BLACK MANTA

Deep South, All the Way to the Equator

Male to Gan | North Male, South Male, Vaavu, Meemu, Thaa, Laamu, Gaafu, Fuvahmulah and Addu

Join Black Manta for an unforgettable diving journey across the far south of the Maldives.

You start in North Male, South Male and Vaavu Atolls, where the first dives introduce you to a great mix of sharks, turtles, eagle rays and pelagic life.

The adventure goes on through Thaa and Laamu Atolls, where lively reefs and big schools of fish give a perfect balance of thrilling encounters and peaceful underwater scenery.

After a night crossing, Gaafu Atoll awaits, with dynamic channels known for strong currents and rich pelagic action, especially several species of shark.

The journey ends in Fuvahmulah and Addu Atolls with rare highlights such as tiger sharks and manta rays, a truly spectacular finale.

Highlights of the ten nights include channel dives in Gaafu, big pelagics at Fuvahmulah, and a manta point and a wreck in Addu.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
10 nights	Male	Gan	50+ dives, AOWD







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation

No diving today

A representative picks you up at Male airport and takes you to the boat.
You are welcomed with a drink and the cruise manager's briefing, dinner is served in the evening, and the first night is spent at Hulhumale marina.

DAY 2

North Male to South Male to Vaavu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

The trip will start by exploring the long reefs of North Male Atoll.
Corals are abundant here, providing an exceptional home for many fish and smaller creatures.
After the first dive, we will sail to Vaavu Atoll to get straight into the heart of the action.
There is nothing more exciting than watching sharks, rays, and jacks searching for food.

DAY 3

Vaavu Atoll to Meemu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

In addition to the exceptional topography and marine life, you will also visit the virgin reefs of Meemu Atoll.
Its excellent channel has steep walls and overhangs covered in soft corals.
A great chance to encounter hammerheads with grey sharks, white tip sharks, eagle rays, napoleons and turtles.

DAY 4

Meemu Atoll to Thaa Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Travelling south, you will discover a varied topography of channels and thilas with coral gardens and overhangs.
You will also encounter reef sharks, schools of jackfish, and eagle rays.
We will anchor at Thaa Atoll for the night, with the possibility of encountering a whale shark during the night.

DAY 5

Thaa, Laamu and North Gaafu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Laamu Atoll is characterized by drift dives and deep canals that attract sharks, rays, jacks, and tunas.
You will also discover intact caves and drop-offs.
The central lagoon hosts large shoals of parrotfish, triggerfish and turtles.

DAY 6

North Gaafu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

The largest atoll in the south of the Maldives is a paradise for sharks.
You will encounter grey reef sharks, white tip sharks, silver tip sharks, and black tip sharks, especially in Viligili Kandu and Kooddoo Kandu—some of the most famous channels in this atoll.

DAY 7

North to South Gaafu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

After a last dive in Vilingili Kandu, we will continue heading south, exploring the different channels of Gaafu Atoll, which offer exciting drift dives and beautiful coral gardens.

DAY 8

South Gaafu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

The south of Gaafu offers a wide choice of channels and rich coral life inside the atoll, with strong chances of encountering dolphins and sailfish during a drift dive in Mareeha Channel.
After the last dive of the day, we will position the boat near the atoll exit to allow for overnight navigation to Fuvahmulah.

DAY 9

Fuvahmulah Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Fuvahmulah is literally an island in the middle of the Indian Ocean and offers the possibility of encountering large pelagic species such as tiger sharks, oceanic manta rays, and more.
We will spend a full day there, enjoying three unforgettable dives.

DAY 10

Addu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Depending on your return flights we will make 2 to 3 dives in Addu Atoll including a manta point and a wreck located in this atoll.

