ECOPRO MARIANA

Deep South Kooddoo to Gan

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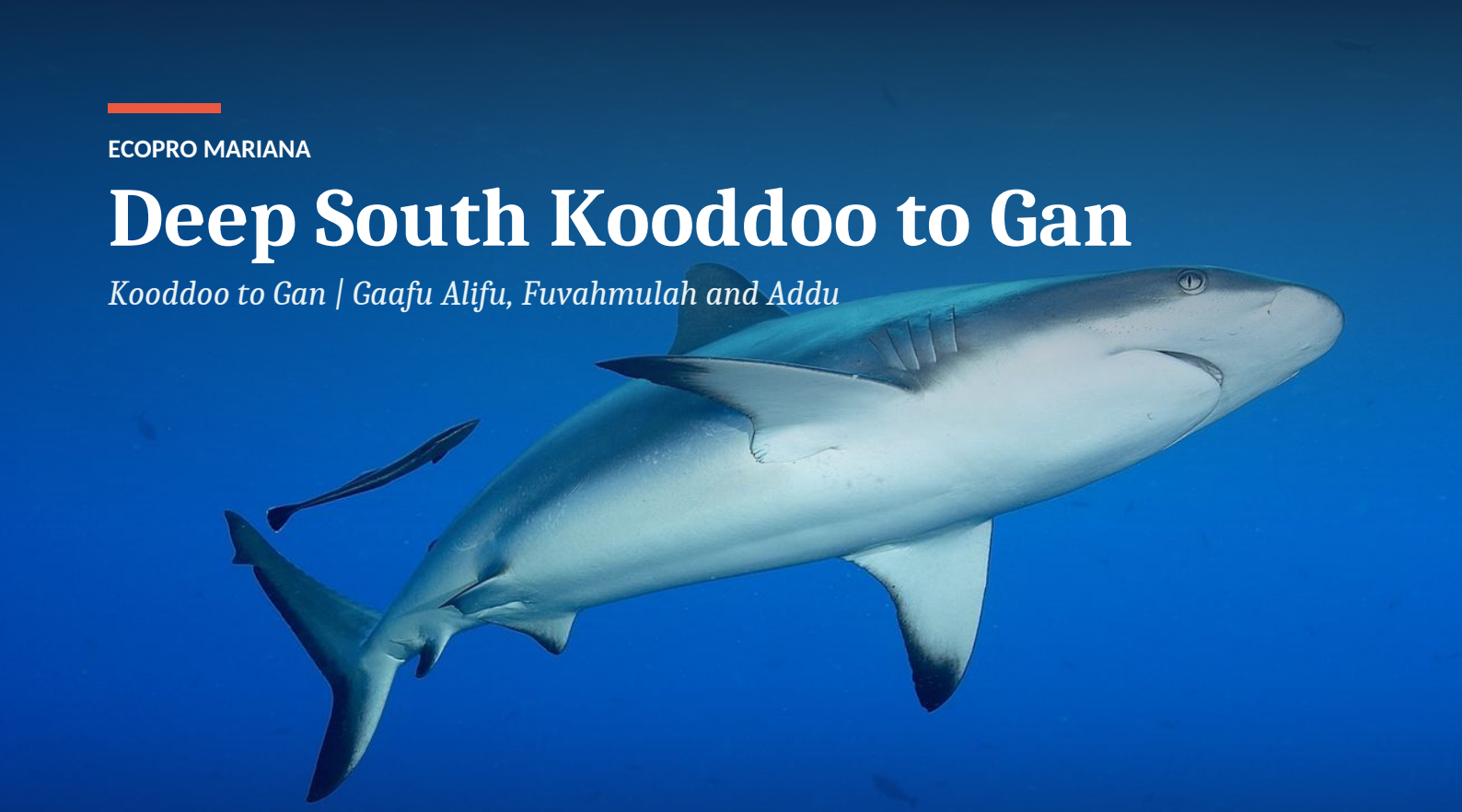

The Deep South is mostly channel dives, with the best of everything.

The marine life is mostly pelagic: tiger sharks, reef sharks, whale sharks and mantas, with macro too.

Huvadhoo opens the trip with a channel of many grey reef sharks, and a two kilometre coral garden of dozens of hard coral species and turtles.

Then comes Fuvahmulah, where sometimes 15 or more tiger sharks come up from the drop-off, with plateaus for pelagics, hammerheads and whale sharks.

The finish is at Addu, with a cleaning station in a channel and oceanic mantas on the outer reef.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
7 nights	Kooddoo	Gan	75+ dives, Advanced







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation

No diving today

You are met at Kooddoo airport by an EcoPro Divers staff member and taken to EcoPro Mariana. There is no diving on embarkation day.

DAY 2

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 3

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 4

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 5

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 6

Addu

2 to 3 dives a day

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

DAY 7

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 8

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 at Kooddoo airport by an EcoPro Divers staff member. Walk to the domestic airport on your own to check in for your onward flight, as the domestic flights are not included.

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	NOT INCLUDED
Breakfast, lunch and dinner, buffet style	Green tax, paid on board
Mineral water, coffee, tea and snacks	Fuel surcharge, paid on board
Transfers to and from the airport	Flights, including domestic flights
Maldivian GST of 17%	Drinks other than water, coffee and tea
Diving dhoni with 12 litre aluminium tanks and weights	Dive courses and rental equipment
Island tours and a beach barbecue, depending on the route	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





