

MALDIVES - SOUTH HEMISPHERE - Maldives Blue Force

Nights 7

Itinerary: Gaafu Alifu & Gaafu Dhaalu, Addu, Fuvahmulah

MALDIVES – SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE 2024 & 25

February 3 to March 9, 2024 - February 8 to March 15, 2025

We recommend you a cruise aboard MALDIVES BLUE FORCE, out of all traditional diving routes in Maldives, the SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE.

The MALDIVES BLUE FORCE team has planned the next cruise season in the SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE IN MALDIVES in the very months when optimal conditions are in this part of the country.

The liveaboard will depart at the end of January to the Southern part in the archipelago where it will stay for 8 weeks without returning to Male with an operation located in the Equatorial zone. The route is unique and out of any other traditional circuits.

The quality of dives is extraordinary. The amount of life (schools of fish, schools of sharks and pelagic, whale shark by night, mantas, tiger shark, mola mola, sailfish...). The quality and exuberance of the reefs, thilas with corals as it was Maldives 25 years ago and the British Loyalty (the biggest wreck in Maldives) turn this route into the BEST OF MALDIVES.

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE (Intermediate stage): Addu, Ghaafu Alifu & Ghaafu Dhaaly, Fuvahmulah. Embarking and disembarking in Kooddoo depending on the stage.

Most interesting spots on the route:

* **GAAFU ALIFU & GHAAFU DHAALU:** Doing the " Southern Hemisphere" route, you will have the opportunity to go more in depth into one of the most beautiful atolls of the Maldives, Gaafu Alifu and Gaafu Dhaalu, visiting all its marvelous places.

The famous Vilingili and Kooddoo channels of are only a part of the many attractions that this huge atoll has to offer. We also find densely coral garden, blue dives next to the reef like Gemmanafushi Beru where we go out to find hammerhead and silky sharks and more.

* **ADDU:** Famous for its manta dives at Maa Kanduu cleaning station where we can enjoy the presence of these majestic creatures. Addu is also home to the largest wreck in the Maldives, *The British Loyalty*, 150 metres! But not only that, in this atoll we also find incredible blue walls wherer we have the chance ton find tiger, silvertip and grey reef sharks.

* **FUVAHMULAH:** One of the main attractions of this route, Fuvahmulah is where we will spend one of our days during the trip. This island south of the equators offers exciting dives such as the southern plateau, with strong currents, we will have the chance to see from hammerhead sharks to thresher and tiger sharks, or the famous Tiger Zoo or Tiger Wall where we will have the opportunity to see tiger sharks up close, with the possibility to choose the "atraccting" dives (hiding waste from the fish processing plant under the rocks). other pelagic animals are common in Fuvahmulah (tunas, jack fish, marlin, etc...)

2 WEEKS ROUTE: MALE – KOODDOO or GAN: Making 2 ongoing weeks is highly recommended. It goes from the central Atolls up to the Deep South in Maldives or the other way round adding to the stage Deep South Down (departing from Male) or Deep South Up (arriving in Male) a week in the Southern Hemisphere .

Day 1 Saturday: MALE AIRPORT – EMBARKING ATOLL – SOUTH HEMISPHERE CRUISE

Arrival at Male Airport. Emigration proceedings. Baggage claim. Connecting flight to Male – Embarking atoll airport (Timetable to be confirmed). Arrival and baggage claim and transfer to MALDIVES BLUE FORCE 3 by dhoni. Allocation of cabins, briefing about the boat, dive, itinerary... and start of the cruise.

Day 2 & 7 Sunday-Friday: SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE DIVING CRUISE

Dive in Gaafu, Foamulah & Addu. 3 dives a day, including 1 or 2 night dives in the week. Depending on the diving conditions, the number of daily dives can be modified, guaranteeing a total amount of 18 dives per week.

Afternoon mainland visits (if no night dive is programmed). After dinner several group activities are arranged or just relax on board, games, movies, karaoke

Last day arrival , rinsing of stuff, relax on board.

Day 8 Saturday: DISEMBARKING ATOLL – MALE

During the morning, disembarking & domestic flight to Male (Timetable to be confirmed). Arrival at Male Airport. Depending on the flight timetable there may be time to visit Male, visit the capital & last time shopping.

Useful information

We recommend that you book your flights with arrival in Male before 12.00 noon and with later departure at 12.00 noon for best domestic flight connections with the boat not to miss any dive

IT IS COMPULSORY TO HAVE FOR SOUTH HEMISPHERE 100 LOGED DIVES

Passengers holding EU nationality need to have their passport valid for at least six months since departure from Maldives.

Other nationalities check with Consulate/Embassy representatives conditions of entry in Maldives.

All payments on board can be in USD or €. Credit card accepted with a surcharge of 4%. American Express non-accepted

The diver is responsible for holding the corresponding Diving Certificate for dives to be done. If the diver doesn't hold the required certificate or the guide in charge of going along with the divers considers, for any reason, that the client is not qualified for some dive, he will have full authority not to allow the client for such dive. Besides, Blue Force Diving won't commit itself to make any deduction for that.

Due to sea conditions, weather conditions or any other factors, the boat/cruise staff reserves the right to change the route totally or partially without prior warning.No refund will be issued for such circumstances.

Remarks

For all the clients that book sharing cabins, Blue Force reserves the right to change the number of the cabin. We will maintain always the rate and the category.