

At last I give feedback on a fantastic trip.

The first thing to say is that this is not The Maldives but more like a liveboard on land[or stilts]. This is positive, an integral part of the experience. It is unpretentious & very friendly-all the staff were great. We loved the food & although there was no choice we found it to be of the highest quality, not surprisingly there was plenty of fresh fish, perfectly prepared with traditional accompaniments.

The diving was very good although not an abundance of sharks but plenty of other marine life. Coral was good as was Macro life[night dive was exceptional]Saw Thresher Shark on 3 dives off Maratua & most diving close to resort.

The trips to Sangalaki to see many Manta & Kakapan to the Jelly Fish Lake were fantastic & a must do.

Water villas a must & not very expensive. The sea recedes beyond them so no direct sea access but this did not matter, it was great to see marine life as water rose. The central diving/restaurant area is not flashy but very enjoyable looking out to sea, eating outside if wanted. We saw Dolphin off shore & looked up to see Eagle or Frigate Birds.

Home reef had nice variety of marine life with some surprises too. Lots of Turtle & Lion Fish to see.

The Villas were excellent with a large balcony & plenty of room inside & air con.

Admin Points:-

1]Credit cards not accepted, currency Indonesian Rupee,\$,£ & Euro exchange very fair

2]Airport tax payable on entry and exit, not excessive but be prepared, can change currency easily at Airport.

3]\$25 for visa on entry.

4]Boat transfer 3 hours but interesting.

5]Virtually no shade on dive boat.

6]Easy to visit nearby village along sandy beach, very friendly.

7]Book extra trips in UK and any extra equipment to avoid need to take excessive cash.

All in all,a wonderful experience & stop over's were part of holiday enjoyment.

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