

An underwater photograph with a blue monochrome filter. In the foreground, a diver's mask and part of their head are visible, looking towards the right. In the background, a diver's legs and fins are seen, suggesting they are swimming away. The water is slightly hazy with some particles visible.

BEST OF MALDIVES

07.-14. September 2025 (Male - Male)

CARLU DIVE
TRAVEL

An underwater photograph showing the lower half of a diver, including their legs and fins, as they descend or move through the water. The scene is dimly lit with a deep blue color palette, and some light rays are visible in the background.

8 DAY ADVENTURE TO THE INDIAN OCEAN

7 NIGHTS ON A LIVEABOARD

18 DIVES EXPLORING THE CENTRAL ATOLLS

1 ISLAND VISIT & BEACH DINNER

A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES

Introduction

The **Maldives** lie 370 miles southwest of Sri Lanka scattered across the equator in the middle of the **Indian Ocean**. With a tropical climate and warm temperatures year round, Maldives can be dived at any time. Water temperatures range from 80°F/26°C-86°F/30°C. **August-November** is considered the best time of year to see **manta rays** and **whale sharks**. Jan-April offers great visibility and welcomes the driest/warmest months.

The Maldives is made up of 26 different ring-shaped reefs called, atolls. These **26 atolls** are located above a massive underwater mountain range and are comprised of more than 1,100 coral islands and sandbanks.

The Maldives boasts clear, warm waters, Blue Lagoons, expansive Coral reefs, white sand beaches, and an incredible **variety of marine life**, some of which you will not find anywhere else on earth.



Introduction

Inside the atoll lagoons, rock pinnacles - **thila** - rise up from the depths to scratch the water's surface. In the channels there are overhangs festooned with colorful sponges, invertebrates and gorgonians. At **Cleaning Stations**, wrasse and shrimp service manta rays. Giant sea turtle and whale shark sightings are very common.

Dive experiences can range from relaxing drift dives to exhilarating, challenging channels with the possibility of seeing **whale sharks, mantas, nurse sharks** and a host of **other fabulous marine life**.

And you also get our '**No Hidden Extras**' guarantee as all marine park fees and port departure **fees are included in our price**.



*Best of
Maldives 2025*

ITINERARY

Day 1

Transfer from
Velana International
Airport to our
liveaboard at
midday. Check In
and dive gear set
up.

Day 2

Let's go DIVING!
2-3 Dives around
North Male Atoll.
(First dive is a check dive).

Day 3

3 dives around
Rashdoo Atoll. Here
we are looking for
pelagics!

Day 4

3 dives around
North Ari Atoll.
Beautiful pinnacles
and possibility to do
a manta night dive.

Day 5

3 dives around
South Ari Atoll.
Possibility to see
whalesharks.

ITINERARY

Day 6

3 dives around
Vaavu Atoll. Diving with
nurse sharks. Possibility
to snorkel with nurse
sharks at night.

Day 7

2 dives around
South Male Atoll.
Channel dives with
pelagic.

Day 8

Check Out.
7:00 am transfer to
Velana International
Airport.

