DUNE Black Manta

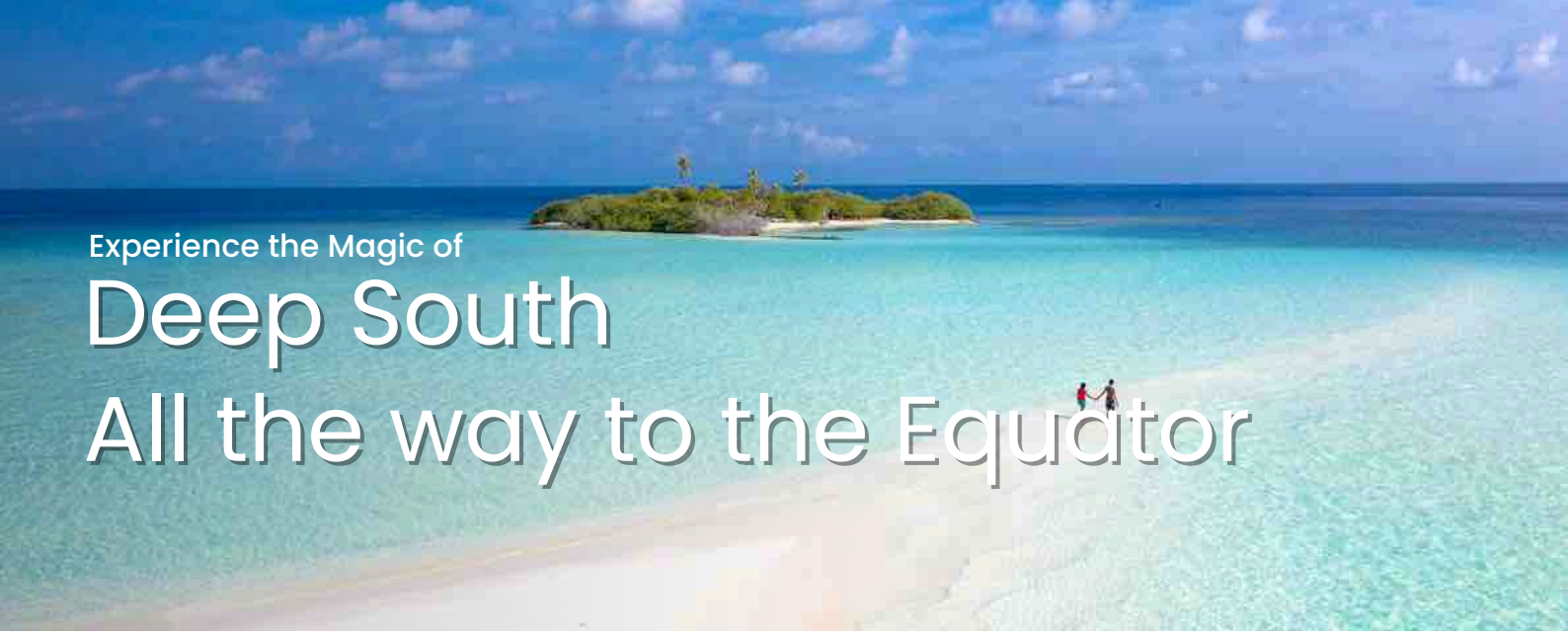
Deep South
All the way to the Equator

10 Nights Itinerary
Deep South Central
Laamu, & Vaavu Atolls

Best Period
January to April

Port/Airport
Kooddoo - Male

**Route is given as an example and is submitted to weather conditions and can be modified*



Experience the Magic of

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Deep South Maldives Diving Expedition: From Laamu to North Male Atolls

Join Dune Black Manta Liveaboard for an incredible diving adventure across the Central and South Atolls of the Maldives. Begin your journey in Laamu Atoll, where you'll dive into vibrant coral reefs, encountering majestic manta rays and elusive whale sharks. The clear waters and diverse marine life make these initial dive sites truly unforgettable.

Continue to Thaa Atoll, a region known for its thrilling drift dives and abundant marine life, including reef sharks and colorful schools of fish. The underwater scenery here is both dramatic and serene, offering a perfect mix of excitement and tranquility as you explore the atoll's hidden gems.

