

## **Best of Central Maldives Tour | Male Atolls (Male - Male)**

Length of trip:

8 Days / 7 Nights

Departure:

Check-in time starts at 12:00 pm, Male

Return:

Check-out time starts at 7:00 am, Male

Dives:

Approximately 18 dives in total

Experience:

Advanced Open Water - 50 minimum logged dives required.

On the “Best of Central” tour, which runs from October to April, Amba sails via Rasdhoo Atoll, through the entire Ari Atoll, and on to Vaavu Atoll, before returning to Male Atoll and the home port in Hulhumale, located close to Velana International Airport.

This central tour is perfect for big fish lovers.

Inexperienced divers with a minimum of 50 dives are welcome and will receive individual attention.

### Itinerary Sample

#### Day 1:

Guests are picked up by the crew at noon at the airport.

Upon arrival at Amba, you are greeted with a welcome drink and an ice-cold lime towel for refreshment.

A short briefing follows, where the tour guide explains the ship and the day's schedule.

Guests can then move into their cabins to freshen up.

Diving equipment can be set up on the diving support vessel at any time.

Dinner is served around 6 p.m., followed by crew introductions and a general safety briefing.

The rest of the evening is for getting to know your fellow Liveaboard guests.

#### Day 2 - 6:

Each day, 3 dives from the large diving support vessel are offered, including 1-night dive per week.

Dive sites are carefully selected, and a short but detailed briefing in English prepares the divers.

#### Day 7:

The last dive takes place early in the morning, 8am, typically at the famous “Shark Tank” with the possibility of encountering Tiger sharks, Bull sharks, Hammerheads, and hundreds of rays. While sightings of these “big fish” can't be guaranteed, the chances are good. The Liveboard and the support vessel will be in the Harbor in Male latest by 5 pm.

Day 8:

Check-out from Amba is at 7 am or 09:30 am on the last day of the trip. Late check-out is not possible.

The transfer vessel takes about 30 minutes to the airport.

Requirements for Participation:

Each diving guest must be certified for a depth limit of 30 meters.

Amba's team recognizes different training organizations (PADI, SSI, CMAS, etc.) and will adopt the relevant decision.

Guests should have their certification and proof of diving accident insurance (a photo is acceptable) ready at check-in.

All diving guests must be Nitrox certified for their safety and group organization, as Amba will not provide tanks with normal air during the trip.

Nitrox courses can be booked onboard without prior registration.

English-speaking PADI diving instructor is always on board.

Each guest must carry a cutting tool, buoy or Surface Marker Buoy, diving lamp, signal whistle, and dive computer.

Replacement or rental equipment is available onboard and does not need to be pre-ordered.

Divers should ensure their dive computer batteries are charged before the tour and that their equipment is regularly serviced.

If the last dive was more than 2 years ago or the diver is unsure of their experience level, a refresher course should be taken in advance.

The exact route and sites visited are subject to change based on local regulations, guest experience, weather, and logistics, at the Captain's discretion.