

MALDIVES BLUE FORCE 3

# Central Atolls and Hanifaru

*Male to Male | North Male, Baa, Ari and Rasdhoo*

The Manta Expedition, timed for the best season in the north atolls, is built around snorkelling with mantas at Hanifaru Bay in the biosphere reserve.

It begins at a manta cleaning station in North Male and returns to mantas after dark in Ari, with night dives.

Rasdhoo offers pelagics and Ari the search for whale sharks, depending on conditions.

| LENGTH | DEPARTURE PORT | ARRIVAL PORT | EXPERIENCE |
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| 8 days / 7 nights | Male | Male | Advanced Open Water, 50+ dives |







## Your itinerary

DAY 1

### Embarkation

No diving today

A Blue Force staff member meets you at Male airport.
You take the dhoni to the boat, with boarding from 11:00 am, then check in, the boat, diving and itinerary briefings and dinner on board.

DAY 2-7

## Central Atolls and Hanifaru route

3 dives a day

The planned route goes around North Male, Hanifaru, Ari, Rasdhoo and Baa atolls, although it can be modified by the cruise management.
An 18 dive programme for certified divers is developed during the cruise, including snorkelling in Hanifaru Bay.
On Friday afternoon the boat anchors next to Male, with the option of a guided visit.

DAY 8

## Disembark

Disembarkation at Male airport at 7:00 am.
If your flight is in the afternoon there is a day hotel option near the airport, with free time to visit Male.

GOOD TO KNOW

# On land and on the way

### Night dives

Night dives and snorkelling are part of the weekly programme, depending on conditions.

### On board

Kayaks and paddle boards, a beach barbecue on a desert island and a visit to a fishing village when the weather and logistics allow.

### Check in

A Blue Force staff member meets you at Male airport, and you take the dhoni to the boat. Boarding is from 11:00 am, followed by the boat, diving and itinerary briefings and dinner on board.

### Check out

Disembarkation is early in the morning, at about 7:00 am at Male airport. A day hotel near the airport is possible if your flight is later.

### Last dive

Allow at least 24 hours between your last dive and flying.





INCLUDED

# What your trip covers

## INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Transfers between the airport and the boat
- Double cabin shared, full board
- Water, tea and coffee
- Dives, with tanks, weights, guides and the dive dhoni
- Travel, diving and cancellation insurance,
- Kayaks and stand up paddle boards

## NOT INCLUDED

- Flights to Male, and domestic flights where the route needs them
- Local taxes, government fees and service charge, paid on board
- Fuel supplement on cruises from 1 August 2026
- Soft drinks and alcohol
- Rental equipment, which must be booked before departure
- Nitrox, priced per person per week
- Internet
- Day hotel, if you use it

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

The route can be modified by the cruise management to suit the weather, currents and sightings

### Insurance

Dive insurance is mandatory, and travel insurance is recommended

### Good to know

Snorkellers and non-divers are welcome, with kayaks and paddle boards on board

### Hanifaru Bay

The Hanifaru Bay entrance fee is charged per snorkeller, and diving is not allowed in the bay