

WHITE PEARL

Wonders of the Deeper South

Gan to Kooddoo | Addu, Fuvahmulah and Huvadhoo

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On the south plateau of Fuvahmulah, tiger, silky, silvertip and thresher sharks come together, with big schools of barracuda, yellowfin tuna and bonitos, and even sailfish and whales in season.

In Addu, a historic WWII wreck lies on the seabed, and a manta cleaning station draws the rays in.

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Between January and April, whale sharks rise to the lights at night and you can slide in beside them.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
8 days / 7 nights	Gan	Kooddoo	100+ dives, Nitrox, currents







Your route

THE TRIP

About this trip

The Wonders of the Deeper South is an exhilarating underwater exploration of Fuvahmulah, Huvadhoo and Addu Atoll. The Deep South has stunning visibility and the chance to meet whale sharks, tiger sharks, oceanic manta rays and thresher sharks, and in Addu you can dive the historic WWII wreck HMS British Loyalty.

From December to March you have the best diving in the southern atolls, with sharks in the secluded sites between Huvadhoo and Addu. Huvadhoo has one of the deepest lagoons in the Maldives, with channels (kandus) such as Vilingilli, Koodoo, Nilandhoo and Mareehaa. Fuvahmulah has tiger, silky, silvertip and thresher sharks on its south plateau. Addu has the manta cleaning station Maa Kandu and an easy drift dive at Demon Corner, which is a good way

to start or end the trip.

THE REGIONS

Where you dive

ADDU ATOLL

Dive sites: British Loyalty wreck and Maa Manta Point.

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.

FUVAHMULAH ATOLL

Dive sites: Plateau and Tiger Zoo.

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!







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.

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 covers Addu, Fuvahmulah and Huvadhoo, and the order of the dives depends on the conditions
- Divers should have at least 100 logged dives, Nitrox certification and experience of diving in currents
- Domestic flights to Gan or from Kooddoo are needed and are not included
- Tiger sharks at Fuvahmulah cannot be promised
- 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.