

ARORA VIRGO Itineraries

Best of Maldives

Approximately 17 dives in total

Open Water Diver - No minimum logged dives required

As the name suggests, this is the Best of the Maldives! Cruise around 4 atolls including Rasdhoo Atoll, North and South Ari Atolls, Vaavu Atoll and North and South Male' Atolls, visiting the best and most famous dive sites of this world-class destination.

You can expect to see friendly reef sharks, eagle rays, stingrays, turtles and an abundance of reef fish as well as macro critters. On this itinerary, we will also search for manta rays, visiting known cleaning and feeding stations with the chance to get up-close to these incredible animals. We will also cruise around South Ari Atoll in the search for whale sharks - one of the top destinations in the world for whale shark sightings, with year-round encounters!

We do not follow a set itinerary - we are flexible depending on the time of year that you visit, enabling us to visit and explore the top dive sites to provide you with the most incredible experiences and encounters.

Highlights:

- Rasdhoo Atoll: Hammerheads, beautiful reefs with pelagics
- North Ari Atoll: Grey reef sharks, Fish Head, Maaya Thila, multiple manta ray cleaning stations and feeding grounds for year-round encounters
- South Ari Atoll: Whale sharks, beautiful pinnacles, channels and walls
- Vaavu Atoll: Schooling grey reef sharks, eagle rays
- North and South Male' Atoll: Beautiful pinnacles, pelagics and big fish

Discover Sharks

7 night trips - Approximately 17 dives in total

11 night trips -

Mad about sharks? We are too! This is why we offer Discover Sharks and Discover Sharks Expedition itineraries. Following a similar route to our standard Best of Maldives itinerary, these trips are planned at times of the year when we have experienced schooling reef sharks - up to hundreds of them together - the famous wall of sharks!

We will plan most of our dives at shark hotspots, in search for the most exhilarating shark encounters. We will also venture to South Ari Atoll in search of whale sharks, as well as North and South Male' Atolls for the chance to see tiger sharks, bull sharks, spinners and hammerheads...with fingers crossed!

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Whale Shark Adventure

Approximately 25 - 30 dives

Dreaming of diving or snorkelling with whale sharks? This is the right trip for you! Following a route similar to our standard Best of Maldives itinerary, these trips are focused on whaleshark experiences, spending more time around South Ari Atoll - one of the top destinations in the world for year-round whale shark sightings with daily encounters between August and November.

As whale sharks are usually seen close to the surface, we may schedule to snorkel instead of dive at late notice...but we will also plan to snorkel between dives as best as we can.

Of course, we will also visit the top dive sites of the Best of Maldives itinerary.

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- South Ari Atoll: Whale sharks!
- Vaavu Atoll: Grey reef sharks, eagle rays
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Mantastic

Are manta ray encounters at the top of your bucket list? Or maybe you are just as obsessed with mantas as we are?! Our Mantastic trips are designed to visit the best known locations and dive sites throughout the central atolls, focused on searching known manta ray cleaning and feeding stations as well as visiting top dive sites of the 'Best of Maldives' route including Fish Head, Maaya Thila and other world-class dive sites.

Highlights:

- Rasdhoo Atoll: Hammerheads, beautiful reefs with pelagics
- North Ari Atoll: Manta ray cleaning and feeding stations, grey reef sharks, eagle rays, turtles
- South Ari Atoll: Whale sharks, manta rays, beautiful pinnacles, channels and walls
- Vaavu Atoll: Schooling grey reef sharks, eagle rays
- North and South Male' Atoll: Beautiful pinnacles, pelagics and big fish