From here you
decide what you
want to do 😊

DAY 1

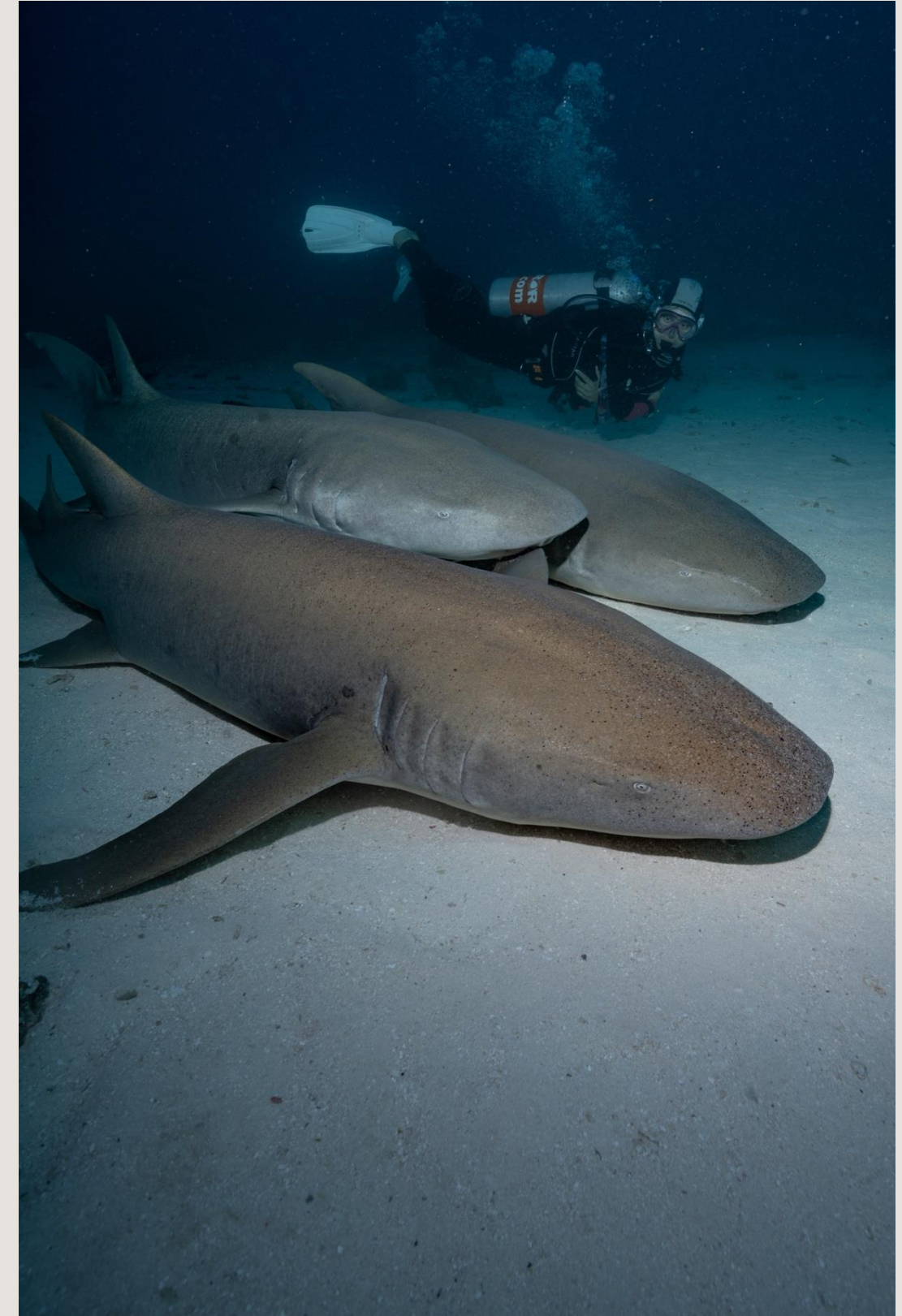
Arrival at Male airport (**Velana International**). One of our staff members will be waiting for you at Male Airport. Transfer to EMPEROR EXPLORER via Dhoni (auxiliary boat) for check in, briefing of the liveaboard, diving and plan itinerary. Dinner onboard.

DAY 2-7

The planned route (condition depending) will take a trip around **North & South Male Atolls, Rasdoo & Vaavu Atoll, North & South Ari Atoll**. While onboard, you will experience an 18-20 dive program (weather depending) that includes both day and night dives. There is optional snorkeling.

DAY 8

Arrival at Male airport (**Velana International**). 7:00am transfer to Male airport via Dhoni (auxiliary boat). If the return flight leaves in the afternoon there is a day hotel option near the airport, and even free time to optionally visit Male until the time of the return flight.





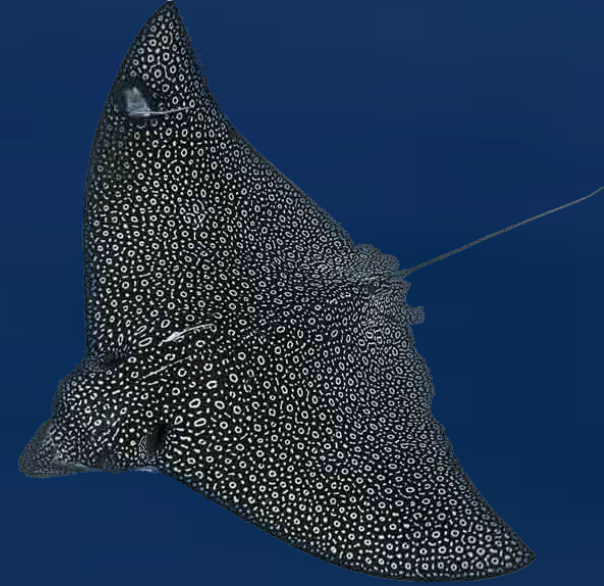
ANIMALS You'll SEE

You already know that nothing is certain in the ocean. At the same time,
everything can happen.



