

# VETERINARIAN STUDENT PROGRAM

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- Develop your surgical skills in our TNR spay and neuter clinic by performing cat castrates and spays, monitoring anesthesia and recovering patients
- Get involved with sea turtle rehabilitation and diagnostics, and get interesting presentations from our vet about sea turtle medicine.
- Get involved in medical therapeutics, wound care and assist with surgical procedures - depending on patient availability
- Be a part of any current research projects, such as establishing diagnostic references or faecal analysis
- Experience authentic Maldivian life on a local island, alongside a welcoming and friendly team
- Help to educate local schools, resort staff and other communities on turtle rescue, pet husbandry and the importance of recycling and waste disposal
- Develop your knowledge with lessons run by the staff on turtle anatomy, fish identification, local Islamic culture and coral gardening
- Enjoy weekly excursions snorkeling and visiting uninhabited islands! Additional scuba diving opportunities can be arranged at an extra cost

## ABOUT

Home to five out of seven species of sea turtles, the Maldives is a vital location for turtle rescue, rehabilitation and release. Sadly, all species are endangered or critically endangered, largely due to anthropogenic threats such as plastic pollution, ghost nets and poaching. Sea turtles are frequently admitted with amputation and carapace wounds or buoyancy syndrome that require diagnostics, medical management and occasionally surgery. Here at Atoll Marine Centre, we are proud to be able to offer veterinary services and are one of very few places in the country to do so. Our work is therefore crucial not just for the conservation of wildlife, but more recently neutering and treating domesticated pets too. This is one of the many reasons why we need volunteers like you, to work with us and help protect Maldivian animals.



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<b>Location</b>	Atoll Marine Centre, Naifaru Island, Maldives
<b>Duration</b>	2-12 weeks (minimum of 3 recommended)
<b>Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Veterinary students only</li> <li>• Minimum 18 years old</li> <li>• Comfortable swimming and working in hot, humid weather</li> <li>• Be open minded and respectful toward other cultures and religions</li> <li>• Be willing to get hands on and help the community</li> <li>• Surgical experience is beneficial but not mandatory</li> <li>• We kindly ask that you bring any veterinary donations that you can!</li> </ul>

2 WEEKS	4 WEEKS	6 WEEKS	8 WEEKS
\$1680	\$3080	\$4494	\$5880

## WHAT'S INCLUDED?

### PRE-ARRIVAL

- Support from our volunteer coordinator
- Pre-arrival information
- We book local accommodation in Male and organize airport pickup (accommodation cost not included)

### DURING YOUR STAY

- In-country transportation between Male and Naifaru by domestic flight
- Accommodation on Naifaru including 3 meals a day
- 1 excursion/week
- 24/7 support from our volunteer coordinator
- Series of lectures from our veterinarian, marine biologists and local interns

### POST-DEPARTURE

- In-country transportation from Naifaru to Male by domestic flight
- Certificate of completion
- Lifetime of memories
- Discount of 20% if you decide to come again