

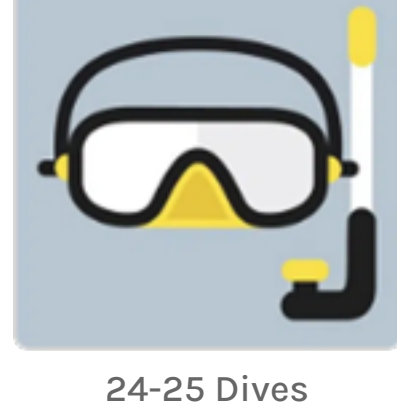
Diving Itinerary

Best of Maldives & Hanifaru [7 Nights]

Atolls Visited: North Male - South Male - North Ari - Baa Atoll

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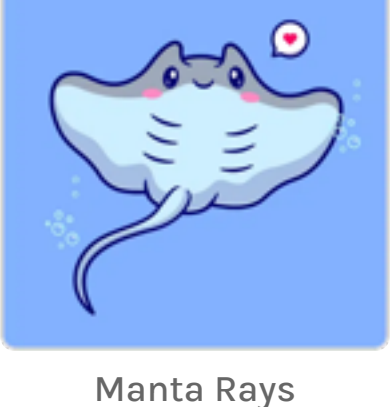
Key Highlights



24-25 Dives



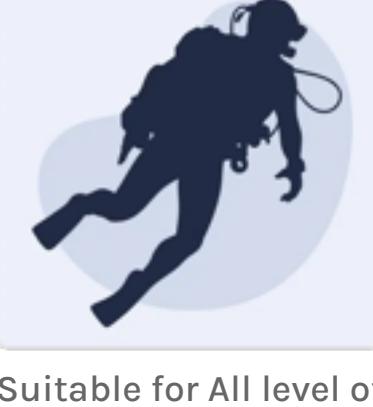
Popular Itinerary



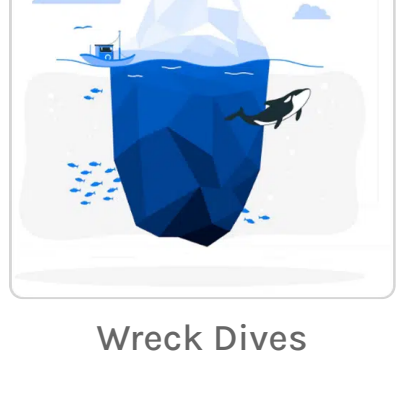
Manta Rays



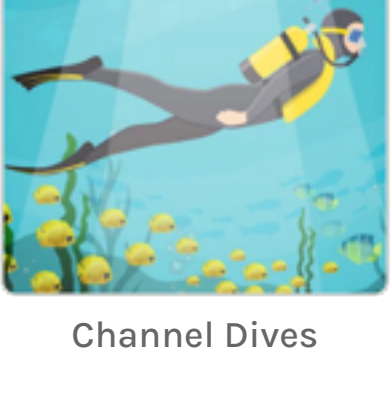
Whale Sharks



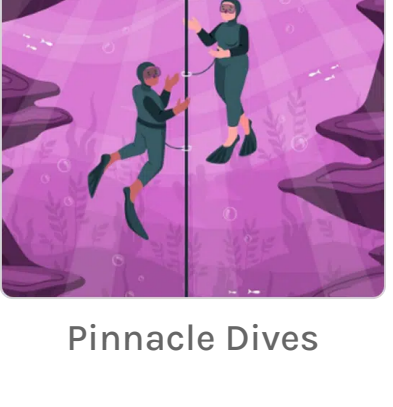
Suitable for All level of divers



Wreck Dives



Channel Dives



Pinnacle Dives

About The Itinerary

Dive into the heart of the Indian Ocean and explore one of the most spectacular underwater realms on earth with our *Best of Maldives* diving itinerary. Designed for avid divers seeking variety and adventure, this journey promises a perfect balance of thrill, beauty, and serenity. From your very first descent into the warm, crystal-clear waters, you'll encounter dazzling reef fish, majestic manta rays at their cleaning stations, and the gentle giants of the sea—whale sharks—cruising over coral-draped pinnacles. Each dive unveils something extraordinary: dramatic topography, high-adrenaline channels, or tranquil drifts across vibrant coral gardens teeming with life.

