

WHITE PEARL

# Wonders of Deep South

*Gan to Kooddoo | Addu, Fuvahmulah and Huvadhoo*

If you are looking for big animals, you cannot get better than Fuvahmulah, the remote atoll at the heart of this voyage through the far south of the Maldives.

Resident tiger sharks have made it famous, thresher sharks move into the shallows at dawn and dusk, and depending on the season there are hammerheads, silvertips, whale sharks, oceanic mantas and even Mola mola.

Addu Atoll adds a WWII wreck of almost 6000 tons, a majestic manta cleaning station and exciting drifts.

Huvadhoo is a paradise of healthy coral, swirling schools of big-eye trevally and shark-filled channels.

From January to April, whale sharks rise to the lights at night.

| LENGTH | DEPARTURE PORT | ARRIVAL PORT | EXPERIENCE |
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| 11 days / 10 nights | Gan | Kooddoo | 100+ dives, Nitrox, currents |







## Your itinerary

DAY 1

### Embarkation

No diving today

Guests are met at Gan airport and taken to White Pearl, with check in, welcome and the safety briefing.
The sample plan starts in Addu Atoll.

DAY 2

## Addu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Addu atoll an enticing mix of reefs and channels, wrecks and exciting drifts.
Home to WWII the HMS British Loyalty wreck - almost 6000 tons and 134 metres, sitting at 33 metres!
As well as the popular majestic Manta Cleaning station Maa Kandu, which is a great way to start or end your trip.

DAY 3

## Addu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

A further day around Addu Atoll, with the sites chosen by the Cruise Director and Captain to suit the conditions.

DAY 4

## Fuvamulah Atoll

Up to 3 dives

With more and more dive sites being discovered every year, Fuvahmulah's relatively unknown diving, unique location and isolation make it one of the Maldives' top destinations if you are feeling a little adventurous.
The regular encounters with Fuvahmulah's resident tiger sharks have made the atoll famous in recent years and you can dive with the sharks of Tiger Zoo every day.
These big sharks have played an important role in the local marine environment for decades, feeding on the entrails and other fishy remains discarded by fisherman, and whilst they are in no way aggressive, the experienced guides at Fuvahmulah Dive School ensure that your encounter will be both safe, and conducted in a responsible manner.
If you are looking for other shark species, Fuvahmulah also offers close encounters with thresher sharks, a deeper water species that moves into the shallows in the dim light of early morning or dusk to visit cleaning stations on the reef.
Depending on the season, you'll also have a great chance of encountering hammerhead sharks, silvertip sharks, whale sharks, oceanic manta rays, big schools of barracuda, yellowfin tuna, bonitos, and even Mola mola, sailfish and whales.
If you are looking for big animals, you can't get better than Fuvahmulah!



DAY 5

## Addu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

A further day around Addu Atoll, with the sites chosen by the Cruise Director and Captain to suit the conditions.

DAY 6

## Fuvamulah Atoll

Up to 3 dives

A further day around Fuvamulah Atoll, with the sites chosen by the Cruise Director and Captain to suit the conditions.

DAY 7

## Huvadhu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

Huvadhoo Atoll is also known as Gaafu Atoll in the Maldives.
Huvadhu 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.

DAY 8

## Huvadhu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

A further day around Huvadhu Atoll, with the sites chosen by the Cruise Director and Captain to suit the conditions.



DAY 9

## Huvadhu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

A further day around Huvadhu Atoll, with the sites chosen by the Cruise Director and Captain to suit the conditions.

DAY 10

## Huvadhu Atoll

Up to 3 dives

A further day around Huvadhu Atoll, with the sites chosen by the Cruise Director and Captain to suit the conditions.

DAY 11

## Disembark

Check out with a light breakfast, and the transfer to Kooddoo airport for your flight. There is no diving today.

GOOD TO KNOW

# On land and on the way

### Night dives

Night dives, such as the nurse shark dive at Alimatha, depending on the route and conditions.

### On board

A jacuzzi, a water slide, a spa, paddle boards and kayaks, with a beach barbecue and a cocktail party on most trips.

### Check in

Guests are met at Gan airport, after a domestic flight that is not included.

### Check out

Check out is early in the morning, with a light breakfast first.

### Last dive

Diving stops at least 24 hours before your flight.

INCLUDED

# What your trip covers

## INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

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

## NOT INCLUDED

- Government service charge, paid on board
- Green tax, paid on board
- Fuel surcharge, paid on board
- Domestic and international flights
- Spa treatments and jet ski
- Soft drinks and alcoholic drinks
- 15 litre tanks
- Dive equipment other than tanks and weights
- 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

### Good to know

The itinerary is a sample, and the Cruise Director and Captain choose the route and dive sites to suit the weather, tides, currents and other boats

### Good to know

Divers need Nitrox certification and experience of diving in currents

### Service charge

The government service charge replaces crew gratuities

## Insurance

Dive insurance is mandatory, and travel insurance is recommended

## Domestic flights

Domestic flights to Gan and from Kooddoo are needed, and are not included

## Good to know

Tiger sharks at Fuvahmulah cannot be promised