



MANTA TRUST

The Manta Trust, one of the world's leading manta ray research organisations, have been partnered with InterContinental Maldives Maamunagau Resort since opening in 2019. During your stay, we welcome you to explore the underwater world alongside the resort's resident Marine Biologists and gain expert knowledge on manta ray research, the importance of Maamunagau's unique location and learn how you can support their conservation efforts.



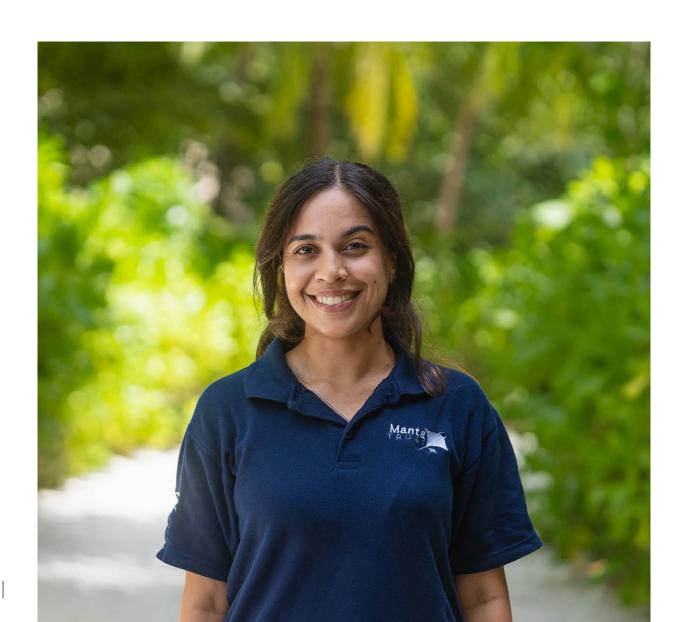


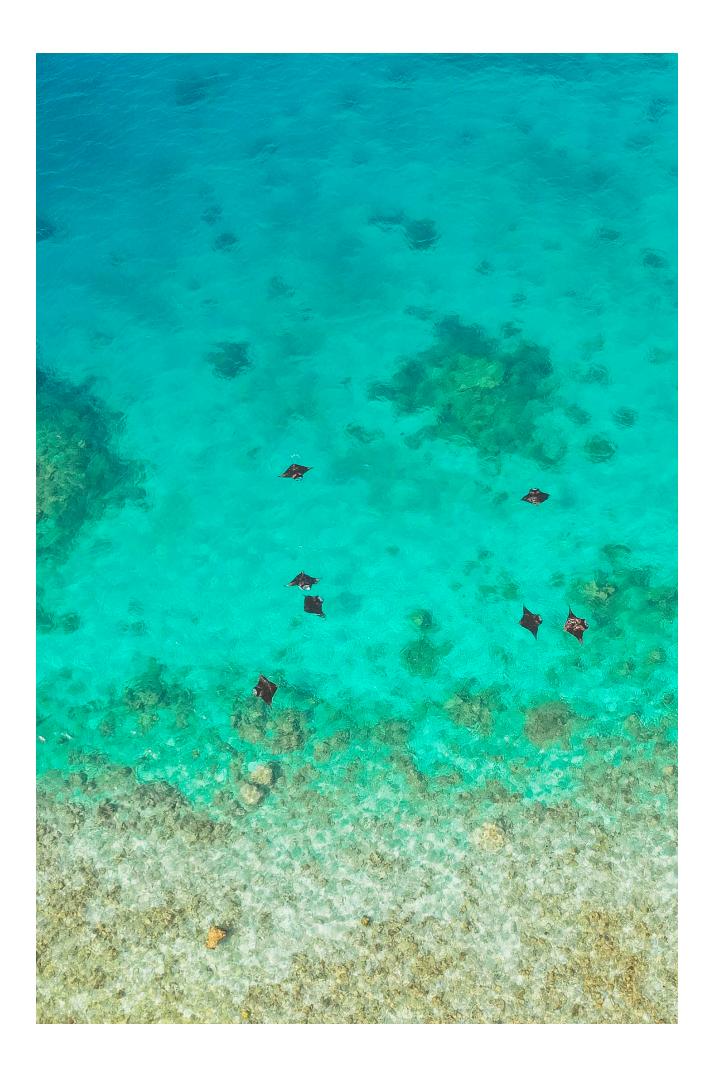
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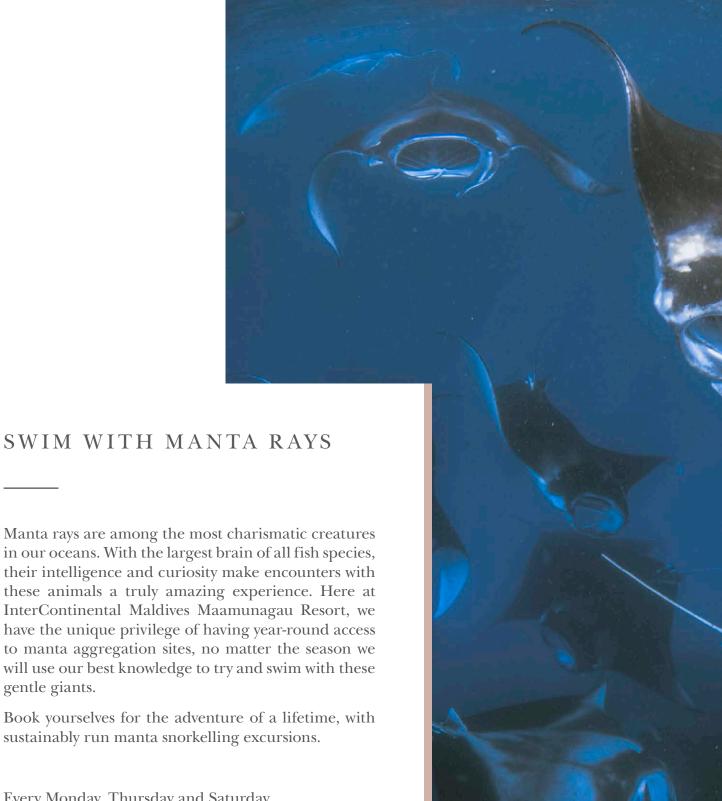
Meral is our Project Manager for the Manta Trust base in Raa Atoll at InterContinental Maldives Maamunagau Resort.