As you approach South and North Male Atolls, the underwater landscapes become even more captivating, with dramatic drop-offs and some of the Maldives' most famous dive spots. Between dives, unwind & relax with Dune Black Manta Massage, relax on pristine beaches, and immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of the Maldives, making this expedition a perfect blend of adventure and relaxation.

10 NIGHTS
DEEP SOUTH ROUTE ITINERARY

DAY 1 HULHUMALE - KOODDOO

A Dune agent will meet you at Male International Airport and transfer you to the domestic terminal for your domestic flight to Kooddoo located on Gaafu Atoll where your guides will be waiting to welcome you and guide you aboard the boat

DAY 2 GAAFU ATOLL SOUTH - FUVAMULAH

Gaaf dhall is also made up of very beautiful canals with intact corals and also very frequented by pelagics. Depending on current and wind conditions we will then head to the mythical site of Fuvamulah. Located below the equator, it is renowned for the presence of many sharks, in particular tiger sharks, and very often reserves beautiful surprise encounters!

DAY 3 FUVAMULAH

We will spend the day on this mythical atoll searching for large pelagic fish for special encounters. In addition to the beautiful underwater scenery, there are also new chances to encounter napoleons and other shoals of coral fish. Depending on the weather conditions, we will anchor at night.

DAY 4 FUVAMULAH - GAAFU

A last dive on Fuvamulah atoll and then we will go back up to Gaafu to enjoy the multitude of canals that this atoll offers. Afterward, we will anchor at night with the possibility to observe whale sharks at the back of the boat.

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DAY 5 GAAFU - LAAMU

Return from the deep south. In general, the crossing is done at night and we arrive at Laamu Atoll at first daylight where we visit other dive sites, especially colorful reefs with many beautiful surprises.

DAY 6 LAAMU - THAA

We will leave for Thaa Atoll where we will put the boat in a night anchorage that is famous for its whale shark encounters, and then we will do more dives in the rich canals while waiting for nightfall.

DAY 7 THAA - MEEMU

On the way up to the north, we will go to Meemu to dive other sites with a variety of colours and fauna, and why not enjoy another session with manta rays.

DAY 8 MEEMU ATOLL - VAAVU ATOLL

A stop at Fotteyo, one of the richest and most famous dives in the Maldives with unrivalled colour, but also very famous for the possibility of encountering hammerhead sharks. In addition, the environment around the anchorage offers a splendid sunset over the sandbank.

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DAY 9 VAAVU ATOLL - MALÉ SOUTH

Return to Guraidhoo with the opportunity to visit the fisherman's island and dive two legendary and unmissable canals.

DAY 10 SOUTH MALÉ - NORTH MALÉ

Back to the starting point with a last dive surrounded by stingrays and giant moray eels and sometimes even a guitar shark who will come to see us every now and again; then rinsing of the equipment, sunset and last evening on board.

DAY 11 HULHUMALE

Departure from the boat to Male airport for your international flight.

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DEEP SOUTH ATOLLS
GALLERY

THE BOATS
DUNE BLACK MANTA

Welcome to DUNE Black Manta Liveaboard! Dive into luxury and adventure amidst the Indian Ocean's splendor. With spacious cabins, gourmet dining, and attentive service, your journey promises unforgettable moments. Explore vibrant reefs with panoramic views or join thrilling excursions to remote dive sites. Dive Dhoni offers adrenaline-fueled water sports for the daring. Welcome aboard for a voyage of a lifetime with DUNE Black Manta Liveaboard.

