WHITE PEARL

South and Central Atolls

Huvadhoo to Male | Huvadhoo, Laamu, Meemu, Vaavu and South Male

From the remote Huvadhoo Atoll to the channels of Male, this is a long sweep through the best of the southern and central Maldives.

Huvadhoo has vast swathes of healthy reef, swirling schools of big-eye trevally, nesting turtles and sharks from whitetips to the occasional hammerhead.

From January to April, spotlights draw plankton to the surface at night, and whale sharks come right up to feed while you slide in and swim alongside.

Laamu has pelagic-packed channels where scores of whitetip reef sharks hunt, and Meemu adds soft coral pinnacles and mantas.

Vaavu is the finale, with a night dive among blacktip sharks, nurse sharks and whiptail rays.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
13 days / 12 nights	Huvadhoo	Male	100+ dives, Nitrox, currents







Your route

THE REGIONS

Where you dive

HUVADHOO ATOLL

Dive sites: Villingili and Nilhanhoo kandu.

Huvadhoo Atoll is also known as Gaafu Atoll in the Maldives. Huvadhoo splits more or less evenly between the inner lagoon and the outer reef. Thanks to its remote location, the atoll offers vast swathes of healthy reefs, populated by impressive table corals and staghorns, although soft corals such as sea fans can also be seen. Swirling schools of big-eye trevally are a common sight, as well as tuna, snapper, and oriental sweetlips, while several spots provide

shelter for nesting sea turtles. Whether you enjoy an exhilarating drift dive, a calm, easygoing exploration of a shallow reef, or looking for sharks in the channels – there is something for everyone. There's a wealth of exciting dive sites waiting to be explored in this area, including colourful coral reefs, outcrops, caves, tunnels, thilas (underwater islands) and fascinating channels. The atoll is fringed by a well-defined and almost continuous rim-reef with a deep lagoon. It is a paradise for underwater adventures with scores of healthy coral islets and still undiscovered dive sites. Many of the vibrant reefs and lagoons remain unexplored, and visitors here include stingrays, eagle rays, a large number of turtles, and a variety of sharks, including black and white tip reef sharks, nurse sharks, spinner sharks, and occasionally, hammerheads and bull sharks. Villingili Kandu and Nilandhoo Kandu, in the atoll's northeast, are two favourite sites for shark diving. And, as if that wasn't enough, between January and April, liveaboards often stop in the atoll's northeast to snorkel with whale sharks. The vessels—including ours—shine large spotlights into the water at night, attracting large plumes of plankton towards the surface. In turn, the plankton lure whale sharks, right up to the boat to feed, allowing guests to slide in and swim alongside.

LAAMU ATOLL

Dive sites: Fushi Kandu and Thaa Atoll and Olhugiri Kandu.

With only a few channels breaking the atoll's outer reef, the tidal flows in and out of the central lagoon can be intense - attracting plenty of marine life and ensuring great visibility. Beginners and photographers can explore the stunning coral reefs within the lagoon, while more advanced divers should head to the adrenaline-pumping drift diving to be had in the northern channels. The strong currents attract jaw-dropping pelagic action, including sharks and eagle rays. Inner reefs house plenty of small macro critters and an abundance of colourful tropical fish, as well as larger favourites like sea turtles. Fushi Kandu is one of the most popular channel dives, although relatively shallow, it stretches for 250 metres/657 feet and white tip reef sharks are frequent visitors, as well as schools of jacks, tuna and eagle rays. Olhugiri Kandu is Located in the atoll's northeast, Olhugiri Kandu is a pelagic-packed channel where schooling fish attract scores of whitetip reef sharks on the hunt, as well as jacks, tuna and eagle rays waiting for their fill.





MEEMU ATOLL

Dive sites: Muli Corner and Kurali Manta Point and Vanhuravalhi Kandu.

