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Extreme South Atolls

Laamu, Huvadhoo, Fuvahmulah and Addu

The extreme south of the Maldives is shark country, with channel dives where the currents bring big groups of fish and sharks.

Grey sharks, silvertips, sometimes tiger sharks, barracuda and eagle rays fill one of the most beautiful channels in the archipelago.

From January to April there are night swims with whale sharks, drawn to the surface by powerful lights.

Fuvahmulah is famous for tiger sharks, and Addu has a manta ray cleaning station and a 134 metre wreck covered in soft corals and black corals.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
8 days / 7 nights	Laamu, Huvadhoo, Fuvahmulah and Addu	Laamu, Huvadhoo, Fuvahmulah and Addu	Experienced divers







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation

Check dive

The cruise starts at one of the southern ports, such as Kadhdhoo in Laamu, Kooddoo in Huvadhoo, Fuvahmulah or Gan, depending on the departure.
After boarding there is a check dive.

DAY 2-7

Route

3 dives a day

The Extreme South cruise runs through Laamu, Huvadhoo, Fuvahmulah and Addu atolls, and the departures cover different parts of this route each week.
Diving is mostly in the channels, where the currents bring big groups of fish and sharks.
The weeks are scheduled from January to April, in the dry monsoon, for the best weather.

DAY 8

Disembark

The cruise ends at one of the southern ports, depending on the departure, with a transfer to the airport.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Fushi Kandu, Laamu

In the first northern channel on the east reef of Laamu, and considered one of the most beautiful dive sites in the archipelago. Grey sharks, silvertips and sometimes tiger sharks, barracuda, eagle rays and schools of fusiliers, jacks and snappers.

Mundhoo Kandu, Laamu

A pass with beautiful coral on both corners and a double step, the first at 25 metres and the second between 35 and 40 metres. The dive is usually on the south corner, full of reef fish, and with the current coming in there are grey and whitetip sharks.

Maamendhoo Kandu, Huvadhoo

A pass too wide to cross, so the dive is on one of the corners. The north corner has a nice inner reef with grey sharks and green turtles, and the south has more sharks on the step at over 30 metres, ending on a small thila full of green turtles.

Kondey Coral Garden, Huvadhoo

In the middle of the channel and almost 2 kilometres long, with dozens of hard coral species covering more than a kilometre. A very easy dive, but divers should be experienced with excellent buoyancy to protect the coral.

Vilingili Kandu, Huvadhoo

A channel very rich in pelagic fish and one of the best known in the atoll. The best part is the step of the channel with many grey sharks, and the two reefs to the north and south give different encounters.

Maarehaa Kandu, Huvadhoo

With Vilingili Kandu, one of the two passes that deserve the trip to this atoll. Many grey sharks, sometimes eagle rays, barracuda and trevally, green turtles and reef fish, and a south corner canyon with eagle rays and stingrays.

Night with whale sharks, Huvadhoo

From January to April, night swims with whale sharks. Powerful lights at the stern of the boat attract plankton, which draws the whale sharks near the surface.

Koddu Shark Point, Huvadhoo

Also called the Shark Hotel, in front of Kooddoo harbour. A wide sandy channel at 28 to 30 metres with coral blocks and steep walls, strong currents and many sharks, mostly spinner and grey reef sharks. For advanced divers.

Tiger Zoo, Fuvahmulah

An easy dive to see tiger sharks at the mouth of the island harbour, on a plateau 10 to 12 metres deep. Divers line up on the seabed and the sharks come, attracted by tuna scraps, for up to 30 minutes before the dive moves to one of the two reefs with the current.

Maa Corner, Addu

An easy dive, current permitting, near the bottom of a channel at 18 to 25 metres, around a large coral block that is a cleaning station for manta rays. Grey and whitetip sharks, napoleon wrasse and eagle rays along the wall.

British Loyalty wreck, Addu

A wreck 134 metres long lying on its port side at 33 metres, with the propeller between 23 and 28 metres. Covered in table corals, soft corals, gorgonians and black corals, with a resident leaf fish and regular turtles.

Non-divers

The cruises suit divers and non-divers, with guided snorkelling, island visits and fishing, and a free try dive in the lagoon for non-divers from 8 years old, with equipment included.

On board

A diving dhoni, a kayak and paddle boards, underwater scooters, and rebreather support on request. Italian and international cuisine, with a bar, a boutique and a massage service.

End of the cruise

Cruises that start and end in Male may finish with an optional visit to Villingili, to see the Save the Beach Centre and the coral restoration site, and snorkel with a marine biologist.

Check in

The best time to arrive is between 07:00 and 11:00, and the earliest is 06:30 to 07:00. If your flight arrives after about 11:00 to 11:30 you need to arrive the day before. An airport representative meets you in the arrivals area with a board and takes you to the dhoni.

Check out

Check out is at 08:00 on the last day.

Dives

The check dive is on the arrival day, and there is one dive on the morning of the last diving day.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Cabin share (twin or double) with private bathroom and full board, with an afternoon snack
- Unlimited drinking water, tea, coffee and fruit
- Airport transfer by dhoni
- Diving and night diving, with the dive dhoni and free Nitrox
- Guided snorkelling
- Sunset fishing, trolling and free use of the kayak
- Excursions and island visits
- GST
- Dive instructors and dive guides

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Service charge, on your invoice
- Green tax, paid on board
- Alcoholic and soft drinks
- Diving and snorkelling courses
- Dive and snorkel equipment rental, to request when booking
- Wi-Fi
- Dive insurance (mandatory)
- Beach dinner on request
- Onboard purchases, plus 10% service and GST

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 changes with the weather, the currents, the season and guest preferences, so every cruise is different

Insurance

Dive insurance is mandatory, and travel insurance is recommended

Good to know

Nitrox is free of charge

Good to know

Flights to the southern airports are needed, and are not included

Fuvahmulah dive fee

Fuvahmulah has tiger sharks, and sightings cannot be promised

Good to know

Many channel dives have strong currents and suit experienced divers