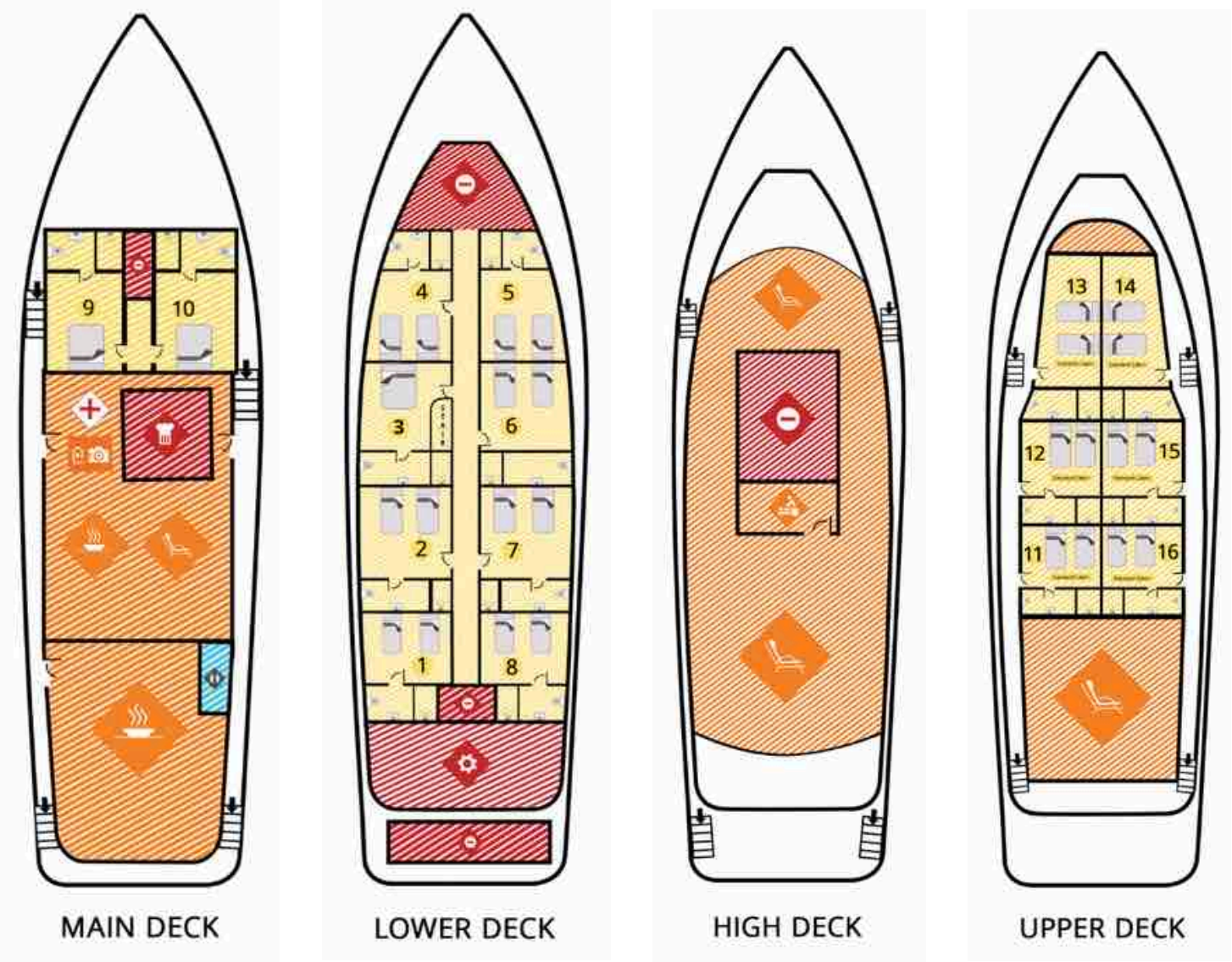
Total Cabin: 15 Cabins, with convertible double beds (standard,deluxe & sea view cabin)

Entertainment: Wi-Fi, Flatscreen TV, Sound System

Safety: Oxygen therapy, AED, First Kit Aid, Life jacket, Satelite phone, fire alarm system

