SACHIKA

Best of Central XL

Male to Male | North Male, South Male, Meemu, Ari and Rasdhoo

Manta rays and whale sharks all year round make Ari the highlight of this longer central Maldives route, and there is extra time to enjoy them.

South Male has predators swimming among schools of trevally and snapper, with a cleaning station for grey reef sharks.

Rasdhoo adds deep channels, and Meemu gets more time of its own.

North Male has some of the best diving next to the capital, with a manta point and a wreck.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
10 nights	Male	Male	Open Water







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

Meemu

3 dives a day

Meemu Atoll, part of this longer route, with the sites picked by the dive team to suit the conditions.

DAY 5

Meemu

3 dives a day

More time around Meemu, with the sites picked by the captain and dive team to suit the conditions.

DAY 6

Ari

3 dives a day

Manta rays and whale sharks all year round, with world-class sites such as Fish Head and Maaya Thila, and others such as Fesdhoo Lagoon, Dega Thila, Thudufushi Thila, Rangali Manta Point, Kuda Rah Thila, the Macchafushi wreck and Seventh Heaven in the South Ari marine protected area.



DAY 7

Ari

3 dives a day

More time around Ari, with the sites picked by the captain and dive team to suit the conditions.

DAY 8

Rasdhoo

3 dives a day

Rasdhoo Atoll, part of this longer route, with deep channels and the sites picked by the dive team to suit the conditions.

DAY 9

North Male

3 dives a day

Back to North Male for the last dives, with a 2 hour tour of the capital before the end of the trip.

DAY 10

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 11

Disembarkation

Check-out is at 7.30 am after breakfast, with a transfer to the 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, to allow time for cleaning before the new guests arrive at about 11.00 or 11.30.

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