

## CENTRAL ROUTE 10 NIGHTS ITINERARY

### Day 1

Hulhumalé

### Day 2

North Malé Atoll > South Malé Atoll

Dune's staff will pick up at Malé International Airport and bring you to Soleil 2 for boarding. Refreshments are offered while getting information you need from our Cruise Director.

Dinner will be served in the evening. As soon as all the guests are on board and settled in, we will set sail to the first dive site.

The trip will start with discovering the dazzling long reefs or manta point (during season May to Nov only) in North Malé Atoll. Corals are abundant here, giving home to plenty of reef fish and macro species including frogfish, leaffish, nudibranchs, and flatworms. Plunge in and meet the napoleon wrasses, schools of oriental sweetlips and fusiliers swirling around the astonishing pinnacles.

In addition to the exceptional topography and marine life, you will also encounter patrolling grey reef sharks, eagle rays, as well as jacks, tunas, and groupers in the channels of South Malé Atoll. After the day, we will cruise to Vaavu Atoll for the action packed night dive you cannot miss. There are no other experience alike as to join the nurse sharks, sting rays, and jacks in their feeding frenzy.

### Day 3

South Malé Atoll > Vaavu Atoll

### Day 4

Vaavu Atoll > Faafu Atoll

### Day 5

Faafu Atoll > South Ari Atoll

Small caves, large overhangs, drop-off walls, and sloping reefs covered with corals can be found in Vaavu Atoll. Titan triggerfish are common. Larger marine life such as grey reef sharks, white tip reef sharks, tunas, and barracudas are also found here. During the channel dives, keep looking in the blue as it brings chances of meeting the spectacular hammerhead sharks.

Cruising to the seldom visited atolls in the west, brings you the memorable sensation of the pristine water with great visibility. You can find more grey reef sharks, napoleon wrasses, and various schools of reef fish in the channels. Moving north to the South Ari Atoll, you will encounter beautiful pinnacles and bigger marine life. Dive into the aquarium of mother nature, finally meeting the stars of the trip.

In the marine protected areas, our first star, the mighty whale sharks regularly show their appearances. Our crew will search for their presence and allow you a chance to snorkel or even scuba with them. Lucky or not, there are also many thilas and some wrecks in South Ari Atoll. Grey reef sharks, napoleon wrasse, moray eels, scorpionfish are to be found. Exploring to the most, diving in and also setting foot on the paradise. Our crew will lead a visit to the nearby local island just before dinner.

Cruising never stops, moving up to the North Ari Atoll while taking the last chance to get up close easily with whale sharks. In the north, channels are wider and water is deeper, we will meet some more of the stars here. The currents attracts many grey reef sharks, white tip reef

sharks and even other large pelagic fish. When night falls, you will be invited to go ashore again and indulge yourself in the barbecue dinner on nearby desert island prepared by our crew.

Day 6

South Ari Atoll

Day 7

South Ari Atoll > North Ari Atoll

Day 8

North Ari Atoll

Day 9

North Ari Atoll > Rasdhoo Atoll

Multiple manta cleaning stations, extraordinary thilas and wreck with rich marine life are what you will dive in here. Apart from the above mentioned, you will also find eagle rays, hawksbill turtles, napoleon wrasse, school of blue-stripe snapper, batfish, and fusiliers here. The day will end with a manta night dive. Spectating the enormous manta rays feeding right in front your torch.

The combination of pelagic life and remarkable underwater landscape of North Ari Atoll is irresistible. Yet you may also find the beautiful reefs in Rasdhoo Atoll along with the magnificent manta rays and hammerhead sharks encounter fascinating. Drifting with schools of fish while still keep an eye on the pelagic stars.

Dive in once more in Rasdhoo Atoll with the pelagic life and the cruise will head back to North Malé Atoll. Here you will find stunning long reefs, small caves, colourful corals with prolific marine and reef life. Take a closer look at the squirrelfish, bannerfish, oriental sweetlips, frogfish, and nudibranchs. Meanwhile, the trip is arriving at the end. Sad to say goodbye but we all hope to see you again at Dune.

Day 10

Rasdhoo Atoll > North Malé Atoll

Day 11

The peculiarity of Dune Maldives is to build the course according to your expectations. The sites and atolls visited are therefore defined according to your preferences, while also taking into account the weather conditions and tides.