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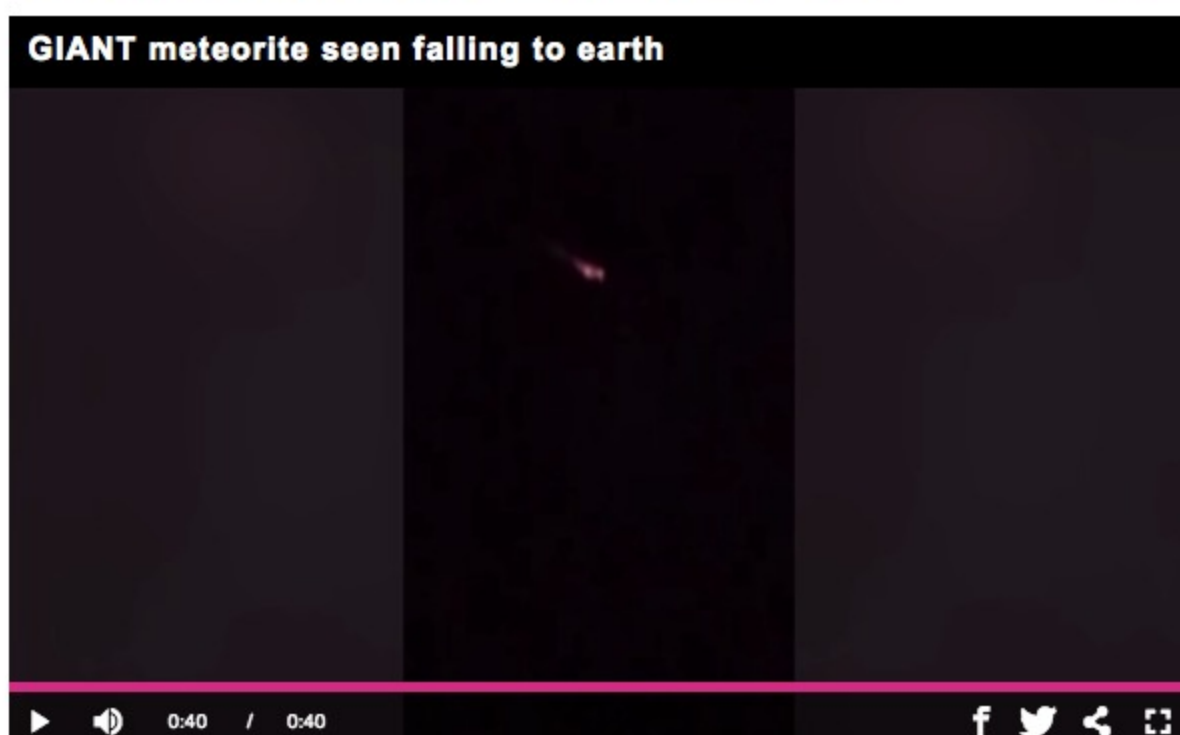


Blue Planet II - wildlife experiences for holidaymakers in the Maldives and Sri Lanka

BLUE PLANET returns to our TVs tonight with the ever-fabulous Sir David Attenborough narrating us through the best of the wildlife in our planet's sea.

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Blue Planet is back on our screens tonight with the best showing of life beneath the waves. And if you're feeling inspired to explore in the deep blue sea yourself, there's no better time than now to book a holiday.

Whether you chose the Maldives, Sri Lanka or New Zealand: each has something different to offer a wannabe explorer.

Fancy it? Read on.

Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu
Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu is a paradise for diving and marine life enthusiasts.

The resort is a UNESCO biosphere reserve and home to incredible marine life and reefs not dissimilar to what can be found on Blue Planet II.

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Since 2012, the resort's resident marine biology team have taken naturally broken pieces of coral and planted them in the inlands' lagoon where the coral can flourish.

Guests at the resort are invited to help out with this, leaving an important environmental legacy for the future.

2017 also saw the first Turtle Rescue Centre in the Maldives opened on Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu as part of their ongoing relationship with the Olive Ridley Project.

Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu has a beautiful house reef where White Tip and Gray Reef sharks, Hawksbill turtles, Dog Tooth Tuna, Napoleon fish, schools of Blue Stripe snappers, Bat fish and Fusilier fish, Barracuda and Eagle and Manta rays can be seen on a regular basis.

Dolphins are also never too far away and our morning cruises on select days will take you to see the Spinner dolphins, while close to the island, Bottlenose dolphins leap over the wakes of nearby boats.

Prices on Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu start from £384 for an Ocean Front Villa.



Blue Planet II: The Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu has a turtle rescue centre on site



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Jungle Beach, Sri Lanka

Uga Escapes' Jungle Beach in Sri Lanka is the perfect spot for blue whale watching.

Off the coast of Sri Lanka, visitors often encounter "super pods" containing 40 or more along with large numbers of Spinner dolphins.

Sperm whales can also be seen – they are the largest predators on our planet and also the deepest diving whales.

They travel in pods off the coast of Trincomalee, following the matriarchal system similar to elephants.

Jungle Beach offers the best of land and sea.

The best time to see the blue whales is from May to September as whales continue their migrations from the south coast.

At Jungle Beach, a day whale watching trip starts from £105 per person (based on four people per boat).

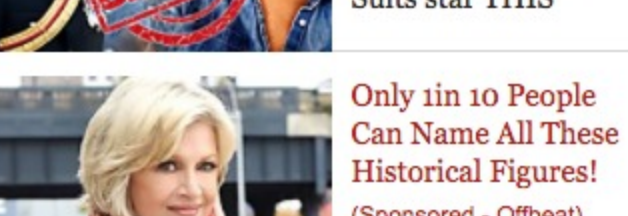
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