EMPEROR VIRGO

Southern Shark Adventure

Male to Addu or Addu to Male | Seven southern atolls



Make your next diving adventure one surrounded by sharks, between Male and Addu.

December to March is the time to join, when the current in the channels is largely incoming from the east, there are fewer boats and the atolls have very few resorts.

Explore some of the best sites for Maldives shark species, including hammerheads, tiger sharks and whale sharks, as well as manta rays, eagle rays and other large pelagic fish.

Hammerheads can be found in Thaa, and whale sharks visit the boat at night, attracted by the krill, which in turn are attracted by the lights.

Fuvahmulah is an oceanic island with incredible visibility, home to tiger sharks, oceanic mantas and thresher sharks.

Addu Atoll has the WWII wreck HMS British Loyalty, majestic manta cleaning stations and tiger sharks.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
14 nights	Male and Addu	Male and Addu	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.
On the Male departure the boat then heads south through South Male, where Kandooma Thila has grey reef sharks and eagle rays.

DAY 3

Vaavu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

A sunset or night dive at Alimatha, with the resident nurse sharks, is a must.
The outer walls and corners of the channels are draped in soft coral.

DAY 4

Meemu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Enchanting channels with pelagic action, sharks, eagle rays and soft coral, and a manta cleaning station.

DAY 5

Thaa Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Grey reef and whitetip reef sharks, hammerheads, and a chance of whale sharks that visit the boat at night, drawn by krill and the lights.

DAY 6

Laamu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

An oval atoll with some of the top dives in the world, including Fushi Kandu and Maabaidhoo Kandu.
Laamu is only on the Male to Addu direction.

DAY 7

Laamu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Fish-filled channels with schooling snappers, trevally, barracuda, grouper, Napoleon wrasse and turtles.

DAY 8

Huvadhu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

One of the deepest lagoons in the Maldives.
Vilingilli Kandu is not to be missed.

DAY 9

Huvadhu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

The kandus of Koodoo, Nilandhoo and Mareehaa are some of the best on the planet.

DAY 10

Huvadhu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Silvertips and grey reef sharks, and often silkies, with whale sharks at night.

DAY 11

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 12

Fuvahmulah Island

Up to 3 dives

More shark action in the open blue, with no baiting or feeding.

DAY 13

Addu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

The WWII wreck HMS British Loyalty, the manta cleaning station at Maa Kandu and tiger sharks.

DAY 14

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 15

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 Thaa and 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.

Less crowded

December to March brings fewer boats, with incoming currents from the east in the channels.

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





