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WBB Nautical is all set to embark on a snorkelling journey in the island nation of Maldives to explore the fascinating world underwater. Designed especially for students, on this 5 day journey we explore 6 different reefs in the Indian Ocean wherein students will see an array of marine life including over a hundred varieties of reef fish, sea turtles, sharks, eels, lobsters, spectacular corals etc. Headed to the Vaavu atoll in Central Maldives, we anchor ourselves on a local island and then explore reefs around on a daily basis with two scheduled snorkelling sessions every day lasting 2-3 hours each. The intent of this trip is to experience and learn about the magical world underwater – be it the corals, fish or other sea animals. Run in expeditionary mode, we function as a team, making it mandatory for students to take on team roles on a daily basis.

WHO WE ARE



Wander Beyond Boundaries (WBB) is a platform to bring together individuals who wish to push perceived boundaries (both within & outside) in order to shape their lens for life. Founded by a former Kumaranite Nidhi Salgame, along with her partner Late Col. Satty Malik, WBB brings to fore over three decades of outdoors, expeditioning and adventure expertise. Nidhi is an extreme-terrain driver, scuba diver, outdoor educator, and writer; she is the first woman to drive from Delhi to London, and also the first Indian to drive to the Pole of Cold in North-Eastern Siberia, in peak winter with over 30 years of outdoors, adventure and driving experience, spread across 32 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe and USA.

Added to her field skills, her other allied qualifications include Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) from NOLS, USA, certified for both Wilderness and Urban Environments, registered with NREMT (USA), Graduate, Outdoor Leadership Course from Outward Bound, North Carolina, PADI certified Advanced Open Water Diver, Master Educator, Leave No Trace.

Late Col Satty, SM, was an Army veteran, a swimmer, kayaker of National repute whose founding ethos are entrenched in our DNA for life. WBB is a coming together of many years spent exploring small and big trails, mud tracks and roads, seas and oceans, taking the less-trodden paths, coping with surprises and hiccups – all along in an attempt to make travel an experience and learning of a lifetime.



An underwater photograph with a teal-blue tint. In the lower-left, a large shark swims horizontally. In the upper-right, a diver in a blue wetsuit is partially visible, swimming towards the left. The background is a deep, clear blue water.

WHAT WE DO

We operate primarily in two mediums – land and water. Pioneers in extreme overlanding, WBB has been running self-drive expeditions world over for a decade now. We specialize in first-of-its-kind expeditions across Russia, Central Asia, Africa, Nepal and India, with a strong focus on celebrating the supremacy of the human spirit. Yet, we aren't a tour operator or travel company. Nor are our expeditions rallies or competitions. It's not about the strongest link, but taking the weakest one along, to ensure that we as a team complete what's planned in the safest manner. Our expeditions are rigorous and challenging, but above all, they are exploratory of not just the medium but also of man. They are designed to challenge and push individuals into areas that reveal their true self, while appreciating nature and culture that few people have access to in remote lands.



All our trips are an amalgamation of outdoors, learning, adventure, culture and history in an effort to shape and calibrate the lens with which we view the world. The journey like we say, is first within & then outside. Outdoorsy in tone and tenor, our core strength is in being able to reach the remotest of corners, embark on first of its kind routes, offer specially curated experiences also aiming to give our participants an authentic insight into the particular part of the world.

WBB Nautical is our water vertical. It offers journeys to the best snorkelling and diving sites in the world. Presently, we operate in the Indian Ocean island nation of Maldives which is arguably the No 1 destination for snorkelling, scuba and a spectacular marine treasure trove. The focus on WBB Nautical trips is not just to see marine life but also gain an insight into behaviour, food habits etc. of these distinct animals. Underwater exists a magical world that we know little about. The quest is to explore, be awed by the magnificence and sheer wonder.

Quick Info

- **Start Date:** 14th October 2023
- **End Date:** 18th October 2023
- **Start & End Point:** Bengaluru; we meet up for departure and say our goodbyes on arrival at the Airport, Bengaluru.
- **Duration:** 4 nights & 5 days
- **Level of Difficulty:** Moderate (from a sheer endurance standpoint)
- **Cost:** INR 1 Lac per head + flight tickets at actuals
- **Max No. of students:** 10
- **Trip leaders from WBB Nautical:** 2
- **Eligibility:** 12 years or older; basic swimming is mandatory
- **Last date for booking:** 15th August 2023 (booking on first come first serve basis only)
- **Tone & Tenor:** Easy paced, self-reliant, participatory, exploratory, team spirit rules!





Want to swim with Nurse sharks (which by the way are gentle and not the dangerous ones), sea turtles & sting rays, hobnob with corals, try and catch fish as you wade through thousands? Want to have your jaws drop every other second when you see an amazing sea creature you know nothing about?

This is truly a hooking experience for those who are fascinated by or for that matter have never experienced marine life. Believe us, it is a treasure trove underwater – which has every colour you can possibly think of, creatures that you haven't seen or even heard of, plants that you have no clue about – yet all of them coexist in a world so strikingly different yet hauntingly similar to ours!



