

SEAFARI EXPLORER 2

Central and South Atolls

Male to Male | South Male, Vaavu, South Ari, Meemu and Thaa

The channels of South Male are where schools of pelagic fish are met, with grey reef sharks in the blue and squadrons of eagle rays.

Vaavu and Meemu are unique atolls, with a vertical wall covered in yellow soft coral and a drift so fishy it is full of jacks, grey reef sharks and barracuda.

On some trips Thaa and South Ari add whale sharks and manta rays.

A night dive has blacktip sharks, stingrays and tawny nurse sharks.

LENGTH	DEPARTURE PORT	ARRIVAL PORT	EXPERIENCE
11 days / 10 nights	Male	Male	Advanced Open Water, 50+ dives







Your itinerary

DAY 1

Embarkation

Boat transfers from Velana International Airport in Male run at 10:00, 12:00 and 15:00, and the crew meets you at the information desk.
After boarding there is a welcome briefing, and the first dive is the next morning.

DAY 2-10

Route

23 dives, 9 diving days

The boat cruises from Male through South Male, Vaavu and South Ari, and on to Meemu and Thaa depending on the trip, with dives chosen by the senior instructor from the sites below. There are 23 dives over nine diving days, and the boat can pass through South Ari looking for whale sharks and mantas.

DAY 11

Disembark

The cruise ends in Male, with check out at 07:00 and a transfer to the airport for your flight home.

GOOD TO KNOW

On land and on the way

South Male: Cocoa Kandu and Kandhooma Thila

Difficult, 30 metres. A channel and thila with grey reef sharks in the blue and a drift over the thila full of reef fish.

South Male: Guraidhoo Kandu

Difficult, 30 metres. A deep channel stepping down to the ledge, with sharks and squadrons of eagle rays.

Vaavu: Miyaru Kandu

Medium to difficult, 30 metres. A channel crossing with schools of grey reef sharks and resident eagle rays.

Vaavu: Alimatha House Reef

Medium to difficult, 20 metres. A night dive with blacktip sharks, stingrays and tawny nurse sharks.

Vaavu: Golden Wall

Medium, 30 metres. In a channel, with outgoing current and a great vertical wall covered in yellow soft coral.

South Ari: Dhigga Thila

Easy, 28 metres. A 150 metre thila with overhangs covered in soft corals, and a hard coral garden at the end.

South Ari: Rangali Madivaru

Easy, 20 metres. In the north-east monsoon there are good chances of manta rays, in a well built dive site.

South Ari: Maamigili House Reef

Easy, 30 metres. A long outer reef drift, with the chance of whale sharks and zebra sharks.

Meemu (optional): Muli Corner

Medium, 30 metres. A very fishy drift from a slope to the channel, with schools of jacks, grey reef sharks and barracuda, yellow net coral, and mantas with an outgoing current.

Meemu (optional): Muli Kandu

Medium, 30 metres. A drift dive near Muli island, a mating place for turtles, with snappers, tuna, sharks and eagle rays.

Meemu (optional): Vanhuravalhi Kandu

Difficult, 30 metres. A channel crossing close to the ledge, with deep overhangs, grey reef and silvertip sharks, jacks and snappers.

Meemu (optional): Kureli Kandu

Easy, 15 metres. At the extreme south-west of the atoll, a shallow dive on sand where mantas gather.

Meemu (optional): Hakura Thila

Medium, 30 metres. A 75 metre thila, with overhangs at the north tip for photographers and a cave at 15 metres full of nudibranchs.

Thaa (optional): Kalhufahala Giri

Easy, 30 metres. A very fishy pinnacle with soft and hard corals, grey reef sharks, whitetips and eagle rays.

Thaa (optional): Olhugiri Kandu

Difficult, 30 metres. A channel with sharks, rays and shoals of jacks and snappers, and soft corals in the overhangs.

Thaa (optional): Kalhufahala House Reef

Easy, 15 metres. A spot to watch and snorkel with whale sharks at night.

Typical day

The first dive is at sunrise after tea and coffee, with breakfast at 08:30 and some navigation until about 10:30. A second dive follows on some days, then lunch at 12:30. In the afternoon there is more navigation or a second dive, and at 4 pm island hopping or a rest. A night dive is planned once a week, with dinner at 20:00.

Manta snorkelling

Snorkelling sessions with manta rays are planned at secret places, and the senior instructor decides the route and the dive sites with the captain each week, depending on the currents, the tides and the weather.

Diving rules

Every activity is supervised by a qualified CMAS or PADI instructor from the Seafari team, who briefs the site, the currents, the wildlife and the safety rules before each dive. The senior instructor can require in-water supervision, or stop a diver whose level is not enough to dive safely.

Check in

Boat transfers from the airport run at 10:00, 12:00 and 15:00, and you meet the crew at the information desk at the airport. The boat dives start the morning after boarding.

Check out

Check out is at 07:00 on the last day, with the airport transfer in the morning.

Dives

There is normally one dive on the day before disembarking, finishing before lunch.

INCLUDED

What your trip covers

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

- Return transfers between the airport and the boat, with arrivals at 10:00, 12:00 or 15:00 and departure at 07:00
- Cabin share (double or twin), or a single cabin, with full board
- Drinking water, tea and coffee
- A dive package with 12 litre aluminium tanks and weights, with at least one or two night dives
- Free Nitrox for certified divers
- Island visits and a beach barbecue, where available and depending on the route
- Free Wi-Fi on board by Starlink
- GST of 17%

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Service charge package
- Green tax, paid on board
- 10% service charge on onboard expenses
- Alcoholic drinks
- Dive equipment rental and 15 litre tanks, booked before departure
- Instructor supervision, if the diving level is not enough to dive safely
- Nitrox course and other courses

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 route is indicative and changes with the season, the currents and the weather, and the visited atolls and dive sites are not guaranteed

Experience needed

Dive insurance is recommended, and the minimum level is Advanced Open Water with 50 logged dives