



14 NIGHTS

SHARKS & MANTAS EXPEDITION

A tour designed by our team of local experts to offer you the best of the Maldives in 13 days. On this cruise you will dive the atolls of North Male, South Male, Ari, Vaavu, Meemu, Thaa, Laamu, Gaafu Alifu, Foammulah, Seenu. A unique itinerary that features some of the best diving in the Maldives, with a range of sites that will delight all marine life lovers.

Routes are indicative. They can change with the seasons. Visited atolls and dive sites are not guarantee. 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.

- **32 dives over 13 diving days included** (extra dives possibles)
 - **Minimum level required : CMAS 2*, Adv. or equivalent + 50 logged dives**
 - Departure : Male or Gan
 - Return : Male or Gan
- 1 way domestic flight included.

North Male Atoll

LANKAN MANTA POINT

Level : Easy • Depth : 22m/72ft • Cam : Wide angle

Located on the eastern side of the Atoll, this dive site is made of a gentle slope ending on a sandy bottom. During the south-west Monsoon, Mantas come here to get cleaned.

SUNLIGHT THILA

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

On a sandy bottom, loads of cleaner wrasses found shelter around 3 little coral blocks. Manta rays like to visit the place from september to november.

NASSIMO THILA

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

Located next to the main Thila, a rock formation of four blocks offers a beautiful landscape of soft coral, as well as a great variety of fishes.

BACK FARU

Level : Easy • Depth : 28m/92ft • Cam : 24-60

The outreef of Hulumale is ideal for a first dive of the holidays. Plenty of morey eels live here, including the magnificent honeycomb morey.

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Ari north and south Atolls

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!

MAAYA THILA,

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

Tiny Thila is a natural park full of surprises! Very popular for night dives, this place is home of many sharks and turtles. The top reef at 6m/20ft is great to end the dive.

FESDU WRECK

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

This small Wreck lays on a sandy bottom at 30m, close to an army of garden eels. Take the west direction from there and find a nice thila where the small critters gather. Will you spot the resident frog fish?

FISH HEAD

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

Magnificent thila! Grey reefs, white tips, Jacks, Turtles and schooling fishes make this dive unforgettable.

FESDU LAGOON

Level : Easy • Depth : 15m/50ft • Cam : 24-60

Night dive with manta rays, are you in?

MOOFUSHI KANDU OU CORNER

Level : Med./Diff. • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : Wide

Great dive with eagle rays, grey reef sharks, napoleons and mantas, what else?

DHIGGA THILA

Niveau : Facile • Prof. : 28m • Photo : Macro ou 24-60

Thila long de 150 mètres où l'on y trouve des cavités surplombées de coraux mous multicolores. La fin de la plongée, sur un plateau rempli de tables d'Acropora, ne laisse personne indifférent.

KUDARAH THILA

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

The quantity of fishes on this marine park is just amazing. Schooling Jacks and snappers stay in place in the split point next to an anemone field. Keep your Eyes open for a guitar shark passing by!

5 ROCKS

Level : Medium • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : M./W./24-60

One of the best example of the outstanding diversity of the maldivian marine life. Massive gorgone fans, soft corals and clouds of fishes make this place so special.

BODU FINHOLU THILA

Niveau : easy • Depth. : 30m • Photo : 24-60

Superb thila off the outer reef of Ari. Grey sharks, stingrays, mobula, white tip sharks in quantity and sometimes whale sharks visiting us...

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Atoll de Vaavu

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.

FOTTEYO KANDU

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

One of the best dive in the Maldives. On top of the schools of Sharks and eagle rays, the soft corals are absolutely amazing.

DEVANA KANDU

Niveau : Medium • Depth. : 30m • Photo : 24-60

Very nice fishy channel, grey sharks, white tip sharks, eagle rays, stingrays and napoleons...



Atoll de Meemu

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.

MADUVARI KANDU

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

A beautiful channel with a school of about thirty grey sharks at home. Eagle and napoleon rays, barracuda and schools of jacks will add to the show.

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Thaa Atoll

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.