Reef Manta Ray

Eagle Ray



Spinner Dolphins

Nurse Shark



Turtle

Trevally



Grey Reef Shark



Whale Shark



Five-Lined Snappers



Bigeyes



Cuttle Fish



Anemone Fish



Batfish



Moray Eel

EMPEROR EXPLORER LIVEABOARD



EMPEROR EXPLORER BOAT FACILITY

- Main deck: Air-conditioned lounge; comfy sofas, TV, book, music and movie library, board games, internationally stocked bar, dining area.
- Upper deck: Outdoor seating with deckchairs, beanbags and internationally stocked bar.
- Sun deck: Deckchairs, sunbeds, bean bags.
- WiFi: Data packages via a code are available to purchase on board. Please read terms of use.



EMPEROR EXPLORER DIVING FACILITY

- 4 dive guides.
- Diving Dhoni: 24m tender with 3 staff, fully equipped with compressors, oxygen, medical oxygen, comprehensive First Aid and AED and diving towels.
- Dive equipment rental: Full range on offer, must be arranged before arrival in resort. All divers are required to use a dive computer, SMB and reef hooks for every dive and a torch each for night dives.
- Dive tanks: Equipped with S80 (11.1 litre) Aluminium tanks as standard and C100 (13.2 litre) tanks on request. FREE Nitrox; up to 32% plus partial pressure system.
- PADI courses available: Discover Scuba, Advanced Open Water, Adventure Dives and Specialties.
- Camera facilities: Charging stations, air gun, rinse tanks and camera table.



EMPEROR EXPLORER LOWER DECK TWIN



Twin bed cabins are approx. 11-12sqm with port holes, double and single bed, individually controlled air con, flat screen TV (USB connection). Ensuite bathroom with shower, approx. 4-5sqm. 2 cabin towels per guest. Hairdryers available on request.



EMPEROR EXPLORER LOWER DECK DOUBLE



Double bedded cabins are approx. 9sqm, with port holes, individually controlled aircon, flat screen TV (USB connection). Ensuite bathroom with shower, approx. 4.5sqm, 2 cabin towels per guest. Hairdryers available on request.



EMPEROR EXPLORER MAIN DECK SUITE TWIN



Main deck suites are approx. 18sqm with windows, a king-sized double and single bed, individually controlled air con, flat screen TV (USB connection). Ensuite bathroom with shower, approx. 5sqm, 2 cabin towels per guest. Hairdryers available on request.



EMPEROR EXPLORER

UPPER DECK SUITE DOUBLE



Upper deck suites are approx. 14.5sqm with windows, a king-sized double bed, individually controlled air con, flat screen TV (USB connection). Ensuite bathroom with shower, approx. 5.5sqm, 2 cabin towels per guest. Hairdryers available on request.



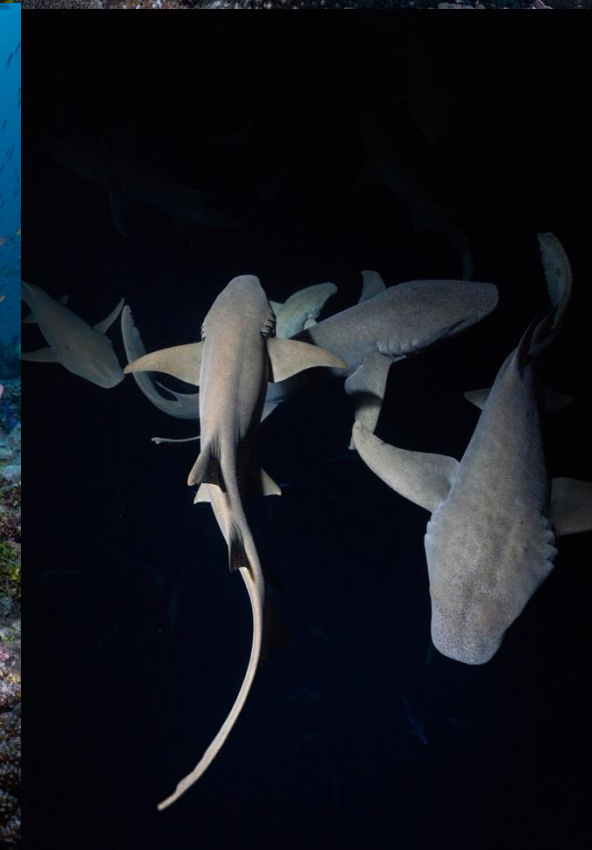
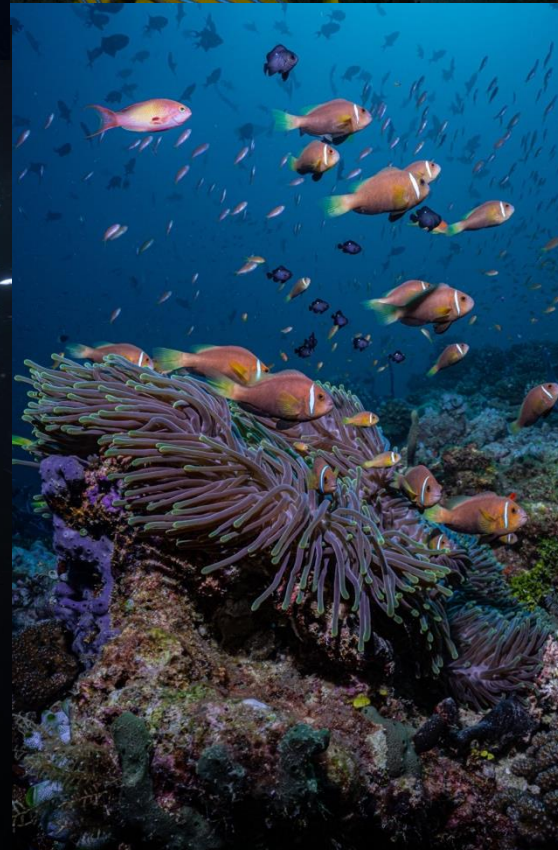
EMPEROR EXPLORER UPPER DECK TWIN



