SACHIKA

10 Atolls, 2 Hemispheres: Way Down

Male to Addu | Ten atolls from North Male to Addu

The Equator is crossed on a journey through ten atolls and two hemispheres, with sharks in every channel.

Grey reef sharks patrol Vaavu, where a night dive brings friendly nurse sharks.

Huvadhoo is the shark highlight, with walls of grey reef sharks, hammerhead schools, eagle rays and hundreds of green turtles.

At Fuvahmulah, a single island in the middle of the Indian Ocean, tiger sharks, thresher sharks and hammerheads are the chances, and oceanic mantas and whale sharks sometimes appear.

The southernmost atoll, Addu, ends it with reef mantas visiting the cleaning stations between January and April.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
12 nights	Male	Addu	50+ dives







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation

No diving today

The crew meets you at Male airport, between International Arrivals and the Info Desk, in a Top Class Cruising uniform with a sign with the boat name.
You are briefed on mealtimes, activities and the diving.
The check dive is normally the next morning.

DAY 2

North Male

3 dives a day

Hulhumale Beyru, Lankan Paradise Manta Point, Kuda Vattaru Thila, Bathala Thila and the Kuda Giri wreck, some of the best dive sites next to the capital.
The check dive is done in this atoll.

DAY 3

South Male

3 dives a day

The Guraidhoo marine protected area, where predators swim among schools of trevally and snapper, with Kandooma Thila, Kuda Giri and a cleaning station for grey reef sharks.



DAY 4

Vaavu

3 dives a day

Channels with grey reef sharks, such as Fushi Kandu and Devanaa Kandu, and a night dive with friendly nurse sharks.

DAY 5

Vattaru

3 dives a day

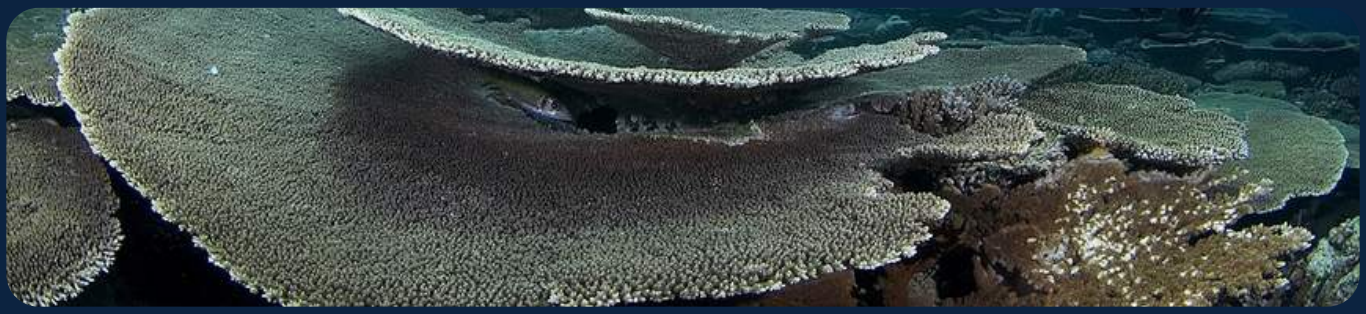
A very small atoll where a dive is made when the current meets the crew's expectations.

DAY 6

Meemu

3 dives a day

Vanurah Vali Kandu, a channel with a double edge, and Kureli Manta Point, one of the two manta points of this route.



DAY 7

Thaa

3 dives a day

Olughiri Kandu, a big but shallow channel, and Dhiyamigili Corner, a long reef with turtles and white-tip sharks.
In the evening a big light at the stern attracts plankton and, with luck, whale sharks, off Kalufalha Island.

DAY 8

Laamu

3 dives a day

Fushi Kandu and Maabahidoo Kandu, two famous channel dives, with eagle rays in formation, silvertip sharks, dogtooth tuna and big schools of jacks and snappers.

DAY 9

Huvadhoo

3 dives a day

Kooddoo and Viligili Kandu, two of the most famous channels in the area, with walls of grey reef sharks.
Near Gemana Fushi are hammerhead schools, and Mareha Kandu has eagle rays and hundreds of green turtles.

DAY 10

Fuvahmulah

3 dives a day

If the ocean conditions are good, a crossing to Fuvahmulah, a single island in the middle of the Indian Ocean, with chances of tiger sharks, hammerheads and thresher sharks, and sometimes oceanic mantas and whale sharks.

DAY 11

Addu

3 dives a day

Addu Atoll, the southernmost atoll.
Between January and April reef mantas visit the cleaning stations, and the British Loyalty wreck on the west side is a must.

DAY 12

Last diving day

3 dives

Three scheduled dives on the day before check-out.
If your flight leaves on the morning of check-out day, allow for the 24 hours between your last dive and flying.

DAY 13

Disembarkation

Check-out is at 7.30 am after breakfast, with a transfer to Gan airport.
There is no diving today.







GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Night dives

One night dive during the week, and two on trips of 10 nights or more.

Activities

Happy hours, marine biology lessons, a local island visit, a beach barbecue, a fishing trip at sunset, and karaoke or cinema night.

Check in

The crew is at the airport from 8.30 am, with pick-ups for different landing times, from the first at around 11.00 am. The earliest check in is 11.00 am, and later arrivals are met as they land, up to midnight.

Check out

Check-out is at 7.30 am at Gan, where you take your domestic flight.

Last dive

Three dives on the day before check-out. Allow at least 24 hours between your last dive and flying.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Full board, buffet style, with Italian and Maldivian dishes
- Drinking water, Nescafe and tea, available at any time
- Beach towels and cabin towels
- Tanks, belts and weights
- Free Nitrox for qualified divers
- GST
- Transfers to and from the airport on the scheduled cruise dates
- Kayaks, paddleboards, daily snorkelling, trips to local islands and sandbanks, and fishing from the boat where allowed
- One barbecue dinner on the beach, if the weather is good

NOT INCLUDED

- Mandatory crew service fee, paid in cash on board
- Green tax, paid in cash on board
- A fuel surcharge, if it applies
- Hanifaru Bay marine park fee (Manta Madness and Northern Highlights only)
- Flights, including domestic flights
- Drinks other than water, coffee and tea
- Wi-Fi on board
- Soft drinks, beer, wine and spirits, sold on board
- Laundry
- Nitrox course and other courses
- Equipment rental
- A fourth dive of the day, which is an extra dive and is paid for
- 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

Routes, dive sites and activities can change because of the weather, and the guides and the captain have the final decision

Good to know

There are at least 4 dive guides on board, with a maximum of 6 divers per guide

Good to know

A typical day has the first dive at about 6 am, the second between 10 and 11 am and the third between 2 and 3 pm, with an extra or night dive between 5.30 and 6.30 pm on some days

Good to know

Open Water certification is needed, and Advanced or Deep training is recommended, as the maximum depth is 30 metres and dives are generally up to 45 minutes

Good to know

Solo diving is not allowed. Reef hooks are provided free, and a torch is needed for night dives

Good to know

Dive dhoni tanks fit both DIN and international regulators

Good to know

The service fee and green tax are paid in cash on board

Flying

A two way domestic flight, or an international flight to Gan, is needed, and is not included

Good to know

You need to be an experienced diver, preferably Advanced, with 50 logged dives and some experience of currents

Good to know

Fuvahmulah can only be reached if the ocean conditions are good