

# CENTRAL & SOUTH ATOLLS

Meet the shoals of Pelagics in the beautiful channels of south Male Atoll and explore the unique atolls of Vaavu and Meemu. Depending on the trip, the boats can pass by south Ari atoll, looking for Whalesharks and Manta Rays!

Routes are indicative. They can change with the seasons. Visited atolls and dive sites are not guaranteed. The Senior Instructor in consultation with the divers and Boat captain will select the route and dive sites based on current, tides and weather conditions in order to make the best possible dive safely.

- **23 dives over 9 diving days included** (possibility of additional dives)
- **Minimum level required : CMAS 2\*, Adv. or equivalent + 50 logged dives**
- Departure & return : Male



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ON VIDEO**

## South Male Atoll

### **COCOA KANDU & KANDHOOMA THILA**

Level : Difficult • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : 24-60

There are many different ways to dive this channel and his Thila. The «blue» part of the dive offers good chances to meet grey reef sharks and the drift part on the thila is full of reef fishes.

### **GURAIHOO KANDU**

Level : Difficult • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : 24-60

Deep channel stepping down to the ledge. Great place to meet sharks and squadron of eagle rays.

## Routes and Dive sites

### Vaavu Atoll

#### MIYARU KANDU

Level : Med./Diff. • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : 24-60

Beautiful challe crossing with schools of grey reef sharks and resident eagle rays.

#### ALIMATHA HR

Level : Med./Diff. • Depth : 20m/65ft • Cam : Wide/24-60

Exceptional night dive with black tip sharks, Stingrays and loads of Tawny Nurse Sharks.

#### GOLDEN WALL

Level : Med. • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : Macro/24-60

Located in a channel, you can dive this place with an in ou outgoing current. The highlight of the dive is a great vertical wall covered with yellow soft coral, giving a shiny aspect to the reef.

### South Ari Atoll

#### DHIGGA THILA

Level : Easy • Depth : 28m/91ft • Cam : Macro/24-60

150m/500ft long thila with stunning overhangs covered with colourfull soft corals. The last part of the dive in a hard coral garden is just magical.

#### RANGALI MADIVARU

Level : Easy • Depth : 20m/65ft • Cam : Wide

During the north-east monsoon, divers have great chances to meet Manta rays. We also like the architecture of the dive site.

#### MAAMIGILI HR

Level : Easy • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : Wide/24-60

The main interest of this loooooong outreef is the possibility of meeting Whale Sharks and Zebra sharks! Drift along and keep your eyes open!

### Meemu Atoll (optional)

#### MULI CORNER

Level : Med. • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : 24-60

A very fishy dive site with schools of jacks, grey reef sharks and barracudas... This drift dive takes you from a slope to the channel. Different canyons and rock formations are decorated with yellow net coral. With an outgoing current, Mantas could be present.

#### MULI KANDU

Level : Med. • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : 24-60

Drift dive close to Muli Island, a mating place for turtles. Loads of snappers, schooling tunas, sharks and eagle rays can be spotted here.

#### VANHURAVALHI KANDU

Level : Difficult • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : 24-60

Channel crossing close to the channel ledge where you have a great view on colourfull deep overhangs. In the blue, look out for grey reef and silvertip sharks, as well ans shoals of jacks and snappers.

