



# CENTRAL ATOLLS

## 7 NIGHTS

This Cruise is ideal for a first time in the Maldives or for the divers who want to enjoy the best of the Maldives. Cruising through the central atolls of the archipelago, you will visit some of its most famous dive sites. Maldives are unique for divers because of the abundance and diversity of its Marine life and you are just a fin kick away to witness it!

Routes are indicative. They can change with the seasons. Visited atolls and dive sites are not guaranteed. The Senior Instructor in consultation with the divers and Boat captain will select the route and dive sites based on current, tides and weather conditions in order to make the best possible dive safely.

- **16 dives over 6 diving days included** (possibility of additional dives)
- **Minimum level required : CMAS 2\*, Adv. or equivalent + 50 logged dives**
- **Departure / return : Male**

### North Male Atoll

#### LANKAN MANTA POINT

Level : Easy • Depth : 22m/72ft • Cam : Wide angle

Located on the eastern side of the Atoll, this dive site is made of a gentle slope ending on a sandy bottom. During the south-west Monsoon, Mantas come here to get cleaned.

#### SUNLIGHT THILA

Level : Easy • Depth : 15m/50ft • Cam : Wide/Macro

On a sandy bottom, loads of cleaner wrasses found shelter around 3 little coral blocks. Manta rays like to visit the place from september to november.

#### NASSIMO THILA

Level : Difficult • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : Macro/24-60

Located next to the main Thila, a rock formation of four blocks offers a beautiful landscape of soft coral, as well as a great variety of fishes.

#### BACK FARU

Level : Easy • Depth : 28m/92ft • Cam : 24-60

The outreef of Hulumale is ideal for a first dive of the holidays. Plenty of morey eels live here, including the magnificent honeycomb morey.

## Route and dive sites



### South Male Atoll

#### **COCOA KANDU & KANDHOOMA THILA**

Level : Difficult • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : 24-60

There are many different ways to dive this channel and his Thila. The «blue» part of the dive offers good chances to meet grey reef sharks and the drift part on the thila is full of reef fishes.

#### **GURAI DHOO KANDU**

Level : Difficult • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : 24-60

Deep channel stepping down to the ledge. Great palce to meet sharks and squadron of eagle rays.

#### **EMBOODOO KANDU**

Level : Difficult • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : 24-60

So close from Male and so beautiful! Great channel with grey reef sharks, barracudas, Napoleons, eagle rays...

### North Ari Atoll

#### **MAAYA THILA,**

Level : Easy • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : Macro/24-60

Tiny Thila is a natural park full of surprises! Very popular for night dives, this place is home of many sharks and turtles. The top reef at 6m/20ft is great to end the dive.

#### **FESDU WRECK**

Level : Difficult • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam. : M./W./24-60

This small Wreck lays on a sandy bottom at 30m, close to an army of garden eels. Take the west direction from there and find a nice thila where the small critters gather. Will you spot the resident frog fish?

#### **FISH HEAD**

Level : Medium • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : 24-60

Magnificent thila! Grey reefs, white tips, Jacks, Turtles and schooling fishes make this dive unforgettable.

#### **FESDU LAGOON**

Level : Easy • Depth : 15m/50ft • Cam : 24-60

Night dive with manta rays, are you in?

#### **MOOFUSHI KANDU OU CORNER**

Level : Med./Diff. • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : Wide

Great dive with eagle rays, grey reef sharks, napoleons and mantas, what else?

### South Ari Atoll

#### **DHIGGA THILA**

Level : Easy • Depth : 28m/91ft • Cam : Macro/24-60

150m/500ft long thila with stunning overhangs covered with colourfull soft corals. The last part of the dive in a hard coral garden is just magical.

#### **KUDARAH THILA**

Level : Med./Diff. • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : 24-60

The quantity of fishes on this marine park is just amazing. Schooling Jacks and snappers stay in place in the split point next to an anemone field. Keep your Eyes open for a guitar shark passing by!

#### **5 ROCKS**

Level : Medium • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : M./W./24-60

One of the best example of the outstanding diversity of the maldivian marine life. Massive gorgone fans, soft corals and clouds of fishes make this place so special.

## Route and dive sites



### **KAHAMBU THILA**

Level : Easy • Depth : 27m/88ft • Cam : 24-60

*Turtle fans? This place is for you. Only Seafari divers visit this place!*

### **MAAMIGILI HR**

Level : Easy • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : Wide/24-60

*The main interest of this loooooong outreef is the possibility of meeting Whale Sharks and Zebra sharks! Drift along and keep your eyes open!*

## **Vaavu Atoll**

### **MIYARU KANDU**

Level : Med./Diff. • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : 24-60

*Beautiful challe crossing with schools of grey reef sharks and resident eagle rays.*

### **ALIMATHA HR**

Level : Med./Diff. • Depth : 20m/65ft • Cam : Wide/24-60

*Exceptional night dive with black tip sharks, Stingrays and loads of Tawny Nurse Sharks.*

### **FOTTEYO KANDU**

Level : Easy/Med. • Depth : 30m/100ft • Cam : M./24-60

*One of the best dive in the Maldives. On top of the schools of Sharks and eagle rays, the soft corals are absolutely amazing.*



## **Safety first!**

All aquatic activities are under the supervision of a qualified instructor (CMAS or PADI) of the Seafari team.

Before each activity Instructors on board will make a detailed presentation of the site, currents, wildlife and safety rules to be observed.

The choice of sites is at the discretion of the captain and Seafari Senior Instructor depending on the season and weather conditions. The senior instructor may impose In water supervision or restriction from diving to any diver whose technical level is not sufficient to guaranty safe diving conditions.

## **Cruising speed (Flexible times)**

- Sunrise : Tea, coffee and the first dive (depending on the tide and the site)
- 8.30 am : Continental & local breakfast
- 9.30-10.30 am : Navigation
- 10.30 am : Some days the first or second dive
- 12.30 pm : Lunch with fresh fish, vegetables, rice, fruit, local or international food
- 2 pm : Navigation or second dive
- 4 pm : island hopping or well-deserved rest.
- Sunset : Night Dive (1 per week)
- 6.30 p.m : Relaxing. Bar opening!
- 8 pm : Dinner: usually fresh fish and traditional Maldivian cooking and international cuisine
- Evening «under the stars», presentation of the fauna of the Indian Ocean..

**Snorkeling sessions with manta rays are planned on secret places.**



# D i c t i o n a r y

f o r   D i v e r s   i n   t h e   M a l d i v e s

**Barracuda** : Farutolhi

**Cleaning station** : Coral formation where the tiny cleaner wrasses jump on every fish here to clean it up from parasites. Mantas offer here their best show!

**Corner** : Part of the reef where an outreef meets a channel. Good for big fishes.

**Dolphin** : Koamas

**Faru** : Reefs located outside the atoll. These walls offer a great view on the big blue on one side and beautiful reefs for macro lovers on the other side.

**Giri** : « underwater island » with a shallow top reef between 2 and 6m.

**Goodbye** : Alvadhaau

**Hello** : Aleikum saluam

**Kandu** : These channels could be challenging as they are influenced by the current. Sharks, rays, tunas, trevallies... live here and can be seen in great numbers.

**Manta** : Madi

**OK** : Enge

**Shark** : Miyaru

**Thank you** : Shukuriyyaa

**Thila** : « underwater island » with a top reef between 10 and 15m.

**Tuna** : Kanneli

**Turtle** : Velaa

**Whale** : Bodumas