



The Maldives

Itinerary - Far South 7 and 10 nights

- **Embarkation:** Kooddoo Airport / Gan Airport
- **Disembarkation:** Gan Airport/ Kooddoo Airport

Please see the Trip Information document for full transfer details.

Marine & Port Fees:

There are no marine or Port fees payable in the Maldives

Minimum dive certification and experience:

Divers are required to have PADI **Advanced Open Water certification***, or equivalent, with a **minimum of 50 logged dives**. Please note that this itinerary will involve diving in currents and so we strongly recommend experience with diving in currents. A long overnight sail is also part of this itinerary.

*Advanced Open Water course can be completed on board in some cases.

Guests who do not fulfil the minimum certification and experience recommendations, or who the crew have insufficient experience in certain conditions, may be denied participation in some or all dives.

It is a mandatory requirement for all divers to have insurance which covers scuba diving activities, including emergency evacuation and recompression chamber costs.

Participation in this liveaboard itinerary is subject to acceptance of our Terms & Conditions as outlined here: www.blueotwo.com/terms-and-conditions.

Number of scheduled dives:

- 10 nights: up to 28
- 12 nights: up to 34

The safety of all on board is paramount and we always do our best in offering diving at alternate locations should we be unable to visit those sites listed below.

Safety and dive briefings are conducted in English. If you, or any of your group do not speak or understand English, please contact us

The following is an example of the day-to-day itinerary.

Day 1: Meet our crew for embarkation. Embarkation is followed by introductions, boat and safety briefings and dinner. There is no diving on embarkation day.

Day 2-9 (10 nights)

Day 2-11 (12 nights)

Typically, the full diving days will be scheduled as follows:

- Light Breakfast followed by a briefing & Dive 1
- Full Breakfast, relaxation period, briefing & Dive 2
- Lunch, relaxation period, briefing & Dive 3
- Snack, relaxation period,
- Dinner-if we offer a night/sunset dive, the schedule will be slightly amended

Guests are responsible for their own dive profiles and for ensuring they have suitable dive insurance to cover all diving activities.

Day 10 (10 nights) or 11 (11 nights): For your final full day on board we schedule two morning dives* before the boat heads back to port after lunch.

*We kindly request that guests check their flight departure times to ensure that they leave a minimum of 24 hours between their final dive and their flight home

Disembarkation Day: After breakfast, disembark at 08:00am

We wish to show you the very best diving possible, although a number of factors can determine which sites we visit. Weather, tides and currents, amongst others are considerations which determine the Cruise Director's and Captain's decision of which route the yacht takes and which sites are selected for diving.

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Dive sites we visit include, but are not limited to:

Huvadhoo

Also known as Gaafu Atoll, Huvadhoo is the second largest of the Maldivian atolls and the second largest in the world (in terms of overall surface area). It consists of a circular-shaped ring of reefs with a smaller, thumb-like, extension of at the northern end enclosing a deep central lagoon (up to 85 m in depth) that is studded throughout with numerous smaller patch reefs, coral knolls, faros and small coral islets.

The outermost reefs of the atoll form a discontinuous barrier to the open ocean, made up from 40 reef segments separated from one another by deep passages connecting the open waters of the Indian Ocean with those of the interior lagoon, making for some fantastic diving and marine life sightings.

Crystal clear waters and stunning topography coupled with diverse and plentiful marine life make this atoll a perfect location to experience some of the very best of what the Maldives has to offer. Vibrant reefs and walls, caves and tunnels, channels, thilas and outcrops provide



a wide variety of dive options from exhilarating drift dives to relaxed reef dives while observing a variety of sharks, including occasional hammerhead and tiger shark sightings, barracuda, turtles, rays and tuna, or searching for more elusive macro photo opportunities amongst the colourful corals.

Fuvahmulah

This solitary island, also commonly called Fomulac Atoll, lies within the Equatorial Channel between Huvadhu Atoll to the north and Addu Atoll to the south. It consists of a low lying coral formation that spans 4.5 km in length and stretches 1.2 km wide. What sets this unique atoll apart from other Maldives dive sites are the frequent sightings of thresher sharks, oceanic white tips and tiger sharks.

Addu Atoll

Just south of the Equator, Addu Atoll is the most southern area of the Maldives Archipelago. This heart shaped atoll is home to an underwater paradise that brings divers back to the Maldives again and again. Addu Atoll is one of the few places in the Maldives where giant manta rays can be found throughout the year. These gentle giants, with wingspans of 5 metres plus, frequent a manta cleaning station and feast on the nutrient rich waters. A

number of shark species, hawksbill, green turtles and large schools of fish also call the channels and reefs of this atoll home. Divers may also have the opportunity to dive the largest shipwreck in the Maldives, the 143 metre, 5.583 ton British Loyalty. Lying at a depth of 16-33 metres, this wreck offers ideal diving conditions for wreck diving in the Maldives.

Gan Island on the southern tip of the Addu Atoll was previously a base for the British Navy during WWII, after which it was used as a base for the Royal Air Force until the British Military withdrew from the area in 1976. The old base and most of its buildings are now part of a resort, while the old RAF airstrip has been developed into what is now Gan International Airport.

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Should you have any questions or queries concerning the dive sites or whether this itinerary is suitable for your experience level, please contact our reservations team at ajbarrsdiveexpeditions@gmail.com who will be pleased to assist and advise you.

