BLACK MANTA

Deep South, All The Way To The Equator

Gan to Male | Addu, Fuvahmulah, Gaafu, Laamu, Thaa, Meemu, Vaavu and Male

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 days / 10 nights	Gan	Male	50+ dives, AOWD

Join Black Manta for an incredible diving adventure through the wild south of the Maldives. You begin in Addu Atoll, where you will explore vibrant coral reefs and meet majestic manta rays and several species of shark. The crystal clear water and rich marine life make these first dive sites unforgettable.

Next come Fuvahmulah, Gaafu Dhaalu and Gaafu Alifu Atolls, famous for thrilling drift dives and an abundance of life, including impressive numbers of sharks and colourful schools of fish. The scenery underwater is both dramatic and serene, a perfect balance of excitement and calm as you discover the hidden gems of the atolls.

Heading on through Laamu, Thaa, Meemu and Vaavu Atolls, the landscapes become even more captivating, with dramatic drop offs and some of the most iconic dive sites in the Maldives. Between dives unwind with a massage on board, enjoy pristine beaches and soak up the rich culture of the islands, a perfect blend of adventure and relaxation.

Highlights of the ten nights include the Fuvahmulah big pelagics, the Gaafu channels, and the sites of Laamu, Thaa, Meemu and Vaavu on the way to Male.

Black Manta is a 42 metre liveaboard with 15 air-conditioned en-suite cabins on three decks for up to 28 guests, a jacuzzi, a massage area on the sundeck, a cocktail bar and a camera station.







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation

No diving today

A representative meets you at Gan domestic airport, where your guides welcome you and take you aboard.
There is a welcome drink and briefing, then dinner on board.

DAY 2

Addu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Addu atoll offers nice drift dives along beautiful reefs a nice wreck dive and also a famous channel dive with big chances of Manta ray encounters.
We will start with a check dive and explore the atoll for special species

DAY 3

Fuvahmulah-gaafu South

Up to 3 dives

After a night crossing, we will reach Fuvahmulah Atoll, a unique island in the middle of the Indian Ocean that offers exceptional opportunities to encounter large pelagic species, especially tiger sharks.
We will complete three dives around this remarkable island before continuing our journey south toward Gaafu Atoll.

DAY 4

South Gaafu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Gaafu Atoll offers a multitude of channel dives with different formations.
We will make three dives in the southern part of the atoll, where we can encounter a wide variety of shark species, eagle rays, schools of jack fish, and dogtooth tuna throughout the area.



DAY 5

South – North Gaafu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

We continue with channel dives in search of more sharks and pelagic species, reaching a special night spot by the end of the day, where we hope to encounter whale sharks in the evening.

DAY 6

Gaafu – Laamu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Depending on weather conditions, we will complete two to three channel dives in Gaafu Atoll before embarking on a 10-hour crossing to reach Laamu Atoll by night.

DAY 7

Laamu – Thaa Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Laamu Atoll offers vibrant coral life, large schools of reef fish, and opportunities to encounter manta rays and bumphead parrotfish.
After the second dive, we will cross to Thaa Atoll and complete a third dive on a thila rich in hard corals and schools of yellow snappers.
The boat will anchor at a well-known whale shark night spot for the evening.

DAY 8

Thaa – Meemu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Another channel dive in thaa atoll to start the day then we will reach Meemu atoll for a manta spot and a last dive on the north of the atoll full of soft corals and school of sharks



DAY 9

Meemu – Vaavu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

After a channel dive in Meemu Atoll, we continue to Vaavu Atoll for a colorful second dive with pelagic species and schools of jackfish.
The day concludes with a night dive famous for its nurse shark encounters.

DAY 10

Vaavu – South / North Male Atoll

Up to 3 dives

A last channel dive for this trip in Vaavu Atoll, followed by a final dive in South or North Malé Atoll—then it's time to clean our equipment and enjoy our photos!

DAY 11

Disembark

After breakfast on board, the crew arranges your transfer to the airport.
Guests disembark between 08:00 and 08:30.
There is no diving today.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Night dives

Scheduled night dives, often with nurse sharks, and manta night dives where the area allows.

Island visits

Visits to local islands and beach evenings, when the schedule and weather allow.

Check in

A representative meets you at Gan domestic airport after your domestic flight, which is not included. Check in is from 3 pm.

Check out

Guests disembark between 08:00 and 08:30 after breakfast, and the crew arranges the transfer to the airport.

