# MALDIVES - CENTRAL ATOLLS & HANIFARU - Maldives Blue Force

Nights 7

Start/Finish: Male Male

Itinerary: Male Norte, Baa, Hanifaru, Rasdhoo & Ari

**CENTRAL ATOLLS & HANIFARU ROUTE** 

Route: NORTH MALE, ARI, RASDOO & BAA

Maldives Blue Force will visit the Baa Atoll and Hanifaru Bay again on a special 8-day cruise each season to make CENTRAL ATOLLS & HANIFARU route

After the collaboration experience in previous years with MANTA TRUST Foundation, both in the North (reef mantas) and in Foamulah (oceanic mantas) we propose a new edition of these theme cruises starring the majestic and smart MANTA!

Equally important are the sharks as well as the amazing amount of life and color that the seabed of Maldives offers divers and non-divers. All this is surrounded by an awesome landscape of majestic islands on an exclusive premium cruise for a maximum of 26 passengers.

# Departure and arrival in Male.

September is the best season to visit the North Atolls in Maldives. We recommend an interesting diving cruise so called CENTRAL ATOLLS & HANIFARU. After a first diving day in North Male where we look for a Manta cleaning station, we will set sail northbound to the Baa Atoll & Hanifaru Bay.

On this atoll we will try to enjoy snorkeling with mantas in the Hanifaru Bay, Biosphere Reserve. Depending on sea conditions, currents and sightings on that week, and apart from mantas, we will modify the route in search for pelagics in Rasdoo, as well as diving with mantas by night and, with a bit of luck, diving &/or snorkelling with the whale shark on the Ari Atoll.

# **CRUISE PROGRAM**

## Day 1 (Saturday): MALE - CENTRAL ATOLLS & HANIFARU LIVEABOARD

Arrival at Male airport. One of our staff members will be waiting for you at Male Airport. You will then get onto our auxiliary boat Dhoni for the transfer to MALDIVES BLUE FORCE 3 for check in, briefing of the liveaboard, diving and plan itinerary. Dinner onboard.

## Day 2-7 (Sunday to Friday): CENTRAL ATOLLS & HANIFARU LIVEABOARD

The planned route (although can be modified under the cruise management's criteria) will take a trip around North Male, Hanifaru, Baa, Rasdoo & Ari. During the cruise an 18-dive program is developed (day and night dives & snorkeling in Hanifaru Bay).

On Friday afternoon we will anchorage next to Male. So, we will have the option to make a guided visit to Male.

## Day 8 (Saturday): MALE

Disembark at Male Airport at 07.00 am. If the return flight leaves in the afternoon there is an optional day hotel option near the airport, and even free time to optionally visit Male until the time of the return flight.

#### DAY USE HOTEL IN MALE AIRPORT:

Please check your flight timetable to Male, arrival and departure timetable and the embark and disembark times. If you have plenty of time from the disembark (07.00 am on Saturday) and your return flight is in the evening, we recommend you to book a day use hotel next to Male airport,

Hulhumale. There are different categories and options (with room, without room, with pool or not). Ask us for help if needed.

## Useful information

Disembarkation at 7.00am on Saturday at Male Airport.

Passengers holding EU nationality need to have their passport valid for at least six months since departure from Maldives.

Other nationalities check with Consulate/Embassy representatives conditions of entry in Maldives.

All payments on board can be in USD or €. Credit cards accepted with a surcharge of 4%. American Express non-accepted

The diver is responsible for holding the corresponding Diving Certificate for dives to be done. If the diver doesn't hold the required certification or the guide in charge of going along with the divers considers, for any reason, that the client is not qualified for some dive, he will have full authority not to allow the client for such dive. Besides, Blue Force Diving won't commit itself to make any deduction for that.

Due to sea conditions, weather conditions or any other factors, the boat/cruise staff reserves the right to change the route totally or partially without prior warning. No refund will be issued for such circumstances.

#### Remarks

For all the clients that book sharing cabins, Blue Force reserves the right to change the number of the cabin. We will maintain always the rate and the category.