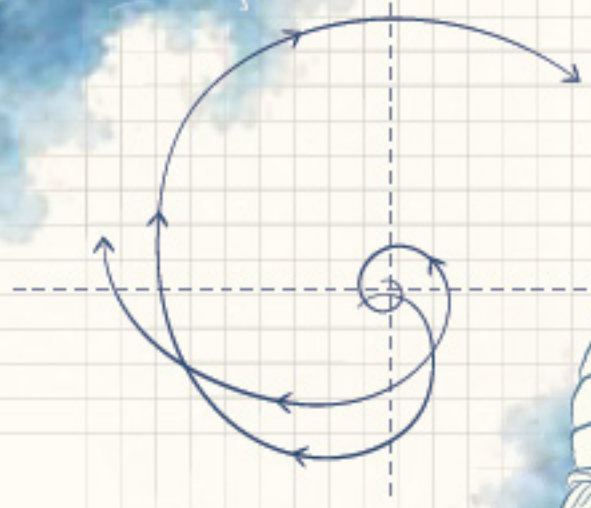


Last Quarter

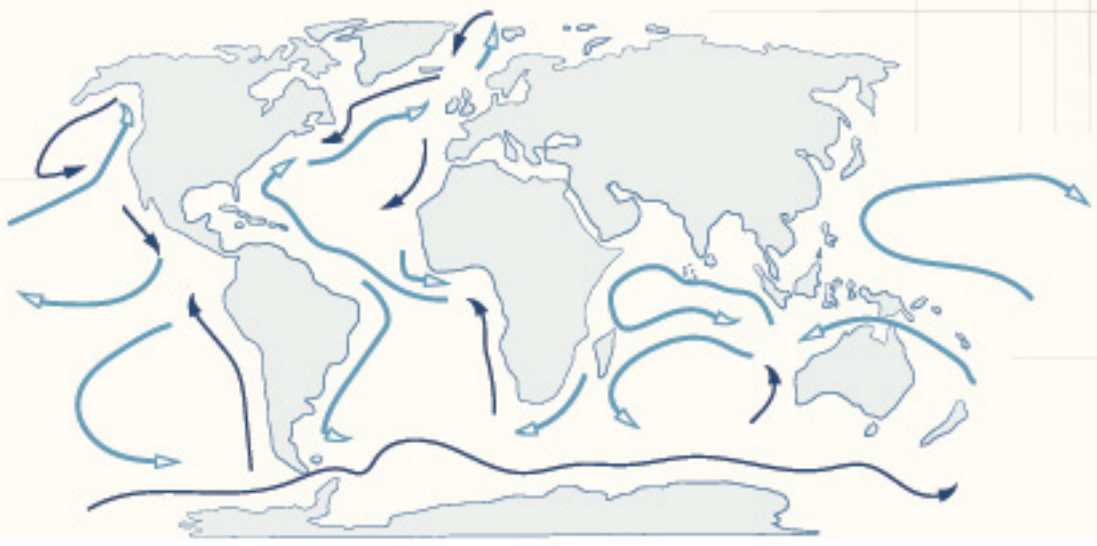
Depth and Pressure

fig.3





Major Ocean Currents





In the depths, light fades, but life adapts.



Festive Hika

For Teens Only

A lively ocean inspired version of hide-and-seek, where 'Hika' means 'to hide' in Dhivehi. Set in the lagoon, this exciting game brings together fun, teamwork, and adventure as participants swim, explore, and play in a festive setting.

14:00 – 15:00 ⚓ SAIL DHONI

A Gift to the Ocean

Join our marine biologists in placing a festive coral frame beneath the waves. This living structure will provide a home for growing corals, supporting life in the lagoon and creating a lasting ocean legacy.

15:00 – 16:00 ⚓ GILI VESHI

Dolphin Sunset Voyage

Sail into the Indian Ocean and experience an unforgettable journey at sea. Watch playful spinner dolphins in their natural habitat as they glide and leap through the waves, set against a breathtaking Maldivian sunset over the horizon.

