



# BEST OF MANTAS

**EXCEPTIONAL THEMATIC CRUISE  
ABOARD THE SEAFARI EXPLORER 2**

*accompanied  
by one of our  
destination manager:*

**BARBARA GRAVEL  
NICOLAS VIRICEL**



# OBSERVE AND BE AMAZED

**IN FRONT OF THE LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF MANTA RAYS IN THE WORLD! A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE ABOARD THE SEAFARI EXPLORER 2, ACCOMPANIED BY ONE OF OUR DESTINATION MANAGERS.**

*At the end of summer, the northern Maldives is taken over by a large population of manta rays coming to feed and breed before migrating to other atolls and other parts of the Indian Ocean. This is a unique opportunity for divers to swim alongside these graceful giants, which move elegantly in their natural habitat.*

Our BEST OF MANTAS expedition visits **Baa Atoll** and the famous **Hanifaru Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site**, for a breathtaking show of grace and delicacy, up close to these giants of the sea that every diver dreams of meeting. One of our destination managers, Barbara Gravel or Nicolas Viricel, will be on the cruise in support of our usual guides, to provide information on the migration, reproduction, feeding, recognition and protection of manta rays.



**Raa atoll** is one of the least visited in the Maldives, as it is further from Malé airport. The dive sites here are extraordinary, with vertiginous drop-offs and cleaning stations for mantas and whale sharks.

Besides manta rays, these atolls are full of other underwater wonders. You can swim alongside sharks, explore colourful coral reefs and admire a multitude of tropical fish species. The clear, warm waters of the Maldives also offer exceptional diving opportunities for underwater photography enthusiasts, allowing you to capture stunning images.

**Monsoon conditions are the most favourable for the formation of plankton, which attracts manta rays and whale sharks. Our experience and knowledge of these atolls and underwater species means we can offer a unique itinerary that maximises your chances of experiencing these unforgettable moments.**

## INCLUDED

- Pick-up and return airport transfer
- 10 nights in shared cabin- Full board
- Diving (12 L aluminium tanks & weights)
- Island visits and barbecue (if available)
- GST (VAT) 17% included

## NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Green taxes (12\$/day)
- Service charge 150\$ per person
- Equipment hire
- Crew tips • Drinks on board
- Personal expenses (shop, etc...)