Laamu Atoll

ISDHOO MULI

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

Located at the northern tip of the Atoll of Laamu this dive site is home to many fish species. Sharks, napoleon, turtles, jacks, groupers and snappers can be seen here.

FUSHI KANDU

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

Adrenalin dive with squadron of eagle rays, grey reef sharks, schooling big eye Jacks... Cruise along the channel ledge and keep your eyes wide open!

KADHDHO THILA

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

This Mushroom-shaped rock formation is great for macro lovers. Stunning hard corals, 3m fan

corals hanging at 90° angle... bring a very pleasant atmosphere throughout the dive

HITHADHOO CORNER

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

A long plateau from 8 to 22 meters inside the channel. This site is a Manta garage with several cleaning stations where little wrasse groom the patient and still Manta's in full deworming sessions. There are also schools of fish, snappers, trevallies, platax, large barracudas, stingrays and turtles.

Gaafu Alifu Atoll

NILANDHOO CORAL GARDEN

Level : Easy • Depth : 25m/82ft • Cam. : Macro

Beautiful formations of hard and soft corals mix with a marine life rich of many species of reef fish and some white tips sharks and turtles.

HITAADHOO CORAL GARDEN (BIRD ISLAND)

Level : Easy • Depth : 25m/82ft • Cam. : Macro

A 200 meters long reef with a beautiful drop off on 30 meters. It is pierced by small caverns and towards the west the reef forms overhangs adorned with magnificent corals. Scorpion fish and a wide range of reef fish are often seen here. With a little luck we also meet manta mobula ...

Night snorkeling with Whale Sharks!

KUREDHOO KANDU CORNER

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

The site is located on the outside wall of the channel entering the lagoon. The wall drops

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down to 30-40 meters and more. The corals are beautiful and the marine life abundant. There are several species of sharks (gray, nurses) and an abundance of jacks, barracudas, sometimes even marlins cruising by.

VILIGILHI KANDU • KOODDOO KANDU

NILANDHOO KANDU ET MAAREHAA KANDU

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

Stunning Channel with an amazing fish life ! Reef sharks, eagle rays, jacks, barracudas patrol here. If you are lucky, you could meet a Whale, hammerhead or tiger shark...

NILANDHOO BEIRU

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

A reef of more than 2 kilometres long ! It sleeps below the surface at 10 meters depth and drop down to more than 40 meters. There is a beautiful colony of hard and soft corals. Some sharks, sometimes eagle rays and napoleons patrol with shoals of jacks and tuna. With a little luck we can meet leopard sharks.

VAADHOO THILA

Level : Easy • Depth : 28m/92ft • Cam. : Macro

To the south of the atoll, it is a superb thila of 100 meters long, rich in corals and fish.

SPINNER SHARKS SPOT

Niveau : Medium • Prof. : 20-30m • Photo : 24-60

Unique dive site discovered by Seafari where you can encounter the graceful spinner shark.

Gnaviyani Atoll

This atoll is located a few degrees south of the equator.

FOAMMULAH WEST AND SOUTH

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

Great place for «big fish» dives. Possibility of seeing Tresher shark, Mola Mola, Tiger sharks and hammerheads.

Seenu Atoll

GAN INSIDE

Level : Easy • Depth : 20m/65ft • Cam. : 24-60 / Macro

A perfect spot for night dive to see humped parrotfish, green turtles, and with a little luck leaf scorpion fish

KOATTEY CORNER

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

A peninsula reef pointing out in the ocean. Superb diving with, Mantas, gray sharks, white tips, shoals of jacks and tuna.

MAA KANDU (CORNER)

Level : Medium • Depth : 25m/82ft • Cam. : Wide

Awesome Manta Point! Hang on and enjoy the show!

BRITISH LOYALTY

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

One of many tribute to freedom paid by the British Royal Navy became a beautiful wreck for diver's to enjoy. This English tanker, 140 m long , was sunk by the Nazi's during Second World War.



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 guarantee 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.

Dictionary

for Divers in the Maldives

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

News, routes, dive centres, deals :

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