

EMPEROR EXPLORER 2

Sharktastic aboard Emperor Explorer 2

Male to Male | South Male, Vaavu, Meemu and South Ari

From January to April, clean ocean water flows in from the east, bringing visibility of up to 40 m and a steady run of channel dives with sharks, eagle rays and big schools of fish.

South Male starts it with grey reef sharks and eagle rays.

In Vaavu, the outer walls and corners are draped in soft coral in blues, yellows and pinks.

Meemu has enchanting channels with pelagic action, where grey reef sharks, dogtooth tuna and eagle rays are regular sights, and it pays to watch the blue.

South Ari adds whale sharks, manta rays and a wreck.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
8 days / 7 nights	Male	Male	30 dives, Advanced







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Boarding in Male

Free airport transfers run at 12:00 and 16:00, and you can usually board from around 13:00. Meet the crew, join the safety briefing, complete your dive paperwork and settle into your cabin. The boat stays in port tonight.

DAY 2

Check dive and sail

Up to 3 dives

Your first dive is a check dive near port to settle your kit and buoyancy.
The boat then leaves Male for the south.

DAY 3

South Male Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Start with the famous Kandooma Thila, where grey reef sharks and eagle rays are the main attraction.

DAY 4

Vaavu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Dive the channels on the eastern side of the atoll.
The outer walls and corners are draped in soft coral in blues, yellows and pinks.



DAY 5

Meemu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Enchanting channels with pelagic action.
Grey reef sharks, dogtooth tuna and eagle rays are regular sights, and it pays to watch the blue.

DAY 6

South Ari Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Cross over to Ari to look for whale sharks around Maamigili and manta rays at Rangali Madivaru ("Manta Place").
Kudarah Thila and the Kudimaa wreck are other options.

DAY 7

Last diving day

One dive

One morning dive, keeping to the no-flying rule.
The boat is back in Male around 13:00 and stays moored overnight.
You can take an optional land visit, then pack your gear and settle your bill.

DAY 8

Check out in Male

Check out is at 07:00, with transfers to Male airport arriving by 07:30.
There is no diving today.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Channel diving

These channels, known as kandus in the local Dhivehi language, run best when water flows in from the east.

Snorkelling

Snorkel gear and a snorkelling guide are included, so non-divers and snorkellers are welcome.

Port visit

On the last afternoon, in port, you can stretch your legs with an optional land visit.

Check in

Free transfers leave Male airport at 12:00 and 16:00. You can usually board from around 13:00.

Check out

Check out is at 07:00 on the last morning, with transfers to arrive at Male airport by 07:30.

Last dive

One morning dive on the last diving day. The boat is back in port around 13:00.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Full board meals, snacks and a special dinner
- Water, tea and coffee
- Guided diving from a dhoni, with a dive guide
- Nitrox up to 32% for certified divers
- Snorkel gear and a snorkelling guide
- Land excursions
- Cabin and deck towels
- Free airport transfers from Male or Gan on arrival and departure days
- Environment (green) tax, fuel surcharge and port fees

NOT INCLUDED

- International and domestic flights
- Soft drinks, juices and alcoholic drinks
- Dive equipment rental
- Dive courses
- Wi-Fi data packages
- Local purchases and souvenirs
- Crew tips (voluntary, around 10%)
- Travel and dive insurance (mandatory)

BEFORE YOU GO

What to bring

ESSENTIALS

- Dive certification card and logbook
- Dive computer, surface marker buoy and reef hook (needed on every dive)
- Torch for night dives
- Reef-safe sunscreen
- Swimwear, hat and sunglasses

AND ALSO

- Light clothing and sandals
- Personal medication and toiletries
- UK 3-pin travel adaptor (220V)
- Passport
- Copy of your travel and dive insurance

WORTH KNOWING

Key notes

Insurance

Travel and dive insurance covering dive injury, medical evacuation and travel is mandatory

Experience

We recommend 30 logged dives. Currents can go from gentle to extremely strong, and Advanced Open Water is advised because many dives go below 18 m

Diving

Diving is from a dhoni, usually 2 to 3 dives a day and up to 17 dives in a week, to a maximum depth of 30 m

Required kit

You need a dive computer, surface marker buoy and reef hook on every dive

Respect the reef

Please do not touch or collect marine life. Emperor does not bait or feed sharks

Medical form

If you have a condition on Emperor's medical list, bring a medical form signed by a doctor within the last 12 months

Flying

There is no diving for 24 hours before a flight