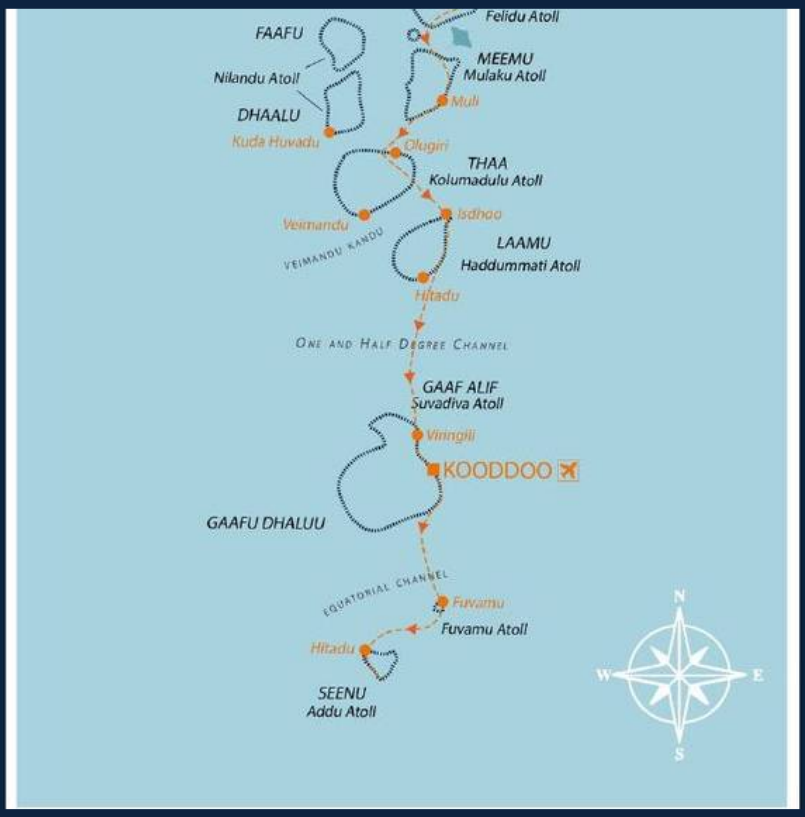
DAY 11

Disembark

After breakfast on board, the crew arranges your transfer to the airport at Gan, where you take your flight.
Guests disembark between 08:00 and 08:30.
There is no diving today.

ROUTE MAP

Deep South, All the Way to the Equator route



GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Night dives

Scheduled night dives, often with nurse sharks, and manta night dives where the area allows.

Island visits

Visits to local islands and beach evenings, when the schedule and weather allow.

Check in

A representative holding a sign meets you outside the arrival hall at Male airport. The first transfer to the boat, by dhoni from the airport marina and taking about 20 minutes, is at about 2 pm, and check in is from 3 pm. There are no hotel pick ups. Early check in, with a pick up at 10 am, is possible for an extra charge.

Check out

Guests disembark at Gan between 08:00 and 08:30 after breakfast, and the crew arranges the transfer to the airport, for your domestic flight.

Last dive

Allow at least 24 hours between your last dive and flying. The dive team can limit the number of dives for weather, diver level or physical condition, with no refund.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Airport transfers to the boat, by dhoni from the airport marina, and back at the end
- Shared double or twin cabin
- Dive guides
- 12 litre aluminium cylinders with DIN or international fittings, and weights
- Meals and all soft drinks on board
- Bath towels, changed at least once
- Maldivian government tourist tax and service charge
- Jacuzzi on board
- Wi-Fi, limited to emails and messaging apps

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to and from Male
- Supplement for a superior or premium cabin
- Supplement for single use of a cabin
- Beer, wine, spirits and espresso coffee
- Diving courses and rental equipment
- Dive insurance (mandatory) and travel insurance
- Massage service
- Speedboat, plane or seaplane transfers on special routes or unscheduled arrivals and departures
- Nitrox package

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 with reel
- 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

A surcharge may be applied if exchange rates or fuel prices change materially. At least 14 days notice is given, none is applied within 28 days of departure, and a full refund is allowed if the surcharge is 10% or more of the price

Good to know

The minimum level is Advanced Open Water or CMAS 2 star, and Open Water divers must complete Advanced Open Water at the start of the cruise

Good to know

The route is an example and can change to suit the weather and sea conditions

Good to know

Snorkellers are welcome on board

Flying

Domestic flights to or from Gan or Kooddoo are needed, and are not included





