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Deep South Special, from Huvadhoo back to Malé

Huvadhoo (Kooddoo airport) to Malé | Fuvahmulah, Huvadhoo, Thaa, Laamu, Meemu and Vaavu

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
14 days / 13 nights	Huvadhoo (Kooddoo airport)	Malé	60+ dives, AOWD

Explore the deep south of the Maldives on a thirteen night liveaboard adventure from Huvadhoo back to Malé, through Fuvahmulah, Huvadhoo, Laamu, Thaa, Meemu and Vaavu. Each atoll has its own spectacular dive sites and unique marine encounters.

Dive vibrant coral reefs in crystal clear water where ocean giants are guaranteed, from tiger sharks, great hammerheads, silvertip sharks and thresher sharks to whale sharks, oceanic manta rays, spinner sharks, grey reef sharks, whitetip sharks, blacktip sharks and playful dolphins. Every dive is an adventure.

Mysterious channels, dramatic vertical walls and wide sandbanks shaped by the currents make the deep south perfect for pelagic encounters, and the route gives you access to some of the most spectacular dive sites in the Maldives.







Your route

STOP 1

Arrival day

The crew greet guests at the airport from 12:00, and for guests who arrive later the transfer is arranged about one to two hours after the flight lands.
To be in time for the boat and safety briefing, arrive at the airport by 16:00.

STOP 1

Arrival day (continued)

On board there is a welcome drink, a lime-scented towel and cakes while the tour guide introduces the boat and the plan for the day, and then time to settle into your cabin.
Check in documents are checked at 17:00 and the dive equipment is set up on the dhoni with help from the dive crew.
Dinner is at 18:00, followed by the introduction of the crew and a full safety briefing.
There is no diving on the arrival day.

STOP 2

Days 2 to 13

Two or three dives a day, usually three, from the dhoni, including a night dive on every trip.
Dives are made in self-reliant buddy teams with experienced guides, and the guides brief every dive in English, German, Italian and Spanish.

STOP 13

Last diving day

The final dive is at 07:30 on the day before disembarkation.
Equipment is rinsed in the freshwater tanks and left to dry before packing.
In the afternoon you can explore Malé, and the evening is for the farewell and dinner.

STOP 14

Departure day

A light breakfast is served and check out at Malé is between 06:30 and 08:30, with earlier check out available on request.
Late check out is not possible.
Guests with late flights can store luggage at the airport.

THE ROUTE

Where the boat dives

The route depends on the weather, and the sample itineraries and sites are shown for illustration only. The exact route and dive sites are at the captain's discretion and can change with regulations, weather and logistics.

VAAVU, MEEMU, THAA AND LAAMU

Mysterious channels, dramatic vertical walls and expansive sandbanks sculpted by the currents, with coral gardens between the channels.

HUVADHOO AND FUVAHMULAH

The deep south is the place for the big animals: tiger sharks, great hammerheads, silvertip sharks, thresher sharks, whale sharks, oceanic manta rays, spinner sharks, grey reef, whitetip and blacktip sharks, and playful dolphins.





THE DIVING

Diving and snorkelling

DIVING EXPERIENCE

Divers need at least 60 logged dives, Advanced Open Water or an equivalent certification, and Nitrox certification. Divers who have not dived for more than two years, or who are unsure of their skills, should take a refresher course before the trip, and less experienced divers may be kept from the more challenging sites.

HOW THE DIVING WORKS

All dives are guided by experienced dive professionals, and all the diving is on Nitrox. Dives are made in self-reliant buddy teams with experienced guides, and divers must be able to make independent ascents, using a surface marker buoy when necessary. Briefings are in English, German, Italian and Spanish.

Dives start from the dhoni, the dive boat. There is no diving on the arrival or departure days, and divers make two or three dives a day, usually three, with a night dive on every trip. The last dive is on the day before disembarkation, and divers should wait 24 hours after the last dive before flying.

DIVING IN THE DEEP SOUTH

The deep south is for experienced divers. Divers need at least 60 dives, with solid experience in strong currents. At Fuvahmulah the wetsuit should be black, and thin black gloves are asked for, and bright colours are best avoided. Less experienced divers may not be allowed on the more challenging sites, especially at Fuvahmulah.

DIVING EQUIPMENT

Each diver needs a mask, BCD and fins, a surface marker buoy, a signal whistle, a reef hook, a Nitrox-capable dive computer, a regulator with an alternate air source, a cutting tool and a torch, and all of it is used on every dive. A hood, snorkel, boots and compass are recommended. Spare and rental equipment is available on board, but wetsuits cannot be rented. The minimum age for divers is 18. Because tiger sharks and bull sharks can come very close, black equipment, black fins, a black hood and a black full-length wetsuit are recommended, and bright colours are best avoided.

SNORKELLING

The boat welcomes snorkellers.

ON BOARD

Food, service and the team

CUISINE

Three freshly prepared meals are served each day, with afternoon snacks, cakes and fruit, and drinking water, tea, coffee and juice throughout the day. German and Maldivian chefs bake fresh bread every morning, and the menu mixes Asian dishes with international and Western food, with vegetarian and vegan options. Beer and wine are available.

SERVICE AND THE TEAM

A tour guide, dive guides and a dive crew look after the guests, and the multilingual crew, local and international, speaks English, German and Italian and is trained in first aid. Daily room cleaning, towels and toiletries are included, and the welcome on board includes a drink and a lime-scented towel. Wi-Fi is available on board.

DECK PLAN

The upper deck has an outdoor lounge for relaxing between dives, and the partly covered sun deck has sun loungers. Inside there is a saloon and a dining room, and the boat also has a leisure deck, an observation deck and outside showers. The shaded dive deck has rinse hoses, and a 16 metre dive dhoni with a freshwater shower and a toilet takes the divers to the sites, with smaller speedboats for nearby islands.

INCLUDED

What is included

- Accommodation in the booked cabin category
- Up to three dives a day with a dive guide
- Weights and weight belts
- Nitrox fills
- Airport transfers to and from the boat
- Breakfast, lunch, snacks, fruit and dinner
- Drinking water, tea, instant coffee and juice
- Daily cabin cleaning and towel service
- Shower gel, soap and shampoo
- 17% tourism sales tax

Not included are 15 litre tanks, rental equipment, soft and alcoholic drinks and dive courses. A tip is paid in cash.

EXTRA CHARGES

The Fuvahmulah Tiger Zoo entry fee is paid on board. The green tax is paid in advance. Dive and travel insurance is required.





