SEAFARI EXPLORER 2

Great North Expedition

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

The far north of the Maldives is unspoilt and wild, a string of atolls that most visitors never see.

One atoll has very clear water, coral-covered drop-offs, drifts along reef walls, large schools of jacks and napoleon wrasse.

Another has moray eels, leaf fish, nudibranchs and manta rays at cleaning stations.

It ends in Baa Atoll, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve of plankton-rich water, spectacular coral and seasonal manta and whale shark gatherings at Hanifaru Bay.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
14 nights	Male	Male	Advanced, 50+ dives







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation

Boat transfers from Velana International Airport in Male run at 10:00, 12:00 and 15:00, and the crew meets you at the information desk.
After boarding there is a welcome briefing, and the first dive is the next morning.

DAY
2-14

Route

34 dives, 13 diving days

The boat cruises north from North Male through Lhaviyani, Noonu, Shaviyani and Raa, and finishes in Baa Atoll.
The atolls and what each offers are set out here rather than individual dive sites, and there are 34 dives over 13 diving days.

DAY
15

Disembarkation

The cruise ends in Male, with check out at 07:00 and a transfer to the airport for your flight home.







GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

North Male Atoll

The first atoll, with vibrant reefs and schools of reef fish, a turtle gliding past, soft corals in the current and a reef shark in the distance, close to the capital.

Lhaviyani Atoll

A tranquil atoll, with dive sites in wide channels and isolated reefs, coral gardens, parrotfish, anthias and moray eels, and eagle rays or grey reef sharks in the deeper channels.

Noonu Atoll

A wilder atoll with very clear water, coral-covered drop-offs, drift dives along reef walls, large schools of jacks, napoleon wrasse, rays on the sand and sometimes a guitarfish.

Shaviyani Atoll

Less well explored, with calm dives, moray eels, nudibranchs, leaf fish and manta rays at cleaning stations.

Raa Atoll

Pelagic encounters and macro, with barracuda, nudibranchs, drifts along coral walls and pinnacles, turtles, manta rays and octopus.

Baa Atoll

A UNESCO Biosphere Reserve known for manta ray cleaning stations, plankton-rich water, spectacular coral and dense reef life, with seasonal manta and whale shark gatherings at Hanifaru Bay. Diving in the Hanifaru Bay reserve is paid on board.

Typical day

The first dive is at sunrise after tea and coffee, with breakfast at 08:30 and some navigation until about 10:30. A second dive follows on some days, then lunch at 12:30. In the afternoon there is more navigation or a second dive, and at 4 pm island hopping or a rest. A night dive is planned once a week, with dinner at 20:00.

Manta snorkelling

Snorkelling sessions with manta rays are planned at secret places, and the senior instructor decides the route and the dive sites with the captain each week, depending on the currents, the tides and the weather.

Diving rules

Every activity is supervised by a qualified CMAS or PADI instructor from the Seafari team, who briefs the site, the currents, the wildlife and the safety rules before each dive. The senior instructor can require in-water supervision, or stop a diver whose level is not enough to dive safely.

Dives

There is normally one dive on the day before disembarking, finishing before lunch.

Check in

Boat transfers from the airport run at 10:00, 12:00 and 15:00, and you meet the crew at the information desk at the airport. The boat dives start the morning after boarding.

Check out

Check out is at 07:00 on the last day, with the airport transfer in the morning.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Return transfers between the airport and the boat, with arrivals at 10:00, 12:00 or 15:00 and departure at 07:00
- Cabin share (double or twin), or a single cabin, with full board
- Drinking water, tea and coffee
- A dive package with 12 litre aluminium tanks and weights, with at least one or two night dives
- Free Nitrox for certified divers
- Island visits and a beach barbecue, where available and depending on the route
- Free Wi-Fi on board by Starlink
- GST of 17%

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Service charge package
- Green tax, paid on board
- Diving in the Hanifaru Bay reserve, paid on board
- 10% service charge on onboard expenses
- Alcoholic drinks
- Dive equipment rental and 15 litre tanks, booked before departure
- Instructor supervision, if the diving level is not enough to dive safely
- Nitrox course and other courses

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 route is indicative and changes with the season, the currents and the weather, and the visited atolls and dive sites are not guaranteed

Insurance

Dive insurance is recommended, and the minimum level is Advanced Open Water with 50 logged dives