The northeast is peppered with submerged pinnacles covered predominantly with soft corals, while the western part will see you surrounded by jacks and snappers. Keep an eye out for sharks and rays at 30 metres/98 feet! Muli Corner is a haven for experienced divers seeking an exhilarating adventure. Swim through vibrant soft coral and awe-inspiring hard coral formations, home to an abundance of marine life including barracudas, jacks, and snappers, while watching out for grey reef sharks, white tip reef sharks, and eagle rays. With excellent visibility of 20-30 metres / 65-98 feet and strong currents, this dive site promises an unforgettable underwater experience. Don't miss the chance to explore the breathtaking Muli Corner and discover the magic of the Maldives' underwater world. Kurali Manta Point is a paradise for divers seeking an unforgettable encounter with the ocean's gentle giants. Glide alongside the majestic manta rays and watch in awe as they gracefully soar through the crystal-clear waters. Among the diverse coral formations, spot reef sharks, turtles, and vibrant schools of fish. With great visibility of up to 25 metres/82 feet and mild currents, this dive site is accessible to divers of all levels. Immerse yourself in the wonder of Kurali Manta Point and experience the magic of the Maldives' underwater world.

VAAVU ATOLL

Dive sites: Fotteyo Kandu and Miyaru Kandu and Alimathaa.

Even by Maldives' standards, Vaavu's channels are special, and Fotteyo Kandu is considered one of the best dive sites in the Maldives. The narrow channel has swim-throughs, small caves and large overhangs to explore, as well as a drop-off covered in colourful soft corals. The occasional hammerhead is seen, but it is the schools of grey reef and whitetip sharks, large schools of trevally and other big species that brings in the divers. Nearby Miyaru Kandu, which translates to 'Shark Channel' certainly lives up to its name. A huge variety of marine life can be seen here, including tuna, large schools of grey reef sharks, whitetip reef sharks, tuna and Napoleon wrasse, as well as many colourful reef fish. Manta rays are also seen in the low season when the current is outflowing. In recent years, a night dive at Alimathaa jetty has attracted a lot of attention with its large numbers of blacktip sharks, nurse sharks and whiptail rays. A popular dive site, we urge divers to be extremely conscious of their behaviour and surroundings, as it is very easy to kick or accidentally corner the sharks and rays.





SOUTH AND NORTH MALE

Dive sites: Kandooma Thila and Guraidhoo Corner.

South Male Atoll is famous for its current-swept channels and provides guests with a wide variety of stunning diving no matter their skill level and experience. Known for its steep walls, ledges, and small caves, South Malé's underwater environment is famous for its variety of reef fish common to the Maldives, as well as plenty of macro life and several manta ray cleaning stations. Kandooma Thila – often known as Cocoa Thila – is one of the most famous dive sites in the Maldives. Set within a wide channel, patrolled by grey reef sharks and chances are high that you will find schooling eagle rays, turtles, and colourful reef fish covering the entire reef. Guraidhoo Corner is another beautiful site and the large marine protected area is home to a massive concentration of reef life, including sharks, schooling trevallies, rays, turtles and reef fish.

A DIVING DAY

A typical diving day

- 06:00 Wake-up call
- 06:30 to 07:00 Light breakfast, briefing and Dive 1
- 08:30 Full breakfast and a rest
- 10:30 Briefing and Dive 2
- 12:30 Lunch and a rest
- 14:30 Briefing and Dive 3
- 16:00 Snack and a rest
- 19:00 Dinner

INCLUDED

What is included

- Full board accommodation, with three meals a day, drinking water, coffee, tea and snacks
- Transfers between the airport and the yacht
- Guided dives with 12 litre tanks, weights and weight belts, and a night dive
- Free Nitrox for qualified divers
- Beach barbecue, cocktail party, paddle boards, kayaks, the pool, jacuzzi and water slide
- Free Wi-Fi, limited to messaging and social media

NOT INCLUDED

What is not included

- Government service charge, green tax and fuel surcharge, paid on board
- Domestic and international flights
- Spa treatments, jet ski, soft drinks and alcoholic drinks
- Dive equipment other than tanks and weights, and 15 litre tanks
- Dive insurance, which is mandatory, and travel insurance

GOOD TO KNOW

Good to know

- The sample plan visits the atolls in the order shown, and the days spent at each depend on the conditions
- Divers should have at least 100 logged dives, Nitrox certification and experience of diving in currents
- The Cruise Director and Captain choose the route and the dive sites to suit the weather, tides, currents and the number of other dive boats at a site. If bad weather stops the yacht reaching a site on time, alternative sites are offered. The safety of everyone on board comes first.



