## Next up - Sharks, Mantas, Madness & Maldives!

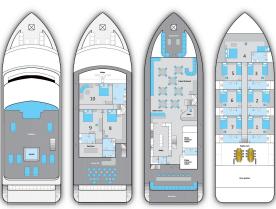


We are happy to announce our next trip to one of our all time favourite destinations The Maldivian archipelago.

Since this island nation is located in the middle of major ocean current movements, there are plenty of reefs, walls, drop offs to the open oceans, channels between two islands, a few shipwrecks and thrilling underwater pinnacles.







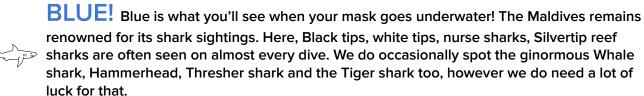


BLUE! Blue is what you'll see for the entire week from your window, while you live aboard the award winning vessel MV Sachika. Lush, spacious cabins with great, warm & cosy decor and ample space to laze around between dives. A scrumptious buffet in the well designed restaurant area and the perfect maldivian sunset while you sip a drink laying in the Jacuzzi on the sundeck of this luxurious boat. A separate diving boat - *Dhoni* follows the main mothership all through the trip. The Dive Dhoni hosts all the diving related equipment, including those noisy air compressors, so that nothing comes in the way of your well deserved holiday.











Maldives is also well known for frequent Manta Ray sightings. There are Manta & Whale Shark conservation and research centres set up on these islands for a good reason. Along with these popular gentle giants, there is an abundance of tropic marine life like Turtles, Stingray, Marble Ray, Porcupine Ray, Eagle Way, Parrotfish family, Wrasses, Octopus, Damsels, Angelfish, Butterflyfish, Puffer fish, Tuna, Trevally, Nudibranch, Sponges, Hard & Soft Corals and many many many more.















The world class diving here is suitable for intermediate divers having a minimum of as low as 10 dives, however, we guarantee that you're going to have a better time diving if you have an experience of 10,000 dives. Relax, we all start somewhere. We curate the groups to make sure that you are grouped with someone of the similar experience so that everyone can have amazing dives, every dive. Having an advanced certification from any training agency is highly recommended as you should be comfortable dealing with strong currents, drift and night dives. Again, relax, it's not that scary. One less thing to worry about is freezing here as these tropical waters are normally between 28 - 30 degrees celsius, giving you a warm & pleasant dive.

Best of central atolls is the most convenient and the most exciting dive safari route in the maldives. The journey starts from and ends in Male, which allows you to fly in directly into Valena international airport (MLE). Upon exiting the airport, you will be greeted by smiling faces who will pick you up and transfer you directly to the liveaboard, where you will be allotted your cabins after completing paperwork. What then? We go diving!

We do a check dive in North Male Atoll, where you

will get to check out your equipment, weighting,





buoyancy, camera settings, etc. while you have loads of fish and rays around you.

The other Atolls that are covered in this route are South Male, Vaavu, South Ari & North Ari. The order depends on the seasonal winds and the weather conditions and underwater currents. The dives will be planned to make sure that we can tick off going to famous, world renowned dive sites like Maya Thila, Kandooma Thila, Kuda Rah Thila, Alimatha Jetty, Fish Head, Moofushi Corner, Bathala Thila and many more.

Wait a moment there! This is not "just" a dive trip. Desert islands, sandbanks, barbeque dinners, local island visits, happy hours, Karaoke, and so on! On the last day, in the afternoon, you will be able to conclude the trip by visiting the "modern" and always chaotic city of Malè too.

Standard Cabins: USD 2300 / EUR: 2140 Junior Suite: USD 2440 / EUR:2270

Suite: USD 2625 / EUR: 2445

Single Surcharge if you want the cabin to yourself: 60% extra of the cost. Recommended

tips: 130 USD.

## **INCLUDES**

- Maldivian T-GST 16% and Maldivian "Green Tax";
- 3 scuba dives per day (except the check-in day and the last 24 hours before the flight);
- 1 scuba dive at night once a week. The night dive will be considered as the third dive
  of the day included in your package;
- Diving Dhoni and Dinghy for diving and snorkelling activities: 13lt aluminium tanks, belt and weight;
- Full Board: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner in buffet style, and some snacks during the day:
- Mineral water, Nescafe & tea;
- Transport from and to the airport (on arrival and departure scheduled cruise dates);
- Trips to local islands (if allowed and safe), private islands, sandbanks for swimming and relaxing time;
- Trip to Male' (if allowed and safe);
- Daily snorkelling;
- 1 barbeque dinner on the beach (if weather conditions are good it could be requested a small entrance fee for the rent of the barbeque place on the island);
- All extra activities the crew is able to offer based on the preferences of the group onboard: biology lessons, talks about the Maldives, clean-ups on the beach, clams gathering, karaoke night, disco night, and so on!

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- "Service Fee": 130 USD per person per week. This amount needs to be paid CASH in US DOLLAR onboard before departure;
- Flight ticket (International flight);

- Insurances: travel, medical, Pandemics/Covid-19;
- Diving Insurance (MANDATORY, for all divers): DAN temporary insurance can be stipulated directly onboard (prices on request);
- Soft Drinks and alcoholic beverages (prices on request);
- NITROX usage: 70 USD
- Equipment rental: Bcd, Regulator, Mask, Fins, Snorkel, Wetsuit, Diving Computer and 15lt steel tank or additional stages (11 lt tanks) AVAILABLE for rent onboard - we suggest to book the necessary equipment in advance;
- Diving courses (price list on request);
- Extra dives (when possible, an extra fourth dive will be planned by cruise manager);
- National/Marine Park fees (where required);
- Wi-Fi internet access: 30 USD/PERSON;
- Transport from and to the airport in date out of the calendar beginning/end of the cruise;
- Everything not described in "The price include".

Cancellation as per the boat's <u>cancellation policy</u>. Some dive sites and routes may change due to weather conditions. Island visits are dependent on on-ground situations and weather.