EMPEROR VIRGO

Deep South

Gan to Kooddoo or Kooddoo to Gan | Addu, Fuvahmulah and Huvadhu

December to March are the best times to dive the southerly Maldivian atolls and experience the shark action in these out-of-the-way dive sites between Huvadhu and Addu atolls.

Spend a week away from the madding crowds, on the lookout for the Indian Ocean's larger residents: tiger sharks, silvertips, grey reef sharks, whale sharks and many more.

Fuvahmulah is an oceanic island rising from the deep with incredible visibility, where you can expect to meet tiger, silky, silvertip and thresher sharks on the south plateaux.

Huvadhu, one of the deepest lagoons in the Maldives, has world-class channels such as Vilingilli, Koodoo, Nilandhoo and Mareehaa.

Addu Atoll hosts the WWII wreck of the HMS British Loyalty and the majestic manta cleaning station at Maa Kandu.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
7 nights	Gan and Kooddoo	Gan and Kooddoo	100 dives, Advanced







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Boarding

Board in port, meet the crew and join the safety briefing, then complete your dive paperwork and settle into your cabin.
The boat stays in port tonight.

DAY 2

Check dive

Up to 3 dives

Your first dive is a check dive near port.
After that the boat heads out, and on Addu you can dive Demon Corner or the manta cleaning station at Maa Kandu.

DAY 3

Addu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Dive the WWII wreck HMS British Loyalty and the manta cleaning stations.
Demon Corner is a relaxing drift dive to start or end the trip.

DAY 4

Fuvahmulah Island

Up to 3 dives

An oceanic island with incredible visibility.
On the south plateaux you can expect tiger, silky, silvertip and thresher sharks, plus oceanic manta rays.

DAY 5

Fuvahmulah Island

Up to 3 dives

More shark action in the open blue.
Emperor does not bait or feed sharks, which keeps the encounters natural.

DAY 6

Huvadhu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

One of the deepest lagoons in the Maldives.
Dive channels such as Vilingilli, Koodoo, Nilandhoo and Mareehaa, with silvertips, grey reef sharks and often silkies and hammerheads.

DAY 7

Last diving day

One dive

One morning dive, keeping to the no-flying rule of 18 hours.
The boat is back in port around 13:00 and stays moored overnight, with an optional afternoon land visit.

DAY 8

Check out

Check out is early in the morning, with transfers to the airport for your flight.
There is no diving today.







GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Whale sharks at night

In Huvadhu, whale sharks can visit the boat at night, drawn in by the lights.

Domestic flights

This trip uses a domestic flight to Gan or Kooddoo. Book with Maldivian Aero or the local agent Transerve Maldives, or ask Emperor to book for you, and leave an extra day at each end of your trip.

HMS British Loyalty

A WWII tanker wreck in Addu Atoll and one of the best known dives in the south.

Check in

You board in port on the first day, and the first dive is a check dive near port. The exact time is confirmed with your booking.

Check out

Check out is early on the last morning, with transfers to the airport for your onward flight.

Last dive

One morning dive on the last diving day, back in port around 13:00.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Full board meals, snacks and a special dinner
- Water, tea and coffee
- Guided diving from a dhoni, with a dive guide
- Nitrox up to 32% for certified divers
- Snorkel gear and a snorkelling guide
- Land excursions
- Cabin and deck towels
- Free airport transfers from Male or Gan on arrival and departure days
- Environment (green) tax, fuel surcharge and port fees

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights
- Soft drinks, juices and alcoholic drinks
- Dive equipment rental
- Dive courses
- Wi-Fi data packages
- Local purchases and souvenirs
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Travel and dive insurance (mandatory)

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Dive computer, surface marker buoy and reef hook (needed on every dive)
- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals

AND ALSO

- Personal medication and toiletries
- UK 3-pin travel adaptor (220V)
- Passport
- Copy of your travel and dive insurance
- Warm layer for after dives

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Insurance

Travel and dive insurance covering dive injury, medical evacuation and travel is mandatory

Experience

Minimum of 100 logged dives and Deep Diver or Advanced Open Water (or equivalent). Currents can be unpredictable and strong

Good to know

Diving is from a dhoni, usually 2 to 3 dives a day. There is no night dive on the southern itineraries

Good to know

You need a dive computer, surface marker buoy and reef hook on every dive

Respect the reef

Emperor does not chum, bait or feed sharks, so it does not dive the “Tiger Zoo” at Fuvahmulah. Please do not touch or collect marine life

Flying

There is no diving for 18 hours before a flight. Book domestic flights with an extra day at each end of your trip





