BLACK MANTA

Full On South, All About Sharks

Kooddoo to Gan | North Gaafu, South Gaafu, Fuvahmulah and Addu

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
8 days / 7 nights	Kooddoo	Gan	50+ dives, AOWD

Set off on an unforgettable diving journey through the South and North Gaafu Atolls of the Maldives, a secret haven for diving lovers. Famous for their unspoiled beauty, these atolls hold some of the most immaculate and untouched dive sites in the region, with vibrant coral reefs bustling with life and encounters with manta rays, whale sharks and an array of colourful reef fish.

Celebrated for their stunning coral landscapes and the chance to meet rare marine creatures, the Gaafu atolls bring the excitement of uncovering secluded sites, with pristine reefs and an incredible variety of life. Perfect for adventurous divers, every dive here promises something unique and unforgettable.

The underwater scenery is both dramatic and serene, a perfect mix of excitement and calm as you discover the hidden gems of the atolls. Between dives relax on pristine beaches and soak up the rich culture of the Maldives, an expedition that blends adventure and relaxation.

Highlights of the week include the Gaafu channels, the Fuvahmulah house reef, and the Addu atoll channels and manta cleaning station.

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

You arrive at the international airport, take a domestic flight to Kooddoo and board the boat. There is a briefing on board, the paperwork is done, and dinner is served.

DAY 2

North Gaafu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Begin with a check dive at Kooddoo Corner, where you'll encounter green turtles, Napoleons, and plenty of small reef fish.
Continue to Vilingili Kandu, a renowned dive site featuring a stunning wall of grey reef sharks and eagle rays, finishing with a drift along a turtle house reef.
Conclude the day at Kooddoo Kandu, where schools of grey reef sharks and dogtooth tunas create an unforgettable diving experience.

DAY 3

North Gaafu to South Gaafu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Begin your adventure at Vilingili Kandu, a thrilling dive site rich in marine life.
Continue to Nilandoo Kandu, where you'll encounter grey reef sharks, eagle rays, barracudas, and large schools of jackfish.
End at Kondey Out with a spectacular drift dive along the outer reef, gliding past turtles, jackfish, and batfish in a vibrant underwater setting.



DAY 4

South Gaafu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

In Kondey Kandu, various pelagic fish can be spotted, with dogtooth tunas hunting in the channel.
Then Marea Kandu, a small shallow channel, is rich with pelagic and reef fish.
Finally at Gemanafushi Corner, enjoy a drift dive with jackfish and eagle rays.

DAY 5

Fuvahmulah Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Fuvahmulah House Reef offers an incredible diving experience, renowned as one of the best spots in the Maldives to encounter a variety of large sharks.
From tiger sharks to hammerheads and other majestic species, this dive site promises unforgettable encounters with some of the ocean's most impressive predators, making it a must-visit location for any diving enthusiast.

DAY 6

Addu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Kuda Kandu is a small channel bustling with marine life, featuring schools of jackfish, snappers, and barracudas for a lively dive.
Next, head to Maa Kandu, a famous manta cleaning station with excellent visibility, perfect for capturing these majestic creatures on video.
Lastly, visit Koatey Faru, a marine protected area with stunning coral life and large fish schools, offering a colorful and unforgettable diving experience.



DAY 7

Addu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

A second day around Addu Atoll, with the sites chosen by the captain and dive team to suit the conditions.

DAY 8

Disembark

After breakfast on board, the crew arranges your transfer to the airport at Gan, where you take your flight.
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

You are met at Kooddoo or Gan airport, after a domestic flight that is not included, and taken to the boat. Check in is from 3 pm, and an early check in with a 10 am pick up is possible for an extra charge.

Check out

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

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

Good to know

Snorkellers are welcome on board

Domestic flights

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

ROUTE MAP

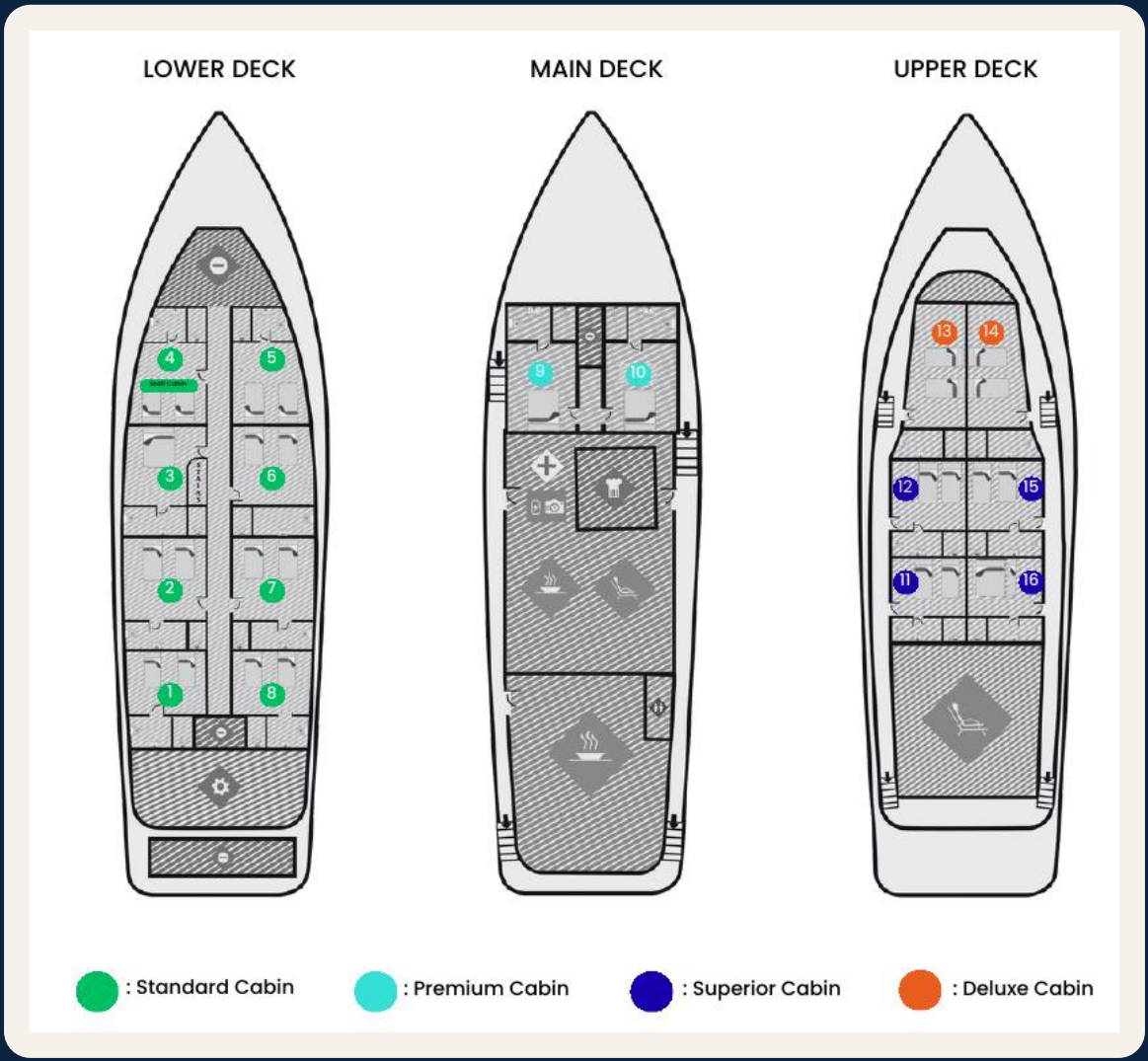
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THE BOAT

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.