Last dive

Allow at least 24 hours between your last dive and flying. The dive team can limit the number of dives for weather, diver level or physical condition, with no refund.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Airport transfers to the boat, by dhoni from the airport marina, and back at the end
- Shared double or twin cabin
- Dive guides
- 12 litre aluminium cylinders with DIN or international fittings, and weights
- Meals and all soft drinks on board
- Bath towels, changed at least once
- Maldivian government tourist tax and service charge
- Jacuzzi on board
- Wi-Fi, limited to emails and messaging apps

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to and from Male
- Supplement for a superior or premium cabin
- Supplement for single use of a cabin
- Beer, wine, spirits and espresso coffee
- Diving courses and rental equipment
- Dive insurance (mandatory) and travel insurance
- Massage service
- Speedboat, plane or seaplane transfers on special routes or unscheduled arrivals and departures
- Nitrox package

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Completed diver medical questionnaire
- Details of your dive and travel insurance
- Dive computer and surface marker buoy with reel
- Reef-safe sunscreen

AND ALSO

- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses
- Light clothing and sandals
- Personal medication and toiletries
- Travel adaptor
- Passport

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Good to know

A surcharge may be applied if exchange rates or fuel prices change materially. At least 14 days notice is given, none is applied within 28 days of departure, and a full refund is allowed if the surcharge is 10% or more of the price

Experience needed

The minimum level is Advanced Open Water or CMAS 2 star, and Open Water divers must complete Advanced Open Water at the start of the cruise

Insurance

Dive insurance is mandatory, and travel insurance is recommended

Good to know

The route is an example and can change to suit the weather and sea conditions

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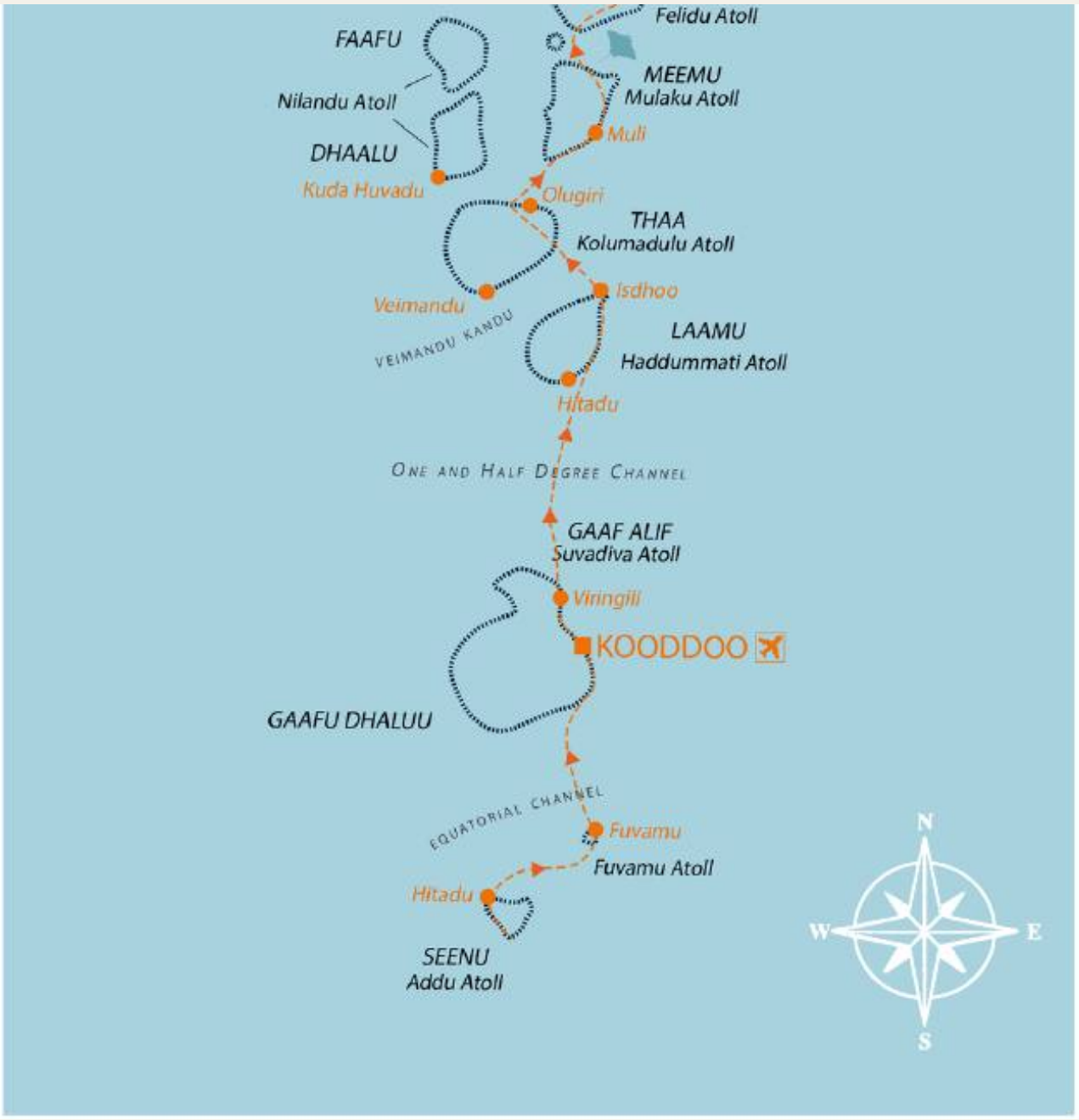
Snorkellers are welcome on board