This curated route spans the central atolls and the renowned Baa Atoll, celebrated for its biodiversity and vibrant reef systems. Between dives, relax aboard a premium liveaboard equipped with all the comforts you need, expert dive guides, warm hospitality, and stunning views that change with every nautical mile.

The adventure peaks in Baa Atoll, a designated UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, where nature delivers one of its most unforgettable performances. Timed with the southwest monsoon, typically in August or September, this is your chance to witness the legendary manta ray feeding frenzy in *Hanifaru Bay*. As nutrient-rich waters surge in with the full moon tides, they spark a dense plankton bloom that draws dozens of reef manta rays—and occasionally whale sharks—into a breathtaking cyclone-feeding spectacle. Watch in awe as these graceful giants spiral and swoop through the water in synchronized barrel rolls, feeding in a choreographed ballet of nature at its most mesmerizing.

Arrival: Malé, Velana International Airport

Departure: Malé, Velana International

Airport

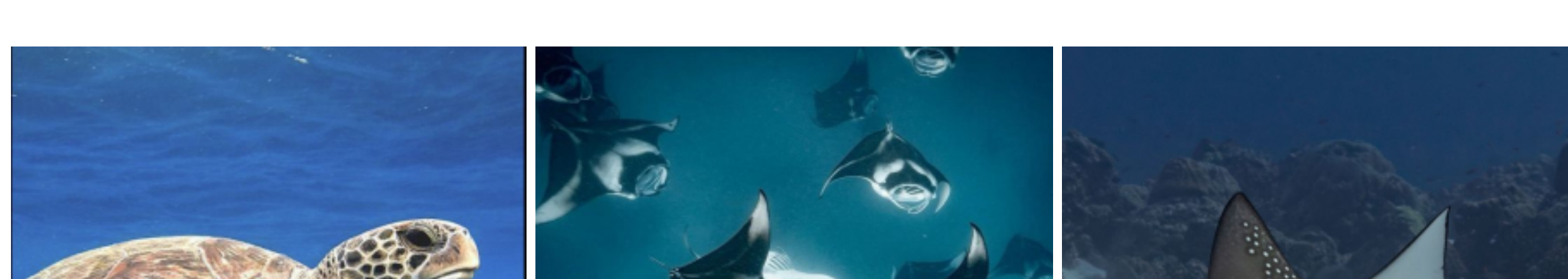


Guest Requirements & Experience

To make the most of your diving trip, please note:

- Advanced Open Water certification with around 25 logged dives is recommended.
- Open Water Divers are welcome, but some sites exceed OWD depth limits.
- To access deeper dives, OWD-certified guests will need either:
 - A private dive guide, or
 - To complete the PADI Advanced Open Water Course onboard (taught by certified instructors)
- For those looking to extend bottom time and enhance their experience, Enriched Air (Nitrox) Certification is available onboard (optional)

Come prepared for a safe and unforgettable diving adventure!



Trip Preview

Day 1

- Arrival - Airport Pickup and Check-in
- Dive 1: Kurumba Faru - North Male Atoll (Check Dive)

Day 2

- Dive 2: Hulhumale Shark Point - North Male Atoll
- Dive 3: Lankan Manta Point - North Male Atoll

Day 3

- Dive 4: Dhonfan Gaa - Baa Atoll
- Dive 5: Dhonfan Thila - Baa Atoll
- Dive 6: Dharavandhoo Thila - Baa Atoll

Day 4

- Dive 7: Dhigu Thila - Baa Atoll
- Dive 8: Rasdhoo Manta Point - North Ari Atoll

Day 5

- Dive 9: Rashdhoo Madivaru Kanduu - North Ari Atoll
- Dive 10: Maya Thila - North Ari Atoll
- Dive 11: Fasdho Wreck - North Ari Atoll
- Dive 12: Fasdho Lagoon (Night Manta Dive) - North Ari Atoll

Day 6

- Dive 13: Fish Head - North Ari Atoll
- Dive 14: Guraidhoo Manta Point - South Male Atoll
- Dive 15: Villivaru Giri - South Male Atoll

Day 7

- Dive 16: Kandoomaa Thila - South Male Atoll
- Dive 17: Kuda Giri Wreck - South Male Atoll

Day 8

- Departure - Airport drop and Check-out

Note:

1. Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions and ocean currents to ensure safety and optimal diving experiences.