CARPE NOVO

# Best of Maldives

*Male to Male | Ari, Vaavu and Male atolls*



This is the ultimate diving journey through the country's most iconic atolls, with extra time in North Male and Rasdhoo.

Encounter an astonishing variety of marine life, from grey reef, whitetip and blacktip reef sharks to mantas, turtles, moray eels, eagle rays and colourful reef fish.

Vaavu is known for its vibrant marine life and pristine coral reefs, and its channels and pinnacles provide thrilling drift dives.

South Male offers impressive drop-offs, caves and overhangs, with coral gardens, manta rays, sharks and turtles.

Experience night dives alongside nurse sharks or graceful manta rays, and witness the beauty of the cleaning stations.

Macro lovers can spot nudibranchs and other hidden reef treasures.

| LENGTH | DEPARTURE PORT | ARRIVAL PORT | EXPERIENCE |
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| 10 nights | Male | Male | 35 dives, Advanced |







# Your itinerary

DAY 1

## Arrival and check dive

1 check dive

Meet your representative at counter D17 at Velana International Airport.
Check in is at 14:00.
After a welcome drink, the safety briefing and dive registration, the check dive runs from 15:30 to 16:30, with dinner around 18:45.
If most guests arrive late, the check dive moves to the next day.

DAY 2

## North Male

3 dives

Thilas, drift dives and pristine reefs, with turtles, sharks and rays.

DAY 3

## North Male

3 dives

More time around North Male, with fresh sites picked by the captain and dive team to suit the conditions.

DAY 4

## Rasdhoo

3 dives

Drift dives along Rasdhoo Madivaru with reef sharks, eagle rays and schools of fusiliers, and Hammerhead Point, known for hammerhead encounters.

DAY 5

## Rasdhoo

3 dives

More time around Rasdhoo, with fresh sites picked by the captain and dive team to suit the conditions.

DAY 6

## North Ari

3 dives

Maaya Thila for manta rays and Fish Head for abundant marine life, with turtles and a chance of whale sharks.

DAY 7

## South Ari

3 dives

Whale sharks are often seen here.
Dive Kudarah Thila for schools of fish and coral formations, and look for anemones, nudibranchs and morays.

DAY 8

## Vaavu

3 dives

Channels and pinnacles with thrilling drift dives, reef sharks and manta rays.

DAY 9

## South Male

3 dives

Drop-offs, caves and overhangs, with coral gardens, manta rays, sharks and turtles.

DAY 10

## Last diving day

1 or 2 dives

One or two morning dives, depending on your flight times and the dives you have already done.
Enjoy a last lunch and dinner with your new dive buddies.

DAY 11

## Check out

Check out is at 08:00, followed by a transfer to Velana International Airport.
There is no diving today.

GOOD TO KNOW

# On land and on the way

### Night dives

Two night dives are planned, weather permitting.

### Beach BBQ

A beach barbecue is planned during the trip, weather and government permitting.

### Check in

Check in is at 14:00. Meet your representative at counter D17 in the arrival hall.

### Check out

Check out is at 08:00 on the last day, with a transfer to Velana International Airport.

### Last dive

One or two morning dives on the last diving day, depending on your flight times.

INCLUDED

# What your trip covers

## INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Airport transfers (pick-up and drop-off)
- Welcome drink on arrival
- All meals: buffet breakfast, lunch, afternoon snacks and dinner
- Unlimited drinking water, coffee and tea
- Three guided dives a day with English-speaking local dive guides
- Two night dives, weather permitting
- Nitrox and air tanks, one SMB per buddy team and reef hooks
- Weights and belts (some items carry an extra charge)
- Beach BBQ (weather and government permitting)
- Taxes and service charge

## NOT INCLUDED

- Equipment not listed under what is included
- PADI courses
- Green tax
- Fuel surcharge, payable on board
- Soft drinks and alcoholic drinks
- Starlink Wi-Fi (optional, extra cost)
- Domestic flights, where needed
- Park fees, such as Hanifaru Bay
- Dive insurance (mandatory) and travel insurance (recommended)

BEFORE YOU GO

# What to bring

## ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Completed diver medical questionnaire
- Details of your dive and travel insurance
- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses

## AND ALSO

- Light clothing and sandals
- Personal medication and toiletries
- Travel adaptor
- Passport

WORTH KNOWING

# Key notes

### Insurance

Dive insurance is mandatory, and travel insurance is recommended

### Good to know

Divers need Advanced Open Water and about 35 dives

### Good to know

Open Water divers may join some trips but cannot dive certain sites because of the depth, and need a private guide

## Good to know

The route is not fixed, and the dive team may change it because of the weather. Sites are chosen each day by the captain and dive team leader





