



SHARKTASTIC

January to April | Male to Male

South Male Atoll, Vaavu Atoll, South Ari Atoll, Meemu Atoll

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Dive the best and most famous dive sites across Male and Ari Atoll.
- Dive channels, pinnacles, action-packed night dive with nurse sharks, get up close at the cleaning stations without disturbing the locals!
- Expect to see sharks, manta, reef fish, turtles, morays, eagle rays, abundant macro life. Possible hammerheads and whale sharks.
- We don't follow an exact itinerary; flexibility is key irrespective of the year you visit, this underwater world is yours (and ours) for the exploring.

In this period the clean ocean water flows in from the eastern side of the Maldives, This means currents running from Sumatra, Indonesia to the Maldives bring with them not just fantastic visibility up to 40m but a mass of nutrients for fish to feed which in turn attracts an array of pelagic marine life.

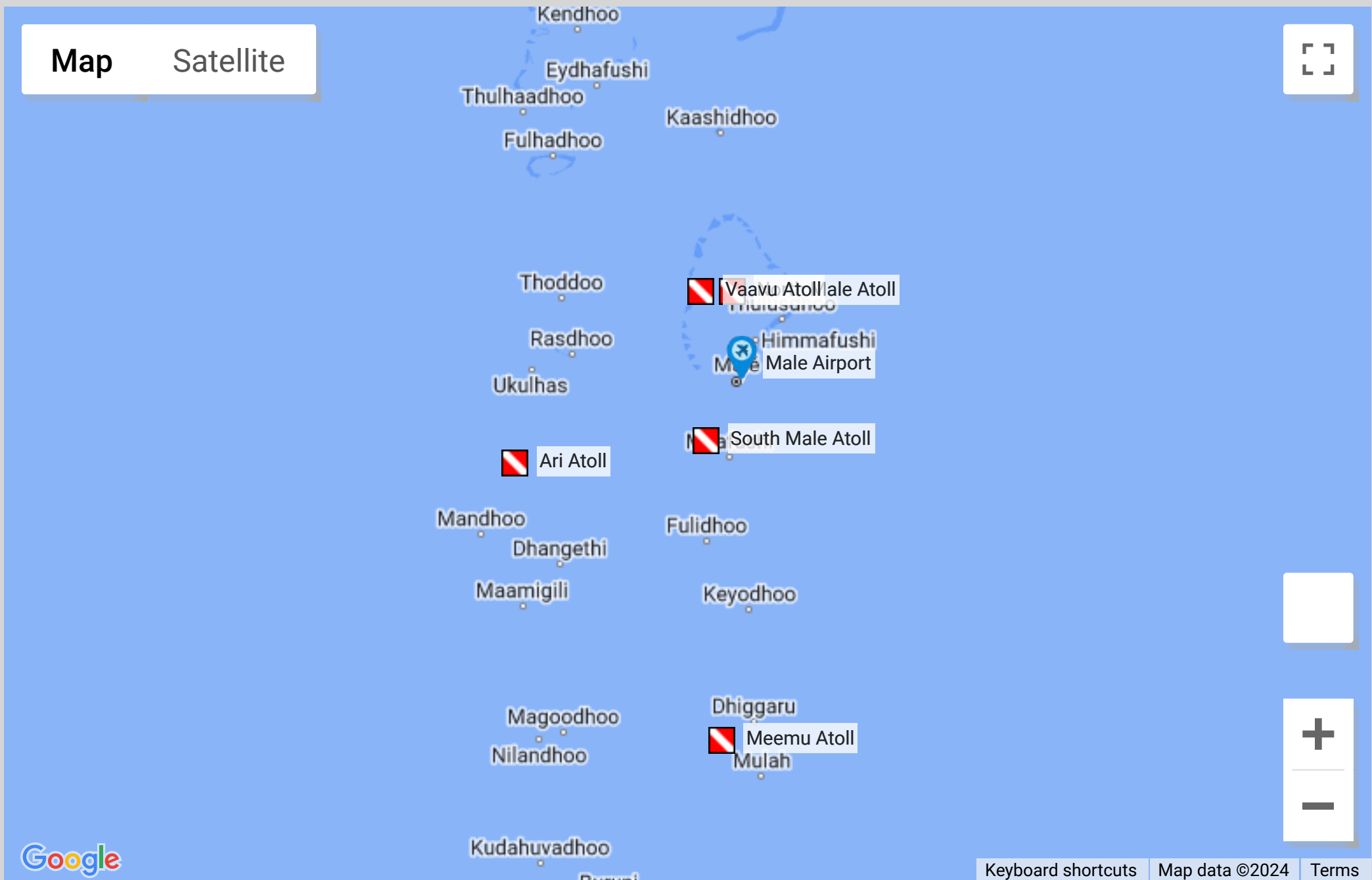
The Channel dives of the eastern coast of the Maldives are the main order of the day. These *Kandus*, as they are known in the local language (Dhivehi), attract grey reef sharks, dog tooth tuna and eagle rays as standard but look out into the blue and you never know what surprises await. The outer walls and corners of the channels in Vaavu and Meemu have the bonus of beautiful overhangs draping in the blues, yellows and pinks of the majestic soft coral.

After the adrenaline pumping channel dives of eastern Maldives we cross over to South Ari Atoll to look for the whale sharks around the Maamagili area and mantas at Rangali Madivaru (Dhivehi for Manta Place) among other great sites such as Kudarah Thila and Kudimaa Wreck.

*Please be aware the dive sites and areas mentioned in our itineraries are not guaranteed. They are subject to change based on weather conditions and are at the discretion of our cruise director/captain. This is to ensure we provide the best sightings and activities possible during your dive experience while also prioritising your safety.

DIVE SITES

Dive sites & areas that we may visit are subject to weather conditions.



ALSO IMPORTANT

Check Dive & Depart Male

Once onboard there will be a safety briefing, crew introduction, complete and check dive paperwork, cabin allocation and boat orientation. Our boats moor in port on arrival day departing early next morning. The first dive is a check dive near port. Following the first dive we depart from Male port and commence the Sharktastic itinerary.

Return to Male & Optional Land Visit

On the last diving day, 1 dive is available in the morning whilst observing the rule of no diving within 24 hours of reaching altitude. We return to port at approximately 1pm and moor here overnight. There is the option of an afternoon land-visit to stretch your legs and escape the boat whilst in port. Evening-time pack up diving equipment, settle any outstanding bills ready to depart for the airport at 7am the following morning.



ITINERARY EXPERIENCE

Intermediate, 30 dives

We recommend that you have 30 logged dives to join this trip and you should be comfortable diving in drifts and currents as they can vary from really gentle to extremely strong. Many dives are below 18m therefore we recommend having advanced experience or taking your PADI Advanced Open Water course on board. Divers may find many dives challenging and may be asked by the Cruise Director to skip dives that are not suitable for their diving experience. Diving is from dhonis to give precise entry and exit points.