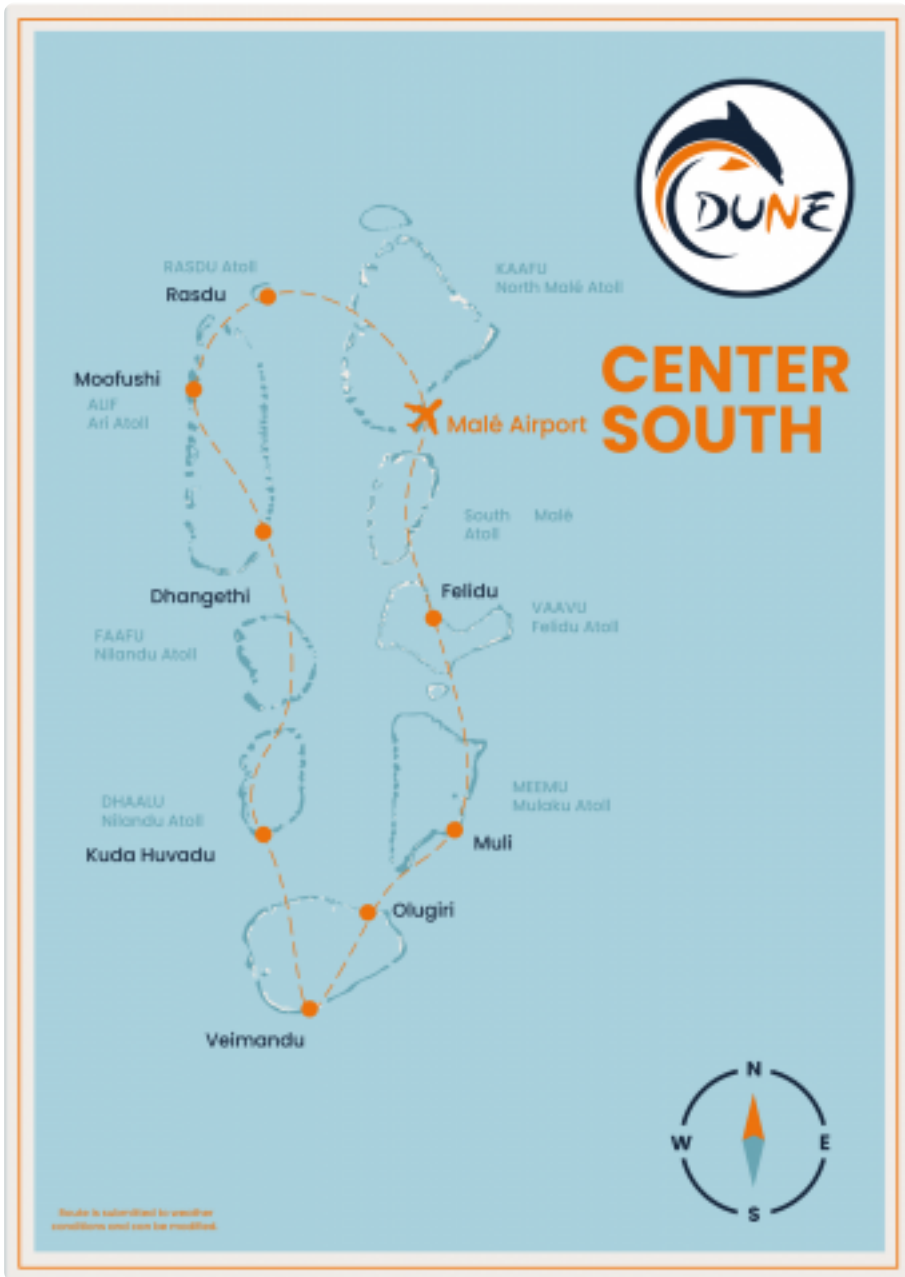


CENTRAL SOUTH ROUTE 10 NIGHTS












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The perfect route for pelagic encounters and divers who enjoy current and drift dives

10 nights itinerary, going through North & South Male, Vaavu, Meemu, Thaa, Daalu, Faafu, North & South Ari and Rasdhoo Atoll.
Route is submitted to weather conditions and can be modified.
Best period: From January to April



Destination	Southern Cruises
Activity	BEST-OF
Duration	11 days

ITINERARY	DATES & PRICES	PRACTICAL INFO
 Day 1 Hulhumale		Dune 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 Male to South Male		The trip will start by discovering the dazzling long reefs in North Malé Atoll. Corals are abundant here, giving home to plenty of reef fish and small species. After the day, we will cruise to Vaavu Atoll for an unmissable night dive. There's nothing as exciting as watching nurse sharks, sting rays, and jacks in their feeding frenzy.
 Day 3 South Male to Vaavu Atoll		The trip will start by discovering the dazzling long reefs or a manta point (May to Nov only) in North Malé Atoll and South 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 4 Vaavu Atoll to Faafu Atoll		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. Some were even lucky enough to encounter hammerhead sharks !
 Day 5 Faafu Atoll to South Ari Atoll		In the outer reefs of Faafu Atoll, explore the channels to see grey reef sharks, white tip reef sharks, schools of jacks, bigeye trevallies, and barracudas. Moving north to South Ari Atoll, you will dive on beautiful pinnacles and observe bigger marine life. Dive into this aquarium offered by mother nature, finally meeting the stars of the trip. If we are lucky, we will even be able to watch a whale shark at night time feeding in the plancton soup at the back of the boat !
 Day 6 South Ari Atoll		In the marine protected areas, our first stars, the mighty whale sharks regularly show up. Our crew will search for their presence and allow 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 to be found here. Exploring Maldives is also setting foot in paradise. Our crew will lead a visit to the nearby local island just before dinner.
 Day 7 South Ari to 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 ashore again and indulge yourself in the barbecue dinner prepared by our crew on a nearby desert island.
 Day 8 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 eagle rays, hawksbill turtles, napoleon wrasse, school of blue-stripe snapper, batfish, and fusiliers here. The day will end with a manta night dive. Admire the enormous manta rays feeding right in front your torch.
 Day 9 North Ari Atoll to Rasdhoo Atoll		The combination of pelagic life and remarkable underwater landscapes in North Ari Atoll is irresistible. You may also dive on the beautiful reefs in Rasdhoo Atoll, observe the magnificent manta rays and experience a fascinating encounter with hammerhead. Drift among schools of fish while still keeping an eye on your preferred pelagic stars.
 Day 10 Rasdhoo to Malé North		In North Malé Atoll you will find stunning long reefs, small caves, colourful corals with prolific marine and reef life once again. Take a closer look at the squirrelfish, bannerfish, oriental sweetlips, frogfish, and nudibranchs. In the afternoon you will come back to Hulhumale marina to spend your last night on board.
 Day 11 Hulhumalé		The trip is arriving at the end. Our crew will arrange the transfer to the airport once you have had your breakfast on board. We are also glad to help you plan for the day and booking for accommodations. Time to come back home with fantastic memories!