# **Wonders of Deep South**

Sample Itinerary: 7-nights itinerary for scuba diving in the South of Maldives

## **Summary**

The Wonders of Deep South takes you to an exhilarating underwater exploration of Fuvahmulah island, Huvadhu and the Addu Atoll. The Deep South boasts stunning visibility and the chance to encounter impressive marine creatures such as whale sharks, tiger sharks, oceanic manta rays, and thresher sharks. You'll also get the rare chance to explore the historic WWII wreck, HMS British Loyalty, lying in the Addu Atoll.

## **Recommendation on Diver's Qualifications**

Please note that this itinerary will involve diving in currents. We recommend that our guests have:

- A minimum of 100 logged dives
- Nitrox certification
- Experience with diving in currents

#### **Disclaimer**

We wish to show you the best diving possible; however, a number of factors determine which route the Cruise Director and Captain will choose and which dive sites we visit. Weather conditions, tides, currents and the number of other dive vessels at a particular site all play a part in where the boat is heading to. While we attempt to ensure the number of dives we have scheduled is fulfilled, bad weather can hinder the yacht's ability to reach a specific dive site in our scheduled time. The safety of all on board is paramount and we always do our best to offer diving at alternative sites, should we be unable to visit the sites listed below.

## **A Typical Day**

The diving day has a typical schedule as follows:

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

## **Highlights**

From December to March, you can have the best diving experience in the southern Maldivian atolls, where you can witness thrilling shark action in secluded dive sites between Huvadhu and Addu (Seenu) Atolls. Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the city and spend a week exploring Addu, Fuvahmulah and Huvadhu, while keeping an eye out for the impressive inhabitants of the Indian Ocean, such as tiger sharks, spinner sharks, silver tips, grey reef sharks, and whale sharks.

Huvadhu boasts one of the deepest lagoons in the Maldives, where the currents and channels are perfect for spotting a diverse range of sharks, including whale sharks, silkies, spinner sharks, grey reef sharks and an occasional hammerhead shark if we are lucky.

You will have the opportunity to dive in some of the world's best channels (kandus) here, including Vilingilli, Koodoo, Nilandhoo and Mareehaa. In Fuvahmulah, you can encounter tiger, silky, silver tip and thresher sharks on the south plateaux.

Addu Atoll is home to the WWII wreck, HMS British Loyalty, as well as the popular majestic Manta Cleaning station Maa Kandu, and a more relaxing drift dive at Demon corner, which is a great way to start or end your trip.