17:00 – 19:00 ⚓ DIVE CENTRE $125++ PER PERSON

Seafood Under the Stars

Available throughout the festive season

Indulge in a spectacular seafood dining experience featuring the freshest catch, expertly prepared by our chefs. Enjoy an unforgettable evening under the stars with exceptional flavors and a magical island ambiance.

19:30 – 22:30 ⚓ OVER WATER BAR $220++ PER PERSON

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January
Saturday

The Nautilus

Ocean currents and turbulence play an unexpected role in the life of seashells. Moving water carries tiny mollusc larvae and nutrients through the ocean, helping them reach places where they can grow. Once settled, the animals build their shells layer by layer from calcium carbonate.

3
January
Sunday

Sun Kissed Essentials

Create your own sea-inspired spa essentials using natural salts, botanicals, and oils. Blend, personalize, and unwind in a calming ocean-themed experience, and take home your handcrafted ritual to enjoy.

11:00 – 12:00 | ECO CENTRE | $25++ PER PERSON

Ocean Breeze Painting

Kids Activity

A relaxing watercolor painting session where children use fluid brush techniques to capture the gentle movement of waves and tides, expressing the calm beauty of the ocean through colour and creativity.

14:00 – 15:00 | ORGANIC GARDEN

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21:00 onwards | BEACH

Seagrass Flow

Seagrass moves with the currents, slowing water flow and trapping sediment. This keeps the water clear, protects the seabed from erosion, and provides food and shelter for marine species. It also produces oxygen through photosynthesis, supporting life in the seagrass meadows.

Nori By The Sea

Join our chefs for a hands-on sushi-making experience inspired by the flavours of the sea. Learn essential techniques for preparing, rolling, and presenting sushi with fresh ingredients and delicate nori.

12:30 – 13:30 | BY THE SEA | $100++ PER PERSON

Castaway Cannonball Jump

Kids Activity

A fun Gili Lagoon experience where an ordinary jump becomes a memorable castaway moment. Step up to the edge, take a breath, and launch into the lagoon for an exciting splash-filled adventure.

15:00 – 16:00 | CASTAWAY

Kids Bubble Maker

Available throughout the festive season

Kids Activity

A fun underwater experience for children to enjoy blowing bubbles in the shallow waters of the sparkling Gili Lagoon, while discovering the beautiful marine life around them. This activity also serves as a gentle introduction to scuba diving for children aged 8–9 years.

17:00 – 18:00 | DIVE CENTRE | $200++ PER PERSON

Dive into the Deep: Marine Life Quiz Night

Form a team of four and test your knowledge of marine creatures, coral reefs and the mysteries of the ocean. Expect surprising facts, friendly competition and plenty of fun as teams race to be crowned champions of the deep.

21:00 – 22:00 | OVER WATER BAR



Return

Welcome to the Return chapter, where the ocean slowly gives way to stillness. Here, gentle waters, soft light, and quiet horizons mark the peaceful close of your journey.

Chapter 5

ve as a guest,
ve as a friend,
d return as family.

Shores of Wonder: Wildlife Walk

Kids Activity

Wander along the island's shoreline and shaded paths with our marine biologists to discover the hidden life of the island. From coastal crustaceans to small island creatures, this guided walk reveals the fascinating connections between land and ocean.

10:00 – 11:00 ⚓ GILI VESHI

"Twilight Awakening" Sunset Cocktail Party

As the sun dips below the horizon, gather at the water's edge for expertly crafted cocktails, ocean breezes and the magic of the living sea beneath the deep blue sky.

