SPIRIT OF THE MALDIVES

Manta Magic Expedition

Male to Male | North Ari, South Ari, Rasdhoo, Baa, Raa and North Male

A route planned around manta rays, linking the cleaning stations and feeding areas where mantas gather.

In North Ari the mantas hover while small wrasse clean them, and South Ari and Rasdhoo have more cleaning stations and more chances to find mantas on the dives.

Between May and November mantas gather to feed on plankton in Hanifaru Bay, a protected spot visited by permit for snorkelling, with a ranger present.

The route follows the manta trail through Raa and North Male, with a chance of night dives with mantas.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
10 nights	Male	Male	50+ dives, AOWD







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation

No diving today

The crew meets you in front of Burger King at Male airport, with pick-ups at 12 noon and 4 pm, and takes you to Spirit of the Maldives.
The first dive, the check dive, is the morning after boarding.

DAY 2

North Ari

Up to 3 dives

North Ari Atoll, with manta cleaning stations where mantas hover while small wrasse clean them.

DAY 3

North Ari

Up to 3 dives

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

DAY 4

South Ari

Up to 3 dives

South Ari Atoll, with more cleaning stations and a chance of mantas on the dives.

DAY 5

South Ari

Up to 3 dives

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

DAY 6

Rasdhoo

Up to 3 dives

Rasdhoo Atoll, with channels and reefs and more chances to find mantas at cleaning stations.

DAY 7

Baa

Up to 3 dives

Baa Atoll, where mantas gather to feed on plankton in Hanifaru Bay between May and November.
Diving is banned in Hanifaru, so it is a snorkelling visit, by permit and with a ranger present.

DAY 8

Raa

Up to 3 dives

Raa Atoll, with cleaning stations and reefs on the manta route.

DAY 9

North Male

Up to 3 dives

North Male Atoll, with manta cleaning stations on the way back to Male.

DAY 10

Last diving day

2 to 4 dives

Normally between two and four dives, depending on the itinerary.
Check your flight time so there are at least 24 hours between your last dive and flying.

DAY 11

Disembarkation

Disembarkation at about 7 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

Night dives, often with sharks and mantas, depending on the conditions.

Beach barbecue

A barbecue dinner on a local island, weather allowing.

Check in

Pick-ups at the airport are at 12 noon and 4 pm, from in front of Burger King. The earliest check in is 12 noon and the latest is 4 pm.

Check out

Disembarkation is at about 7 am, with a transfer to the airport.

Last dive

Between two and four dives on the last diving day, depending on the itinerary. Allow at least 24 hours between your last dive and flying.







INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Full board with afternoon snacks and one beach barbecue dinner, weather allowing
- Unlimited water, tea and coffee
- One house beer or glass of wine a day
- All fees: fuel surcharge, green tax, port fee, marine park fee and taxes
- Airport meet and greet and transfers
- Nitrox for qualified divers
- Diving from a 20 metre dive support boat

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights, including domestic flights
- Courses and equipment rental
- Drinks beyond the daily house beer or wine
- Crew tips, which are customary
- Extra services
- 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

The routing can change to suit the weather, the currents and the sea conditions

Good to know

Snorkellers are welcome on board

Good to know

Manta sightings and night dives with mantas are a chance, not a guarantee

Good to know

Hanifaru Bay is snorkelling only, by permit with a ranger, and the feeding season runs from May to November

Good to know

Departures are limited, for example 28 September to 8 October 2027