MALDIVES AGGRESSOR

Best of the Northern Maldives and Lhaviyani

Male to Male | Male, Lhaviyani, Noonu, Raa and Baa

The northern atolls of the Maldives are all about manta ray sightings, and Hanifaru Bay, a UNESCO biosphere reserve with sometimes 50 to 70 manta rays inside the lagoon, is a snorkelling highlight offered only on this route.

The dives are easier going, with less current and a higher chance of seeing a whale shark.

Manta cleaning stations sit beside coral blocks covered with anemones, with whitetip reef sharks, turtles and napoleon wrasse.

Grey reef sharks, eagle rays and schools of jacks and fusiliers sweep the channels, and the night dives bring nurse sharks, stingrays and massive jacks.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
10 nights	Male	Male	Certified diver







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation

Meet the crew outside Burger King at Velana International Airport at 3:30 pm, and take the water taxi to the yacht at 4 pm.
All guests are on board by 5 pm, and there is no diving on the first day.

DAY 2-10

The route

About 27 dives, 3 night dives

The 10 night northern route is all about manta ray sightings, and includes a visit to Hanifaru Bay. The dives are typically easier going, with less current than the southern Meemu route, and with a higher chance of seeing a whale shark.
An average of.

DAY 11

Disembarkation

Check out is at 8:00 am, followed by a Male city walking tour, and a farewell dinner ashore on the last night.

THE DIVING

Dive sites and life on board

Hanifaru Bay

A UNESCO biosphere reserve that allows only snorkelling, where there are sometimes 50 to 70 manta rays inside the lagoon. This is a highlight offered only on this route. It does not replace any diving, it is a bonus excursion.

Sites by area

Helengeli Thila in North Male, Fushifaru Thila, Kuredhdhoo Kandu and Shipyard around Lhaviyani, Orimas Thila and X-mas Rock in the northern atolls, and Hanifaru Bay in Baa.

Male Atoll: Lankan Beyru (Manta Point)

The main attraction is manta rays at the cleaning station in the south-west monsoon. Easy access with small currents, and often a good dive to start the week. A coral block covered with anemones, with whitetip reef sharks, turtles and napoleon wrasse.







Male Atoll: Rasfari Corner

A shallow plateau at 3 to 6 metres on the west side of the atoll, next to the Rasfari lagoon, with a manta cleaning station in the north-east monsoon, and a wall dropping to about 23 metres covered in hard corals, with turtles.

South Male: Kandooma Thila

Number one of the best dive sites in South Male. A long thila in the middle of the channel, with grey reef and whitetip sharks, eagle rays, schools of jacks and snappers, soft corals on the north side and green turtles on top. It can have lots of current.

South Male: Rasdhoo Madivaru

A channel dive with a ridge facing the ocean, with grey reef and whitetip sharks, eagle rays and large dogtooth tuna. The ridge drops to 45 metres on the outside, and with first light and an incoming current there is a chance of hammerhead sharks. Reef hooks are advisable.

North Ari: Maaya Thila

A thila about 75 metres across, considered one of the best night dives in the Maldives. The top reef at 5 metres is easy to reach, with fusiliers, snappers, big jacks, whitetip reef sharks, stingrays, moray eels and turtles, and grey reef sharks with the right current.

North Ari: Bathalaamaagaa Kanthila

A long coral ridge in the middle of a channel, sloping gradually to 25 metres and deeper, with grey reef and whitetip sharks, eagle rays, napoleon wrasse and schools of jacks and fusiliers. A negative entry and reef hooks are recommended.

South Ari: Moofushi Kandu (Manta Point)

A drift dive with a chance to see mantas over the cleaning stations at 12 to 23 metres, popular in the north-east monsoon, with whitetip reef sharks, blue-striped snappers and fusiliers.

South Ari: Kudarah Thila

In a Marine Protected Area, often considered the most beautiful site of the atoll, with sea fans in overhangs, healthy soft corals, big schools of snappers, fusiliers and jacks, and groupers in the small caves.

South Ari: Kudhimaa Wreck

A 46 metre cargo ship sunk in 1998 on a sandy bottom at about 27 metres, with coral growth, nurse sharks, batfish, stonefish, lionfish and moray eels, and entrances to the cargo hold and wheelhouse. Protected from the current.

South Ari: Maamigili Beyru (whale shark search)

On the southern tip of the atoll, in the South Ari Marine Protected Area. A shallow and easy dive, known as the best place in the Maldives to spot whale sharks, which cruise the reef all year round.

Vaavu: Miyaru Kandu

A channel dive not to be missed. With a strong incoming current there are grey reef and whitetip sharks, eagle rays, napoleon wrasse and tuna, with visibility up to 36 metres in the north-east monsoon.

Vaavu: Alimatha House Reef

One of the best night dives in the Maldives, with a show of nurse sharks, stingrays and massive jacks every night.

Meemu: Muli Corner

A reef home to many sharks with the incoming current, and a large manta cleaning station with the outgoing current. Enter with an empty BCD and do not waste time at the surface.

Dhoni diving

All dives are made from a spacious 60 foot dhoni (tender) that is fully equipped for 28 passengers, so the comfort of guests comes first. Depths are 12 to 30 metres, the water is 27 to 30 C, and a 3 mm wetsuit is recommended.

Currents

In January and February the currents can be very strong, and the big animal activity can be fantastic, so divers should be ready for a more challenging environment. Reef hooks are used in the channels.

Seasons

Manta rays can be seen all year, with the best encounters from May to November, and whale sharks are best seen in April, May, October and November.

Last day

The last day has a Male city walking tour and a farewell dinner ashore.

Check in

Guests are met outside Burger King at the airport by a crew member in an Aggressor Fleet polo shirt and hat at 3:30 pm, and transferred by water taxi to the yacht at 4 pm. All guests must be on board by 5 pm. There is no diving on the first day, and the yacht anchors in the Hulhumale lagoon, about 15 minutes from the airport.

Check out

Check out is at 8:00 am on the last day.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Air-conditioned stateroom with private bathroom, hairdryer and individual climate control
- All meals and snacks, with fruit juices, soft drinks, iced water, iced tea, coffee and a limited selection of local beer and wine
- Dive tanks and weights
- All diving from the 60 foot dhoni
- Nightly entertainment and fish identification presentations
- Male city walking tour on the last day

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Port fee, including green tax, GST and park fees
- Fuel surcharge, from 2 April 2026
- Farewell dinner ashore in Male on the last night, the only meal not included
- Onboard purchases, with 22% tax, and a 3.5% fee on credit card payments
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Spirits and other alcohol beyond the beer and wine offered

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

The route is a sample itinerary and is subject to change with local regulations, guest experience, weather and logistics

Good to know

The sites visited are chosen by the crew

Good to know

Hanifaru Bay allows snorkelling only, and manta numbers depend on the season