18:30 – 19:30 ⚓ HORIZON BEACH

Asian Street Market

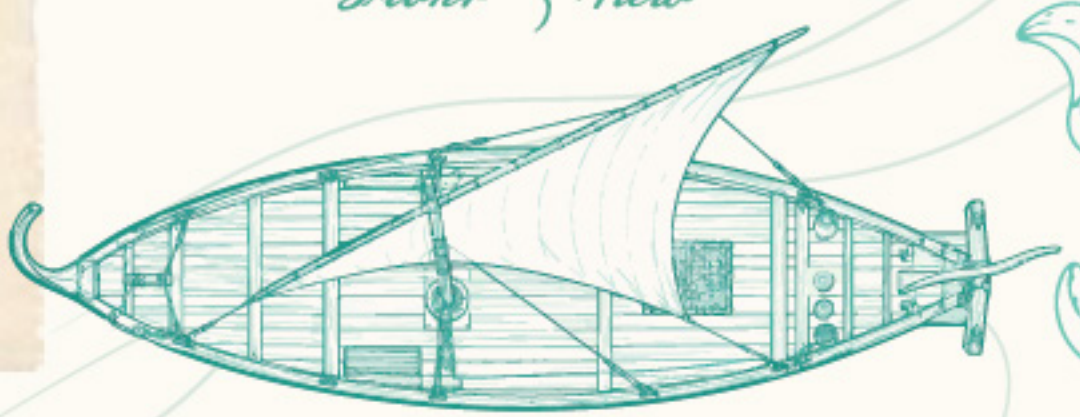
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19:30 – 22:30 ⚓ KASHIVELI

5
January
Tuesday



Front View



Top View

The Dhoni

The dhoni is a traditional Maldivian boat, used for centuries by island communities for fishing, transport and trade. Traditionally built from coconut timber, it is typically 9–18 metres long and powered by a lateen sail.



Sargassum Fish

A master of camouflage, the Sargassum fish blends seamlessly into floating sargassum algae, using its natural surroundings as both shelter and protection.

6
January
Wednesday

Swim Like a Mermaid

Kids Activity

An enchanting ocean experience where the lagoon becomes a magical playground, allowing guests to glide through the water and feel part of a beautiful mermaid-inspired story.

13:00 – 14:00 ⚓ BY THE SEA BEACH

Haveeru Sai

Enjoy a traditional Maldivian afternoon tea with savoury bites, sweet treats, and local music.

15:30 – 16:30 ⚓ KASHIVELI BEACH

Gili Churrascaria

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19:30 – 22:30 ⚓ OVER WATER BAR

Seaweed is a marine organism not a flowering plant.

7
January
Thursday

Sea Infusion Tea Blending Workshop

Craft your own sea inspired tea blend in a mindful experience of coastal calm, combining natural ingredients to create a soothing and sensory infusion.

11:00 – 12:00 ECO CENTRE

Introducing "Chef Hari's Vegan Cookbook"

Join Chef Hari as he introduces his new vegan cookbook, featuring creative plant-based recipes filled with fresh ingredients and vibrant flavours. Discover his inspiration and enjoy a fresh perspective on delicious, wholesome vegan cuisine.

13:00 – 14:00 KASHIVELI $150++ PER PERSON

A "Taittinger" Champagne Dinner

Celebrate Orthodox Christmas on our illuminated beach with a five course menu prepared before you in a live kitchen, accompanied by captivating live music and the magical Maldivian night sky. Hosted by Taittinger, the evening pairs Champagne with festive flavours.

19:30 – 22:30 JETTY 3 BEACH $250++ PER PERSON

Farewell

We extend our heartfelt thanks for joining us on this magical journey. May the memories you've created here at Gili Lankanfushi flow with you like the gentle tides, carrying the spirit of Beneath the Blues long after you've left our shores. Wishing you peace, joy, and a New Year filled with meaningful discoveries, unforgettable moments, and the promise of returning to the ocean once again.

Festive Journey Timeline

December 2026 — January 2027

22 Dec	23 Dec	24 Dec	25 Dec	26 Dec	27 Dec	28 Dec	29 Dec	30 Dec	31 Dec	1 Jan	2 Jan	3 Jan	4 Jan	5 Jan	6 Jan	7 Jan
Shore				*Surface*					*Deep Water*		*Echo Current*			*Return*		
22 - 25 Dec				26 - 30 Dec					31 Dec - 1 Jan		2 - 4 Jan			5 - 7 Jan		

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