

MALDIVES MASTER

# Central Atolls & Baa

*Male to Male | North Male, Baa, Ari, Vaavu and South Male*

Baa Atoll is best known for Hanifaru Bay, where manta rays gather to feed at certain times of the year.

Diving is not permitted in the bay, but snorkelling is allowed with an official guide, and the thilas around it are there for the diving.

North Male brings spinner sharks, several types of stingray and a cleaning station where mantas can be seen throughout the year.

Further on, grey and white-tip reef sharks gather in large numbers in the channels and nurse sharks circle around you.

South Male finishes with schools of eagle rays and overhangs covered in sea fans.

| LENGTH | DEPARTURE PORT | ARRIVAL PORT | EXPERIENCE |
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| 11 days / 10 nights | Male | Male | 30 dives, Deep training |







## Your itinerary

DAY 1

### Embarkation

No diving today

The crew meets you at Male airport and a dhoni takes you to Maldives Master.
Once everyone is on board there is a boat orientation and safety briefing, followed by dinner.
There is no diving on embarkation day.

DAY 2

## North Male

Up to 3 dives

Hulhumale Beyru (Shark Tank), for spinner sharks and several types of stingray, and Lankan Manta Point, a cleaning station where mantas can be seen throughout the year.

DAY 3

## North Male

Up to 3 dives

More time around North Male, with the sites picked by the captain and dive team to suit the conditions.



DAY 4

## Baa

Up to 3 dives

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Diving is not permitted in the bay, but snorkelling is allowed with an official guide.
The diving is on thilas such as Dhigala Haa, Dhonfanu Thila, Dharavandhoo Thila and Dhigu Thila.

DAY 5

## Baa

Up to 3 dives

More time around Baa, with the sites picked by the captain and dive team to suit the conditions.

DAY 6

## North Ari and Rasdhoo

Up to 3 dives

Fish Head, known as one of the best places for grey reef shark encounters, Maaya Thila, with white-tip reef sharks, Rasdhoo Madivaru, a marine protected area channel, and Fesdhoo Lagoon, where mantas gather in the evening and the crew attaches lights to the stern to attract plankton and, hopefully, mantas.



DAY 7

## South Ari

Up to 3 dives

Kudarah Thila, one of the most colourful dives in Ari Atoll, the Kudima Wreck, a 52 metre cargo ship sitting upright at 30 metres, Angaga Thila, and the manta cleaning stations at Mahibadhoo Rock and Lily Manta Point.

DAY 8

## Vaavu

Up to 3 dives

Miyaru Kandu, a channel where grey and white-tip reef sharks gather in large numbers, and Alimathaa, where nurse sharks circle around the divers.

DAY 9

## South Male

Up to 3 dives

Cocoa Corner, a sloping reef and wall with caves and overhangs, Kandooma Thila, a teardrop shaped thila renowned for its soft corals and turtles, Guraidhoo Kandu, for sharks and schools of eagle rays, and Lhosfushi and Medhu Faru, with overhangs covered in sea fans and soft corals.



DAY 10

## Last diving day

Two morning dives

Two morning dives, at about 06:30 and 10:45, before the boat heads back to port after lunch. Check your flight time so there are at least 24 hours between your last dive and flying.

DAY 11

## Disembark

Early breakfast on board, then disembarkation at 07:30 with a transfer to the airport. There is no diving today.

GOOD TO KNOW

# On land and on the way

### Night dives

A sunset or night dive may be offered. On 7 night trips only one is possible, and it is not guaranteed.

### Manta rays

Cleaning stations and feeding areas, depending on the season.

### Check in

Meet the representative in front of Burger King in the airport terminal, holding a Master Liveaboards sign. The dhoni leaves at 12:30 or 16:00 only. There are no hotel or resort pick ups, so arrive at the airport in time for the first transfer.

### Check out

Disembarkation is at 07:30, with a transfer to the airport.

### Last dive

Two morning dives on the last diving day, then the boat returns to port after lunch. Allow at least 24 hours between your last dive and flying.





INCLUDED

# What your trip covers

### INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Full board accommodation
- Water, tea and coffee
- All diving offered in the itinerary
- Tank, weights and air fills
- Transfers between the airport and the boat, by dhoni

### NOT INCLUDED

- Green tax, paid in advance
- Alcoholic and soft drinks
- Rental equipment
- Nitrox
- Dive courses
- Crew gratuity
- Internet
- A fuel surcharge, if it applies
- Domestic flights, where needed
- Dive insurance (mandatory) and travel insurance

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

### Insurance

Dive insurance is mandatory, and travel insurance is recommended

### Experience

Divers need at least 30 logged dives, open water with deep (30 metres) training, and advanced open water is strongly recommended, and experience of currents and drift dives

### Flexible route

Dive sites we visit can change from one trip to the next, depending on the weather, tides, currents and marine life. The route is not fixed

### Good to know

All divers must use a dive computer and carry a surface marker buoy and reel on every dive

### Hanifaru Bay

Snorkelling at Hanifaru Bay is not guaranteed, and needs an official guide