Diving Boats: 1 Dhoni & 1 Speeboat

BOAT LAYOUT
DUNE BLACK MANTA



ACTIVITY AREA

- DIVING AREA

FRIENDLY AREA

- DINING ROOM
- COMFORT ZONE

PRIVATE COMFORT ZONE

- CABINS

RESTRICTED TECHNICAL ZONE

- KITCHEN
- ENGINE ROOM
- STAFF ONLY

FIRST-AID KIT
Trousse de premiers soins

RESTROOMS
Toilettes

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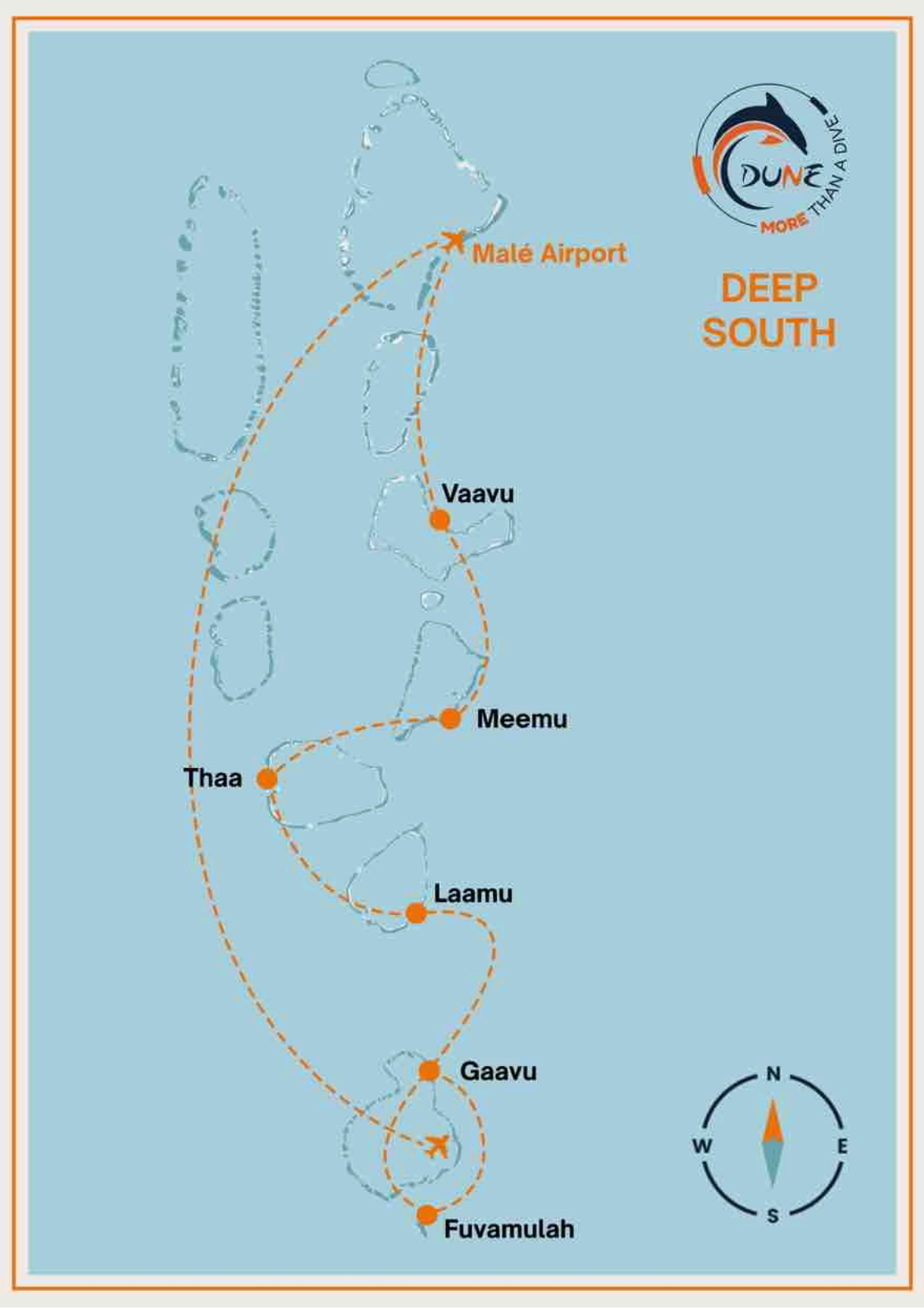
10 NIGHTS TRIP



