

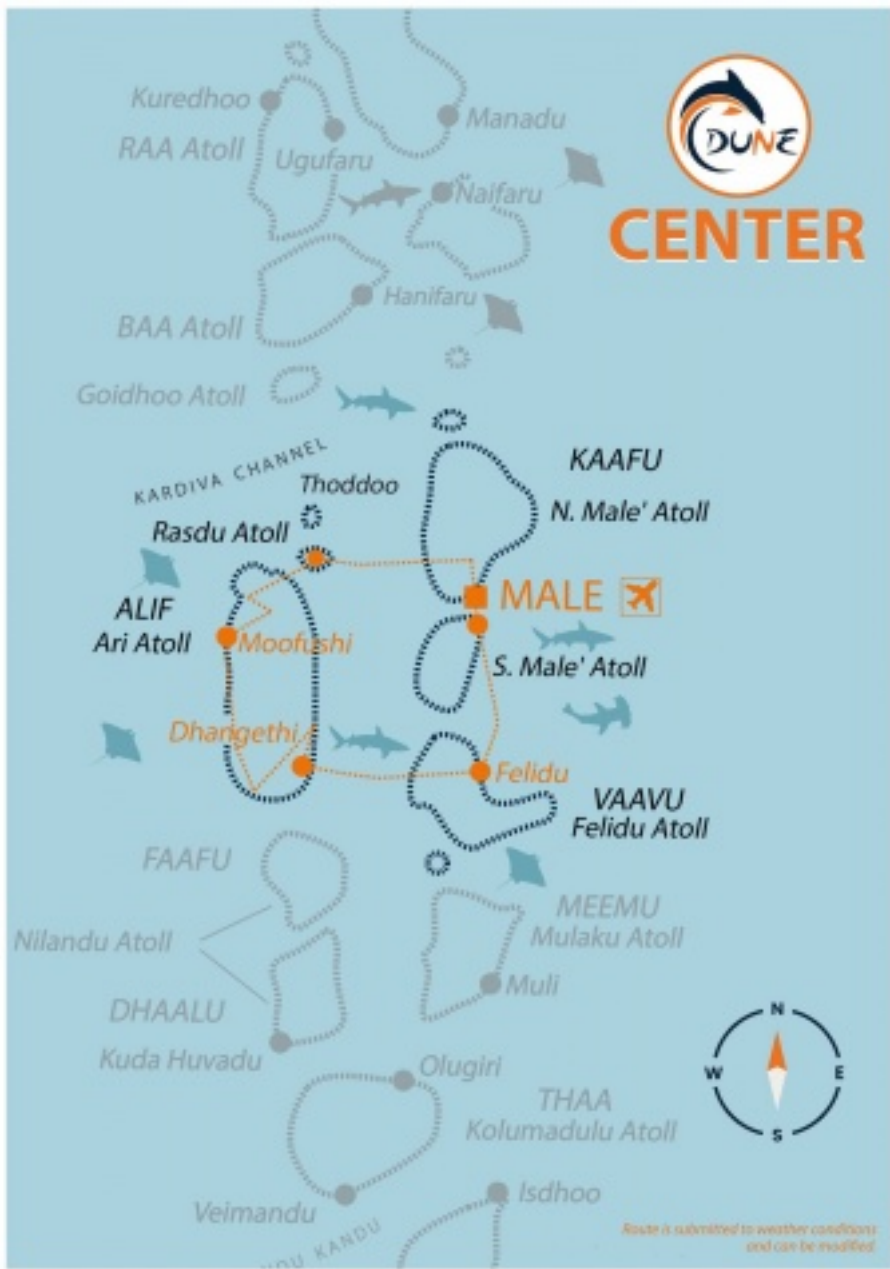
CENTRAL ROUTE 7 NIGHTS

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Liveaboard in the center of the Maldives

It is heaven on earth: experience the emerald, green lagoons and gorgeous underwater landscapes of this central circuit.

By taking the Central route, you will discover a variety of coral gardens, drop-offs, drift dives and even a few wrecks. The ocean lovers may have the chance to lend an eye on macro creatures or on the bigger ones: manta rays and whale sharks. A dream liveaboard safari week in the heart of the Maldives you can never get bored of ... you will just want to live it over and over again. The itinerary description of the liveaboard safari is only informative as this shall be adapted to weather conditions, currents and the divers' wishes and levels.



ITINERARY

Day 1
Hulhumalé



Dune's staff will pick you up at Malé International Airport and bring you to the main boat. Enjoy a drink while listening to our Cruise Director welcome briefing. Dinner will be served in the evening and you will spend the first night at Hulhumalé marina.

Day 2
North Malé Atoll > Vaavu Atoll



The trip will start by discovering the dazzling long reefs or a manta point (May to Nov only) in North Malé Atoll. Corals are abundant here, giving home to plenty of reef fish and macro species. After the dive, we will cruise to Vaavu Atoll for an unmissable night dive. There's nothing as exciting as diving with nurse sharks, sting rays, and jacks in their feeding frenzy.

Day 3
Vaavu Atoll > South Ari Atoll



stars of the trip.

Small caves, large overhangs, drop-off walls, and sloping reefs covered with corals can be found in Vaavu Atoll. Titan triggerfish are common. Larger marine life such as grey reef sharks, white tip reef sharks, tunas, and barracudas are also found here. Moving west to the South Ari Atoll, you will dive on beautiful pinnacles and be able to spot bigger marine life. Dive into this aquarium offered by mother nature and get a chance to meet the the

Day 4
South Ari Atoll



Exploring Maldives is also setting foot in paradise. Our crew will lead a visit

In the marine protected area, our first stars, the mighty whale sharks, regularly show up. Our crew will search for their presence and give you a chance to snorkel or even scuba dive with them. Lucky or not, there are also many thilas and some wrecks in South Ari Atoll. Grey reef sharks, napoleon wrasse, moray eels, scorpionfish are definitely part of the fauna here.

Day 5
South Ari Atoll > North Ari Atoll



Cruising never stops, moving up to North Ari Atoll while taking a last chance to get a close look at whale sharks. In the north, channels are wider and the ocean is deeper. We will meet some more stars here. The currents attract many grey reef sharks, white tip reef sharks and even other large pelagic fish. When night falls, you will be invited to go ashore again and indulge yourself in a barbecue dinner prepared by our crew on a nearby desert island.

Day 6
North Ari Atoll



Multiple manta cleaning stations, extraordinary thilas and wreck with rich marine life are the highlights of this area of Ari Atoll. You will also find here eagle rays, hawksbill turtles, napoleon wrasse, school of blue-stripe snapper, batfish, and fusiliers. The day will end with a manta night dive. Admire the enormous manta rays feeding right in front your torch.

Day 7
North Ari Atoll > North Malé Atoll



After one last dive in North Ari Atoll the cruise will head back to North Malé Atoll. Here you will find stunning long reefs, small caves, colourful corals with prolific pelagic and reef life. Take a closer look at the squirrelfish, bannerfish, oriental sweetlips, frogfish, and nudibranchs. In the afternoon you will come back to Hulhumalé marina to spend your last night on board.

Day 8
Hulhumalé



The trip is coming to an end. Our crew will arrange your transfer to the airport according to your flight schedule once you have had your breakfast on board. We are also glad to help you plan for the day if you have a late flight. Various options are available ranging from snorkelling excursions and booking for accommodations. It's time to go back home with fantastic new memories!

The peculiarity of Dune Maldives is to build the course according to your expectations. The itinerary and dive sites are therefore defined according to your preferences, while also considering the weather conditions and tides.