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MORE INFO

Currency

The national currency of Maldives is the Rufiyaa (Rf) but you can easily pay with US dollars (USD). We recommend bringing US dollars with you from your home country. Visa and Mastercard are also widely accepted.

Visa on Arrival

You do not need to apply for a visa prior to traveling. Visitors of all nationalities can get a 30 day visa upon arrival at the airport in the Maldives.

We will update you if there are changes to required immigration documentation.






Airport

Arriving and Departing Velana Int'l (MLE)

Many major airlines fly into Malé (MLE): Singapore, Emirates, Sri Lankan, Delta and Qatar Airways. There are many connecting flights from the US, the UK and Europe.

If you need advice, we are happy to help!

Climate

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
 Max. Temp	30°	30°	32°	32°	31°	30°	30°	29°	30°	30°	30°	30°
 Min. Temp	25°	26°	27°	27°	26°	26°	26°	26°	25°	25°	25°	25°
 Hours of sunshine	8h	9h	9h	8h	8h	7h	7h	7h	7h	8h	8h	7h
 Water temperature	27°	27°	29°	29°	29°	28°	28°	27°	27°	28°	28°	27°
 Rainy days	5	4	6	8	14	13	12	13	16	15	13	11

Electricity

On the Maldives the power plug sockets are of type D and G. The standard voltage is 230 V and the frequency is 50 Hz. It is recommended you bring a plug converter and a transformer. Plugs are the type G and 2 pin plugs. Transformers will change the voltage to 50 cycles.

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Clothing

Casual cotton clothing is best for most occasions. There are no dress requirements aboard, however, when on land modest clothing and covered shoulders are recommended.

Maldives Law

The Maldives is a quiet, trouble free and highly respected destination. Importation of alcohol is forbidden as well as nudity and topless sunbathing.

Included

- Transport from airport to boat - boat to airport
- Coordinator from Carlu Travel
- 8 days & 7 nights on a Liveabaord
- 3 meals a day & snacks
- 18-20 dives (depending on weather conditions)
- 12 liter tanks, weights & weight belts
- Nitrox (EANX)
- Diveguides
- Marine Park Fees
- Port Fees
- Fuel Fees
- Local Taxes
- Professional Pictures of the trip

Not Included

- Flights
- Rental equipment
- Dive insurance (*you can book with Carlu Travel)
- Travel insurance
- Tips for the crew
- Soft- and alcoholic drinks
- Anything not written in the included section

Price ——— 2.700€

The Trip has a capacity for 24 guests. Reservations are confirmed in order that the bookings are received. To book your reservation, please email us at info@carludiveandtravel.com.

Please include the following details.

- Full name
- Date of Birth
- Nationality
- Passport number
- Diver Medical Form
- Diving level, number of logged dive, date of last dive
- Equipment requirements with sizes (please include height, weight and shoe size)

Once your booking is received, there are two payment options for your invoice.

1. Full payment at time of booking.
2. 500 Euro deposit at time of booking. Additional 25% due six months prior to departure. Your balance must be paid in full later than 90 days prior to departure.

*Please fill out a divers medical form. For your safety, and that of others who may dive with you, answer all questions honestly.

Reserve your spot!



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