Originally from Canada, Meral has spent a lifetime dreaming of warm, tropical waters and the ecosystems they harbour. Initially drawn to the field of marine conservation due to her love of coral reefs, Meral pursued a bachelor's degree in law with the intention of tackling protection for these ecosystems in the legal sphere. But she was always drawn back to the water. After working in Thailand on coral reef restoration, Meral soon moved over to the Maldives.

Join Meral on land to learn more about manta's and the rich ecosystems they rely on or in the water to explore the rich biodiversity of Maldivian waters.







Manta rays are among the most charismatic creatures in our oceans. With the largest brain of all fish species, their intelligence and curiosity make encounters with these animals a truly amazing experience. Here at InterContinental Maldives Maamunagau Resort, we have the unique privilege of having year-round access to manta aggregation sites, no matter the season we will use our best knowledge to try and swim with these gentle giants.

Book yourselves for the adventure of a lifetime, with sustainably run manta snorkelling excursions.

Every Monday, Thursday and Saturday 09.30 am to 12.00 pm

Enquire for private booking through the Marine Centre or your Island Curator.



MANTA TALKS

Join the Manta Trust team for their educational presentations to learn more about the work we are doing to protect the manta rays here at InterContinental Maldives Maamunagau Resort. You will undoubtedly fall further in love with our fascinating flappy friends.

Every Thursday 05.00 pm | The Retreat

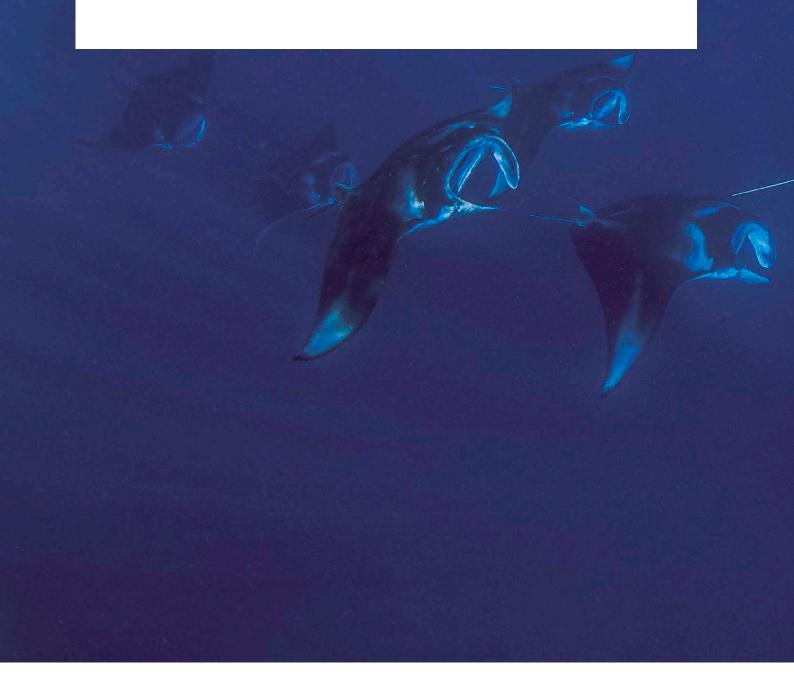
MINI MANTA BIOLOGY SESSION FOR KIDS

Every week our Manta Trust team take learning to a whole new level, with fun interactive games and educational learning for children of all ages. Welcoming the generation of the future into the world of gentle giants. Each participant will have the chance to learn something new and discover what it takes to be a mini manta biologist.

Every Friday 03.00 pm | Planet Trekkers

EXPERIENCE HANIFARU BAY

The centrepiece of Baa Atoll's UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, known famously as Hanifaru Bay, is situated just a 45 minute boat ride south of our resort. If you're staying with us during the months of June through to November, sign up for our "Manta on Call" programme for the chance to experience this natural wonder.







SUPPORT

this during your stay



DONATE TO THE MANTA TRUST

Any donations made here on InterContinental Maamunagau will be directly

used to support the research work conducted here. Donations can be made by cash, via PayPal or through your room bill.

PURCHASE MANTA TRUST MERCHANDISE

At the Manta Trust space you will find a selection of Manta merchandise, from T-shirts to cuddly toys and Manta guidebooks. Every purchase made supports the Manta Trusts work and the money goes directly to the Charity.

NAME AND ADOPT A MANTA

Whether for yourself, a friend or a loved one, take part in our

"Name-and-Adopt-a-Manta" initiative to support the work of the Manta Trust and their global efforts to protect them. For a donation of USD 150+ (A one-time fee) you will have the chance to name your very own manta ray and receive a digital adoption pack as well as 1-year membership to the Cyclone; an exclusive network portal that provides front row access to the latest discoveries in manta conservation.