GREEN COMMITMENT

Our company is proud to have obtained the Manta Trust, Green Fins & Sulubaaï labels, testifying to our commitment to the environment with actions such as:

- Develop education programs for local communities
- Protect manta rays/mobulas through research, education, and collaboration
- Participate in beach and ocean cleanups
- We are committed to protecting marine life and we anchor most of the time, but never on the reef always on sand.
- Collect data to help understand marine litter.
- Avoid all chemicals and toxic products that could enter the ocean from our boat.
- Protect Sharks through research, education and collaboration

OUR VALUES

We believe that we have a responsibility to protect the underwater biodiversity and we are determined to do this. We teach all our divers environmentally responsible expedition techniques to minimize our impact on the marine environment. We also educate our guests on environmentally friendly expedition practices. Beyond the marine environment, we are also committed to eco-responsible behavior on our boat, which is partly built with renewable materials. We reduce our water and energy consumption through resource-efficient practices. We also offer local and seasonal meals to limit the importation of international products. By traveling with us, you will be maximizing your contribution to the preservation of the Maldives environment for future generations. Come and discover the underwater wonders in a responsible way.

Our Partnerships:

Manta TRUST GREEN FINS SHARK EDUCATION Sulubaaï

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

To start your incredible diving adventure, we have compiled some essential information to help you prepare. This includes details on diving requirements, various accommodation options, dining choices, and airport pick-up services. Whether you're an experienced diver or new to the sport, knowing these key points will ensure you have a smooth and enjoyable experience. Read on to find out everything you need to know before you dive into this unforgettable journey.

DIVER'S LEVEL

Level 2* CMAS or AOWD with 50 dives required. Open Water Divers must obtain AOWD at the trip's start.

FOOD

On board, both local cuisine and international menus will be served.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is based on double shared cabin. Beds in some cabins can be moved to form a double bed or 2 single beds. A supplement is charged for single use of a cabin. Cabins categories (standard, superior or seaview) are subject to different tarification if pre-booked.

VISA & TRANSFERS

A DUNE Maldives representative will meet passengers at the airport with a "DUNE" sign, just outside the arrival hall. For Malé cruises, transfers to the boat are via Dhoni from the airport marina (20 minutes). The first transfer is at 2 pm, and the return transfer is after breakfast on the last day.

PRICE INCLUDED & NOT INCLUDE

Price Include

- Transfers from the airport to the boat and from the marina.
- Double/twin shared cabin accommodation.
- Guides.
- 12 liter aluminum cylinders + DIN/Int, and diving weights.
- Professional and experienced crew.
- Meals and all soft drinks on board (excluding beer, spirits, wine, espresso coffee).
- Minimum 24 dives, with additional dives possible depending on weather conditions and flight schedules.
- Bath towels are changed at least once during the trip, depending on the duration of the cruise.
- The selected sea route will take into consideration the passengers' wishes.
- Dune reserves the right to limit dives frequency due to : weather conditions, dive level and physical conditions of passengers, and no refund would be applied.
- Nitrox.
- Wifi : the speed is limited to emails and messages such as whatsapp or viber.
- Maldivian Government Tourist Tax.
- Service Charge.
- Jacuzzi (On board of Black Manta only).

Price Not Include

- International flights to and from Malé.
- The supplement for a superior or sea view cabin.
- The supplement for a single cabin.
- Drinks such as beer, wine, etc
- Transfers by speed boat, airplane, or seaplane depending on special routes or unscheduled arrivals and departures.
- Diving courses, rental equipment
- Dive insurance (mandatory)
- Massage Service (On board of Black Manta only)

**Surcharges: Dune Black Manta Liveaboard reserves the right to apply an appropriate surcharge to its prices should economic changes (such as exchange rates, fuel prices, etc) make a material difference to its pricing structure. - A minimum of 14 days' notice will be given before such a surcharge becomes effective. - No surcharge will be applied within 28 days of departure. - If the surcharge results in an increase of 10% or more to the price of the liveaboard, dive package/dive course, then cancellation with a full refund will be allowed. Notification of the intention to cancel must be made in writing within 14 days of the notification or the surcharge.*

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