WHITE PEARL

Hanifaru Bay and Northern Atolls

Male to Male | Haa Dhaalu, Shaviyani, Noonu, Raa, Lhaviyani, Baa and North Male

Hanifaru Bay is the site of one of the most spectacular congregations of manta rays in the Maldives, if not the world.

The keyhole-shaped bay acts like a giant funnel for plankton, and the mantas barrel-roll through the food and join up in manta trains, spiralling cyclones of rays feeding in formation.

Whale sharks come here too, and the bay is part of a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve.

The northern atolls around it are pristine and untouched, with twenty or more grey sharks on a single dive, leopard sharks and eagle rays.

Under the overhangs, a rainbow of soft corals glows in pastel blue and yellow.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
7 nights	Male	Male	Certified divers







Where you dive

1

Haa Dhaalu Atoll

Dive sites: Heaven & Hell.
Located approximately 320 km north of Malé, Haa Dhaalu Atoll is an administrative district spread over 38 islands, of which 14 are inhabited.
The atoll is officially known as South Thiladhunmathi Atoll in the Maldives, and contains two airports – a domestic airport in Kulhudhuffushi and an international airport in Hanimaadhoo.

2

Shaviyani Atoll

Dive sites: Lupo Thila.
Get ready to dive into an aquatic adventure like no other in the mesmerising Shaviyani Atoll! The Lupo Thila, a small yet vibrant reef, has something for divers of all levels.

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Noonu Atoll

Dive sites: Orimas Thila and Miyaru Thila.
Diving in the North part of the Maldives the underwater life is the most pristine and untouched. Here you will be able to see many species of fish including colorful schools of reef fish such as parrotfish, butterfly fish, lionfish and more.
One of the best sites for grey shark encounters is the Orimas Thila dive site.

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Raa Atoll and Lhaviyani Atoll

Dive sites: Kuredu Express and Shipyard.
Lhaviyani Atoll offers some of the most diverse and accessible diving in the country.
Dive sites range from mild to wild, with exciting underwater attractions including shipwrecks and seasonal encounters with sharks and manta rays.

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Baa Atoll

Dive sites: Maavaru Kandu and Dhonfanu Thila.
Back-rolling into the invitingly warm water of Maavaru Kandu, you will sink down initially to the top of the reef at around 8 to 9 metres where ideally you will encounter a gentle current.

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North Malé Atoll

Dive sites: HP Reef and Nassimo Thila.
North Malé Atoll's diving is perhaps the best known and most explored within the Maldives, making it a great destination for those seeking reliable world-class experiences.

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Hanifaru Bay

Hanifaru Bay is a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve and a Marine Protected Area.
Diving is not allowed inside the bay, so you visit it to snorkel, and an entry fee is paid in cash on board.
It is one of the most spectacular manta ray gatherings in the Maldives.







INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Full board accommodation, with three meals a day, drinking water, coffee, tea and snacks
- Transfers between the airport and the yacht
- Guided dives with 12 litre tanks, weights and weight belts, and a night dive
- Free Nitrox for qualified divers
- Beach barbecue, cocktail party, paddle boards, kayaks, the pool, jacuzzi and water slide
- Free Wi-Fi, limited to messaging and social media

NOT INCLUDED

- Government service charge, green tax and fuel surcharge, paid on board
- Domestic and international flights
- Spa treatments, jet ski, soft drinks and alcoholic drinks
- Dive equipment other than tanks and weights, and 15 litre tanks
- Dive insurance, which is mandatory, and travel insurance

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

The sample plan visits the regions in the order shown, and the days spent at each depend on the conditions

Good to know

Divers should have Nitrox certification and experience of diving in currents

Good to know

Some sites are better for experienced divers, especially in the rainy season when the water is choppy and currents can be strong

Good to know

A long overnight sail is part of this trip

Good to know

The Cruise Director and Captain choose the route and the dive sites to suit the weather, tides, currents and the number of other dive boats at a site. If bad weather stops the yacht reaching a site on time, alternative sites are offered. The safety of everyone on board comes first.