Domestic flights

Domestic flights to or from Gan or Kooddoo are needed, and are not included

ROUTE MAP

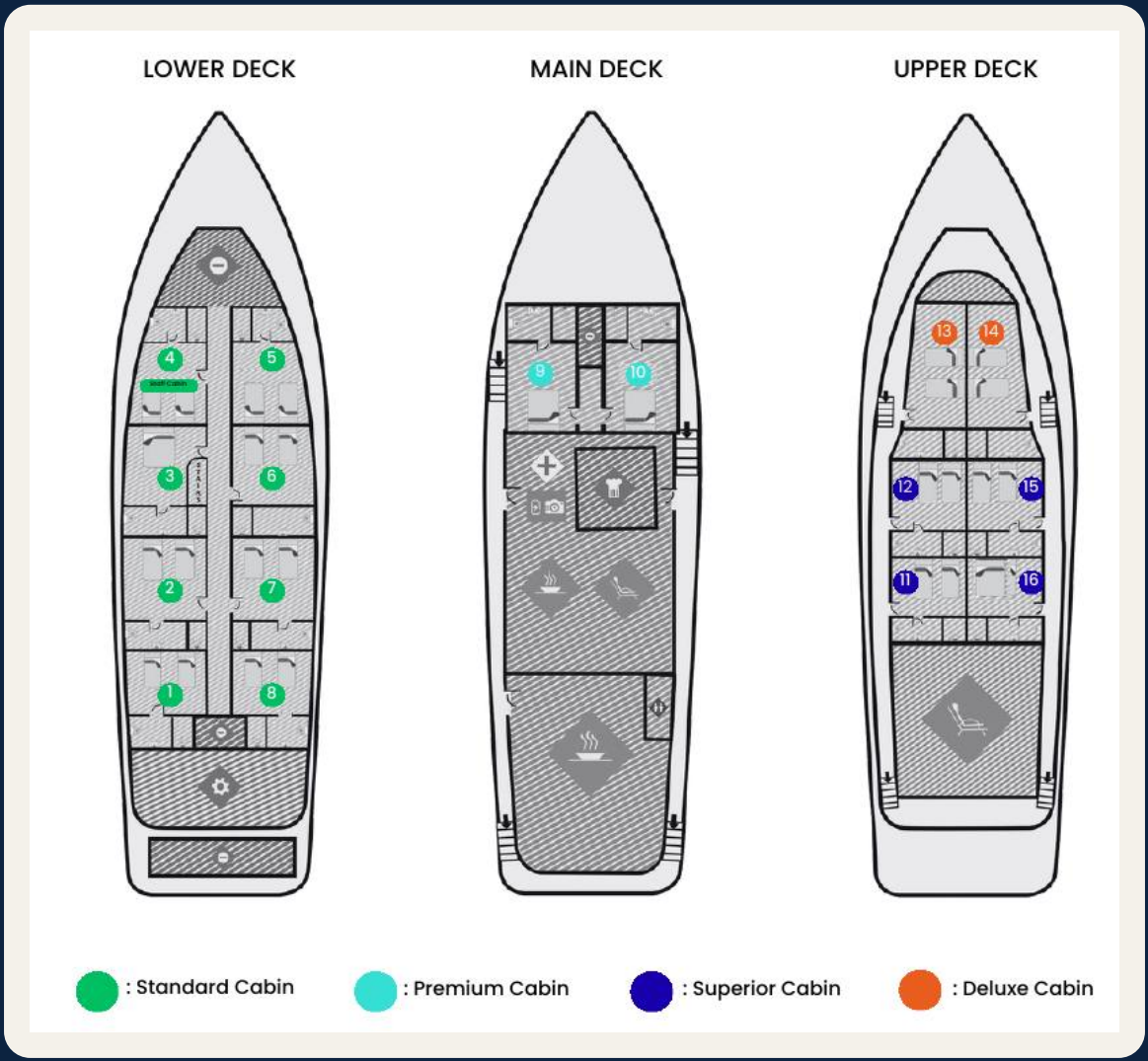
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THE BOAT

Decks and cabins



CABIN CATEGORIES

Standard
Cabins 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8

Superior
Cabins 11, 12, 15, 16

Deluxe
Cabins 13, 14

Premium
Cabins 9, 10

CABINS BY DECK

Lower Deck
Cabins 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8

Main Deck
Cabins 9, 10

Upper Deck
Cabins 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

BED TYPES

Single Room
Cabins 3, 16

Convertible Bed
Cabins 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Double Bed
Cabins 3, 9, 10

15 cabins for up to 28 guests.