Bring alive the magic of the ocean and underwater life through EPIC Maldives this May 2023. Spend four nights and five days just syncing with the ocean and the great outdoors. Let that feeling of awe and wonder engulf you; snorkel at 6 different sites, while being anchored on a non-descript but simply stunning piece of land (500mx700m) in the middle of the Indian Ocean, on an island in the Vaavu Atoll, Maldives, which by the way has no cars or scooters! Allow the magic of the sun, wind, stars, moon, and turquoise blue water entertain, strengthen, soothe and nourish the mettle you are made of as you wander beyond boundaries with us, this time nautically! Touted to be among the top 5 snorkelling sites in the world, with extremely clear waters and bustling marine life, Maldives showcases the finest that the ocean has to offer.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Snorkel at 6 different sites in the Indian Ocean, Maldives
- Experience the rich and diverse marine life, observe their world, behaviour, traits and threats.
- Marine life – abundant, hundreds of varieties of colourful reef fish, Nurse sharks, colourful corals of different shapes and sizes, sea turtles, sting rays, dolphins, squids, lobsters, moray eel, octopus etc.
- Soak in sounds, hues, texture, brilliance of the sky, sand and water
- Swim the sharks and sting rays and unlearn all the horror tales about them
- Watch dolphins, sea turtles, thousands of kinds of fish, corals, plants in their pristine habitat
- Eat authentic Maldivian food
- Live the life of an islander – in the middle of the ocean!



DAY 1:

Arrive at Male, the capital of Maldives; it has an international airport and is well connected with flights from India. Hop onto a speed boat at the airport itself; transfer to the island – should take an hour and half by speed boat. We will be staying at a very clean, homely, self-contained three star guesthouse which has enough rooms to accommodate just us and no one else. Rooms are all AC with attached bathrooms, clean and the beach is just 30 m away. We have a brief orientation on what we will do and how we shall operate and rest for the night.

DAY 2:

Post breakfast head to the beach for an introductory swim test/lesson. Familiarize with snorkelling gear and learn to swim with fins. Explore the house reef all day – the island has a bustling reef on one side.





DAY 3 & 4:

Post a leisurely morning, head to the ocean with packed lunch and swim at 3 different snorkel points (reefs) each day and experience the abundant marine life. Soak in a spectacular sunset. Head out to the jetty late evening if you have an appetite to see more sharks and sting rays or just relax on the beach marvelling at the night sky.

DAY 5:

Post breakfast, take the speed boat back to Male, fly out.

Includes

- Entire trip planning, logistics and paperwork
- Professional certified divers ensure safety
- All snorkelling gear including masks, fins and life jackets (if required)
- Leadership and guidance
- Training on basic swimming and snorkelling skills (if required), in the water assistance (if need arises)
- Very clean, comfortable accommodation with AC rooms and attached bathrooms on twin sharing basis in a cosy hotel on an island
- All meals for entire duration of the trip – breakfast, lunch & dinner; homecooked with veg and non veg options.
- Snack kit – with juices, biscuits, snacks and chocolates
- Mineral water for entire duration (we carry only 20 Litre cans to reduce impact on environment; however a water bottle will be issued at the start of the trip which may be refilled from time to time)
- Services of an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) qualified for both urban and wilderness environments for any medical emergencies that may arise
- All local fees – transit by speed boat, other boat charges for snorkelling sessions etc.
- Your travel insurance which includes medical cover too for the duration of the trip
- Services of a professional adventure photographer & videographer – photo bank at the end of the trip
- All merchandise (as applicable)

Excludes

- GST at 5%
- Your flight tickets/travel cost to and from start/end point of the trip. Please note - The return flights from Bengaluru to Male costs about 20-25k depending on when you book. We will be happy to book on your behalf once we receive your confirmation. The cost of the air tickets shall be passed on to you at actuals.
- Aerated drinks
- Personal expenses like shopping, extra food etc. and medical expenses if they arise
- Others not mentioned above in the 'fee includes' section

Disclaimer

The trip will operate with minimum participation of 4 participants. However, in case of lesser participation, the participants will be accommodated in a different batch. Booking is confirmed with 25% booking advance.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Fitness

- Basic swimming is mandatory for participation in this trip. You also need to be 12 years or older. If you enjoy the water, you'll love the experience. We will be using life jackets at all points in time. Only on accessing your swimming competence through the swim test on day 2, shall these jackets be done away with. Discretion lies with your trip leader strictly.
- You will need to submit a medical clearance form on enrolment which will be a detailed record of your present health status and/or any routine medications that you may be taking etc. This is mandatory for the trip.
- Periodically, your trip leader shall explain and give directions on what is acceptable and what is not. Compliance will be essential for all of us to have a safe and enjoyable journey.

Booking Process

- On this trip, we can have maximum of 10 participants; Participation will be on first come first serve basis only.
- Your participation will get confirmed only when you pay us a 50% booking advance
- Remaining may be paid up anytime 21 days prior to start of the trip.

Cancellation

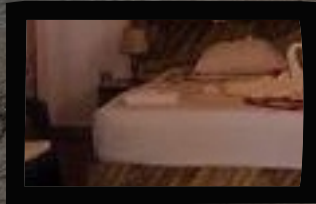
Any cancellation from side of participant due to any reason:

- 7 or less than 7 days prior to start of trip – no refund
- 7-14 days prior to start of trip – 75% refund
- More than 14 days prior to start of event – 90% refund

In the eventuality of WBB Nautical having to cancel the trip at any point due to unforeseen circumstances beyond their control, the cancellation will be as follows:

- 14 or less from start of event: 90% refund
- Greater than 14 days – full refund

Some Glimpses of the
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to be provided



Next Step

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