CARPE NOVO

Reef, Rays and Hanifaru Bay

Male to Dharavandhoo or Dharavandhoo to Male | Baa and Raa atolls



Discover the magic of the Maldives as you explore vibrant coral reefs and colourful thilas and giris, with schooling reef fish, eagle rays, stingrays, reef sharks and even the occasional whale shark.

During the manta season, there is the rare opportunity to witness mass manta gatherings inside Hanifaru Bay, one of the world's top manta hotspots.

Diving is not permitted inside the bay, so a guided snorkel is arranged with the local rangers when mantas or whale sharks are present.

Beyond the water, the trip brings the islands to life, with a local island visit, a tropical beach BBQ and Maldivian night fishing.

It is crafted for ocean lovers of every level, from non-divers and beginners to seasoned divers.

This journey offers the ideal balance of relaxation, discovery and marine encounters.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
5 nights	Male or Dharavandhoo	Dharavandhoo or Male	Open Water, 15 dives







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.
If your trip starts in Dharavandhoo, the team meets you at the domestic terminal and takes you to the boat.
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

Baa

3 dives

A UNESCO Biosphere Reserve with thilas, channels and coral gardens, where manta rays, whale sharks and turtles gather.
Diving is not allowed inside Hanifaru Bay, but you can snorkel there when the rangers say it is active.

DAY 3

Baa

3 dives

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



DAY 4

Raa

3 dives

Pristine reefs with manta rays and turtles, from gentle drift dives to deeper dives.

DAY 5

Last diving day

1 or 2 dives

One or two dives, depending on your flight times and the dives you have already done.
Explore a local island after lunch, weather permitting, and enjoy a last dinner with your new dive buddies.

DAY 6

Check out

Check out is at 08:00, followed by a transfer to Velana International Airport, or to Dharavandhoo if your trip ends in Baa.
There is no diving today.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Hanifaru Bay

Hanifaru Bay is a snorkel-only site, where there is no diving, and you must not touch the mantas or whale sharks.

Night fishing and island

A traditional Maldivian night fishing trip and a local island visit 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, or the team at Dharavandhoo if your trip starts in Baa.

Check out

Check out is at 08:00 on the last day, with a transfer to Velana International Airport, or to Dharavandhoo if your trip ends in Baa.

Last dive

One or two 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
- Up to three guided dives a day with English-speaking local dive guides
- One snorkel entry to Hanifaru Bay (seasonal and regulated)
- Traditional Maldivian night fishing (weather permitting)
- A local island visit (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, where required
- 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 Open Water and about 15 dives

Good to know

Non-divers and snorkellers are welcome, and Open Water, Advanced Open Water and Nitrox courses can be taken on board

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

Good to know

Hanifaru Bay snorkelling depends on the rangers letting visitors in on the day





