

SPIRIT OF THE MALDIVES

Wonders of the Northern Atolls

Male to Male | North Male, Lhaviyani, Noonu, Raa, Baa, Rasdhu and Ari

The northern atolls have manta cleaning stations all year, and each atoll has its own charm and dive sites teeming with marine life.

Lhaviyani and Noonu are full of life, and Raa and Rasdhu add more of the shark and manta sites the north is known for.

Baa Atoll has manta cleaning stations of its own, and from May to October the UNESCO marine reserve of Hanifaru Lagoon fills with mantas and whale sharks feeding on plankton, a sight for snorkelling.

Ari Atoll is the last of the diving on the way back south.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 days / 10 nights	Male	Male	70+ dives, AOWD







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation

No diving today

The crew meets you in front of Burger King at Male airport, with pick-ups at 12 noon and 4 pm, and takes you to Spirit of the Maldives.
The first dive, the check dive, is the morning after boarding.

DAY 2

North Male

Up to 3 dives

North Male Atoll, where the trip begins, with dive sites chosen to suit the conditions.

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

Lhaviyani

Up to 3 dives

Lhaviyani Atoll, reached by crossing the Karshidu Channel from North Male, with dive sites full of marine life.



DAY 5

Noonu

Up to 3 dives

Noonu Atoll, one of the northern atolls, each with its own charm and dive sites teeming with marine life.

DAY 6

Raa

Up to 3 dives

Raa Atoll, where the 10 night trip reaches sites such as the Shark Nursery, Horobadhoo Thila, the Shipwreck Graveyard and Christmas Rock.

DAY 7

Baa

Up to 3 dives

Baa Atoll, with manta cleaning stations.
From May to October the trip can include snorkelling in the UNESCO marine reserve of Hanifaru Lagoon, where mantas and whale sharks feed on plankton.

DAY 8

Rasdhu

Up to 3 dives

Rasdhu Atoll on the way back south, with more of the northern atolls' shark and manta sites.



DAY 9

Ari

Up to 3 dives

Ari Atoll, the last of the diving before returning to Male.

DAY 10

Last diving day

2 to 4 dives

Normally between two and four dives, depending on the itinerary.
Check your flight time so there are at least 24 hours between your last dive and flying.

DAY 11

Disembark

Disembarkation at about 7 am after breakfast, with a transfer to the airport.
There is no diving today.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

Night dives

Night dives, often with sharks and mantas, depending on the conditions.

Beach barbecue

A barbecue dinner on a local island, weather allowing.

Check in

Pick-ups at the airport are at 12 noon and 4 pm, from in front of Burger King. The earliest check in is 12 noon and the latest is 4 pm.

Check out

Disembarkation is at about 7 am, with a transfer to the airport.

Last dive

Between two and four dives on the last diving day, depending on the itinerary. Allow at least 24 hours between your last dive and flying.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Full board with afternoon snacks and one beach barbecue dinner, weather allowing
- Unlimited water, tea and coffee
- One house beer or glass of wine a day
- All fees: fuel surcharge, green tax, port fee, marine park fee and taxes
- Airport meet and greet and transfers
- Nitrox for qualified divers
- Diving from a 20 metre dive support boat

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights, including domestic flights
- Courses and equipment rental
- Drinks beyond the daily house beer or wine
- Gratuities for the crew
- Extra services
- 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

Good to know

The routing can change to suit the weather, the currents and the sea conditions

Good to know

Snorkellers are welcome on board

Hanifaru Bay

Hanifaru snorkelling is only possible from May to October