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Inquire at any of the cheap Maldives hotels about the recommended things to do when vacationing on the islands and most of them will tell you that scuba diving is without a doubt the primary activity. The entire Maldives archipelago features an underwater paradise filled with coral beds and spectacularly coloured fish life. It is this underwater marine life and the clarity of the waters that make this area so appealing where scuba diving is concerned. There are over 1,000 different species of fish that inhabit the waters of the Maldives.

Considering that the Maldives are a marine environment and not land-locked, you shouldn't be surprised by the number of water sport opportunities that exist here. Swimming, surfing, and water polo are all enjoyed by the locals and international visitors alike. Families with children can enjoy these activities but any of the beaches offer a great setting for a family picnic. The Maldives are renowned for being a surfer's mecca and enthusiasts visit the islands from all over the world.

The best way that any international visitor can experience Maldivian life is to visit any of the 200 inhabited islands out of the nearly 1,200 that comprise the Maldives archipelago. Some of the islands are still quaint and cultural while others have become more modern over time and focus entirely on the tourist trade and the revenues that tourism generates. Many of the less modern islands still rely on agriculture and fishing as their primary industries.

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