ARIYAL

Baa, Hanifaru, North Ari and South Male

Male to Male | Baa, North Ari, South Ari, Vaavu and South Male

Baa Atoll offers crystal-clear waters, healthy reefs and the chance to encounter whale sharks and manta rays, particularly when plankton blooms attract these gentle giants.

This special route opens in Baa Atoll with a snorkel at Hanifaru Bay, famous for manta rays and whale sharks.

It then runs south through North Ari, South Ari, Vaavu and South Male, with hammerhead sharks at Rasdhoo along the way.

After dark the diving gets even better, with manta night dives, a night whale shark dive and nurse sharks on a Vaavu house reef.

South Ari is the place for whale sharks, and the route closes in South Male at a tiger shark site.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
7 nights	Male	Male	Open Water







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Malé and boarding

A representative collects you at the airport and a short transfer by dhoni takes you to the boat.
You meet the crew, join the welcome briefing and prepare your equipment.
In the evening you cross to Angafaru in Baa Atoll, about 7 hours.

DAY 2

Baa Atoll

3 dives

Check dive at Angafaru, then dives at Nelivaru Thila and Dhigali Thila.
You anchor near Kihaadhoo.

DAY 3

Dharavandhoo and Hanifaru

2 dives

Dives at Dharavandhoo Thila and Dhigu Thila, then a snorkel at Hanifaru Bay.
You anchor near Veyofushi for a barbecue on the island, then sail to Rasdhoo.

DAY 4

Rasdhoo and North Ari

3 dives

Dives at Rasdhoo Madivaru Hammerhead Point and Maya Thila in North Ari, then a manta night dive at Fesdhoo Lagoon, where you anchor for the night.

DAY 5

Fish Head and Moofushi

3 dives

Dives at Fish Head and Moofushi Kandu, then a night whale shark dive.
You anchor near Mirihi.

DAY 6

South Ari and Vaavu

3 dives

Dives at Kudarah Thila and Maamigili Beyru in South Ari, where you search for whale sharks.
You then sail to Vaavu for a night dive on the Alimatha house reef, with nurse sharks, before sailing on to South Male.

DAY 7

South Male

2 dives

Dives at Kandooma Thila and at the Hulhumale entrance, a tiger shark site.
You anchor off Kurumba in North Male.

DAY 8

Check out in Male

Check out in the morning and transfer to the airport.
There is no diving today.







GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Hanifaru Bay

A snorkel at Hanifaru Bay in Baa Atoll, famous for manta rays and whale sharks.

Night dives

Manta night dive at Fesdhoo Lagoon, a night whale shark dive and a nurse shark night dive at Alimatha.

Hammerhead Point

Rasdhoo Madivaru Hammerhead Point in North Ari.

Daily rhythm

Wake up call at 6:00, with dives at 6:30, 10:30 and 3:00pm, and meals and snacks in between. Times change with tank filling, cruising hours and weather.

Check in

Check in is from 12:30 pm. You are met in the arrival area at Velana Airport, at counter D-6. Normally there is a check dive on the first afternoon, as long as all guests are on board by 2pm.

Check out

Check out is between 8 and 9am. An earlier check out can be arranged if you have an early flight.

Last dive

Two morning dives, ending before lunch on the day before departure. Keep to the no-flying rule for your flight.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Full board meals, with snacks, drinking water, tea and coffee
- Welcome cocktail on arrival
- Airport transfer
- Diving package with free nitrox and night dives
- Snorkelling guide
- Land excursions
- Towels and Wi-Fi on board
- VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights, including the domestic flight on Deep South trips
- Environmental tax, charged per night
- Fuel surcharge, charged per day
- Mandatory service charge, per trip
- Alcoholic and soft drinks
- Rental dive gear and snorkel gear
- Extra dives, private dive guide and dive courses
- Laundry and pressing
- Dive and travel insurance

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Completed diver medical questionnaire
- Details of your dive and travel insurance
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy
- Reef-safe sunscreen

AND ALSO

- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Personal medication and toiletries
- Travel adaptor
- Passport

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

Dive sites are an example of the route and are not guaranteed. The final route is at the captain's discretion, and depends on the weather and local conditions

Good to know

Divers should wait at least 24 hours after their last dive before flying

Good to know

You must be an Open Water qualified diver to join this trip