#### KURELI KANDU

Level : Easy • Depth : 15m/50ft • Cam : Wide

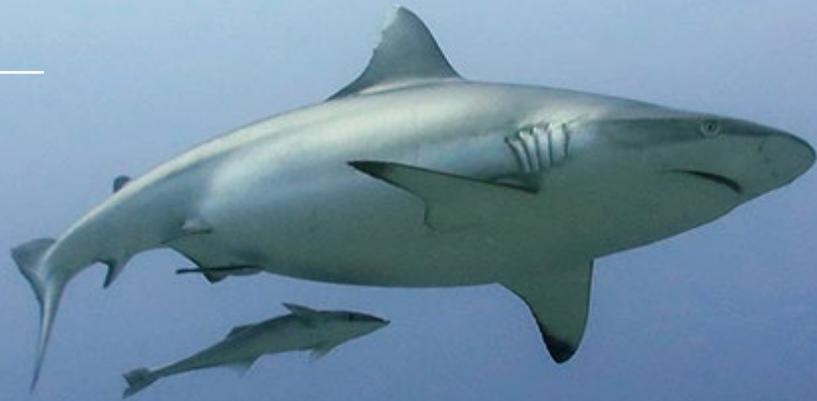
At the extreme south-west side of the atoll, shallow dive on a sandy bottom where Manta rays are gathering!

#### HAKURA THILA

Level : Med. • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : 24-60

Exceptionnal 75m/250ft long thila! Photographers will love the north tip of the reef where the overhangs offer interesting light effects. A cave at 15m/50ft is home of loads of nudibranchs.

## Routes and Dive sites



### Thaa atoll (optional)

#### KALHUFHALA GIRI

Level : Easy • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : Macro

Very fishy reefs with soft and hard corals. grey reef sharks, white tips and eagle rays live around the pinnacle.

#### OLHUGIRI KANDU

Level : Difficult • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : 24-60

Beautiful channel with sharks, rays, shoals of jacks and snappers. Have a look into the overhangs for some nice soft corals.

#### KALHUFHALA HOUSE REEF

Level : Easy • Depth : 15m/50ft • Cam : Wide

Superbe spot pour contempler et faire du snorkeling avec le requin baleine de nuit.



### Safety first!

All aquatic activities are under the supervision of a qualified instructor (CMAS or PADI) of the Seafari team.

Before each activity Instructors on board will make a detailed presentation of the site, currents, wildlife and safety rules to be observed.

The choice of sites is at the discretion of the captain and Seafari Senior Instructor depending on the season and weather conditions. The senior instructor may impose In water supervision or restriction from diving to any diver whose technical level is not sufficient to guaranty safe diving conditions.

### Cruising speed (Flexible times)

- Sunrise : Tea, coffee and the first dive (depending on the tide and the site)
- 8.30 am : Continental & local breakfast
- 9.30-10.30 am : Navigation
- 10.30 am : Some days the first or second dive
- 12.30 pm : Lunch with fresh fish, vegetables, rice, fruit, local or international food
- 2 pm : Navigation or second dive
- 4 pm : island hopping or well-deserved rest.
- Sunset : Night Dive (1 per week)
- 6.30 p.m : Relaxing. Bar opening!
- 8 pm : Dinner: usually fresh fish and traditional Maldivian cooking and international cuisine
- Evening «under the stars», presentation of the fauna of the Indian Ocean..

**Snorkeling sessions with manta rays are planned on secret places.**



# D i c t i o n a r y

f o r   D i v e r s   i n   t h e   M a l d i v e s

**Barracuda** : Farutolhi

**Cleaning station** : Coral formation where the tiny cleaner wrasses jump on every fish here to clean it up from parasites. Mantas offer here their best show!

**Corner** : Part of the reef where an outreef meets a channel. Good for big fishes.

**Dolphin** : Koamas

**Faru** : Reefs located outside the atoll. These walls offer a great view on the big blue on one side and beautiful reefs for macro lovers on the other side.

**Giri** : « underwater island » with a shallow top reef between 2 and 6m.

**Goodbye** : Alvadhaau

**Hello** : Aleikum saluam

**Kandu** : These channels could be challenging as they are influenced by the current. Sharks, rays, tunas, trevallies... live here and can be seen in great numbers.

**Manta** : Madi

**OK** : Enge

**Shark** : Miyaru

**Thank you** : Shukuriyyaa

**Thila** : « underwater island » with a top reef between 10 and 15m.

**Tuna** : Kanneli

**Turtle** : Velaa

**Whale** : Bodumas

*The team Seafari wishes you a good trip  
and unforgettable dives!*

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