ECOPRO MARIANA

Deep South Male to Gan

Male to Gan | Vaavu, Meemu, Thaa, Laamu, Huvadhoo, Fuvahmulah and Addu



Without a doubt the king route in the Maldives.

Almost every trip sees up to 10 different shark species: grey reef, whitetip reef, nurse, tiger, whale, spinner, blacktip reef and silvertip sharks.

Grey and white-tip reef sharks, eagle rays and napoleons start the run south in Vaavu, with a night dive among nurse sharks and big jacks.

Meemu has caves and overhangs, and a corner with sharks on the incoming current and mantas cleaning on the outgoing current.

In Thaa a strong stern light attracts whale sharks, and in Huvadhoo a channel is full of grey reef sharks.

Fuvahmulah has tiger sharks, sometimes 15 or more, and Addu finishes with oceanic mantas on the outer reef.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 nights	Male	Gan	75+ dives, Advanced







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation

No diving today

You are met at Male airport by an EcoPro Divers staff member and taken to EcoPro Mariana. The earliest transfer is at about 12 noon, and a second group transfer follows at about 4 pm. There is no diving on embarkation day.

DAY 2

Vaavu

2 to 3 dives a day

Miyaru Kandu, a channel dive that is a highlight for grey and white-tip reef sharks, eagle rays and napoleons, and the Alimatha house reef, a night dive with nurse sharks, stingrays and big jacks.

DAY 3

Meemu

2 to 3 dives a day

Hakuraa Thila, a protected thila with caves and overhangs, and Muli Corner, with sharks on the incoming current and a manta cleaning station on the outgoing current.

DAY 4

Thaa

2 to 3 dives a day

The whale shark point, where the crew shines a strong light from the stern in the evening to attract plankton, and with it whale sharks, though no sighting can be promised.

DAY 5

Laamu

2 to 3 dives a day

Time in Laamu on the way, with the dive sites chosen by the dive team to suit the conditions.

DAY 6

Gaafu Alifu and Huvadhoo

2 to 3 dives a day

Villingili Kandu, a channel with many grey reef sharks, best enjoyed with a reef hook, and Kondey Coral Garden, an easy two kilometre site with dozens of hard coral species and turtles.

DAY 7

Gaafu Alifu and Huvadhoo

2 to 3 dives a day

More time around Gaafu Alifu and Huvadhoo, with the sites picked by the captain and dive team to suit the conditions.

DAY 8

Fuvahmulah

2 to 3 dives a day

The Tiger Zoo, in front of the harbour entrance, where sometimes 15 or more tiger sharks come up from the drop-off, and the south and north plateaus, for pelagics, hammerheads and whale sharks, or intact coral.

DAY 9

Fuvahmulah

2 to 3 dives a day

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

DAY 10

Addu

2 to 3 dives a day

Addu Manta Point, part of Maa Kandu, with a cleaning station at 20 metres and strong currents (reef hook needed), the British Loyalty wreck, a tanker torpedoed in 1944 and lying in 33 metres, and the outer reef, where oceanic mantas are often seen.

DAY 11

Last diving day

One morning dive

One dive in the morning, then the boat returns to the harbour at about 12 noon.
This leaves time for the 24 hours between your last dive and flying.

DAY 12

Disembark

Disembarkation after breakfast, between about 07:00 and 08:00, in Gan (Addu Atoll), where you take your domestic flight.
There is no diving today.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Night dives

The route includes sites that are known for night dives, depending on the conditions.

Manta rays

Cleaning stations and night encounters, depending on the season.

Check in

You are met by an EcoPro Divers staff member no earlier than 9 am at the arrival exit after baggage claim, with a sign reading EcoPro Divers and the boat name. The earliest transfer is at about 12 noon and another at about 4 pm. Extra transfers are charged.

Check out

Disembarkation is between about 07:00 and 08:00, with a transfer to Gan airport.

Last dive

One morning dive the day before departure. The boat returns to the harbour at about 12 noon. Allow at least 24 hours between your last dive and flying.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner, buffet style
- Mineral water, coffee, tea and snacks
- Transfers to and from the airport
- Maldivian GST of 17%
- Diving dhoni with 12 litre aluminium tanks and weights
- Island tours and a beach barbecue, depending on the route

NOT INCLUDED

- Green tax, paid on board
- Fuel surcharge, paid on board
- Flights, including domestic flights
- Drinks other than water, coffee and tea
- Dive courses and rental equipment
- Nitrox
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Dive insurance (mandatory) 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 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

Every diver needs their own dive computer, which can be rented on board

Good to know

The exact routing depends on the weather, the monsoon and the currents

Good to know

Divers must dive in buddy teams, and are responsible for their own safety and that of their buddy

Good to know

Passports must be valid for at least 6 months on the day of entering the Maldives

Good to know

A Tiger Zoo dive fee applies on this route, paid extra

Good to know

Diving is for advanced divers, with experience of drift and channel dives

Flying

Domestic flights are needed to reach or leave Gan

Good to know

The shorter Deep South route is sailed from Gan to Male, so the order of the days here is the reverse and can change





