

DIVE CRUISE ITINERARY

Route (Best of Ari Atoll)

Day 1

Anchor point: Outside Kurumba

Dive 1: Kurumba Housereef/Back Faru
(Check Dive)

Remarks: Check dive if arrival not later than
1300Hrs

Day 2

Anchor point: Vellasar

Dive 1: Vellasar Caves
*Cross the channel to Ari
Dive 2: Madivaru Corner
Dive 3: Rasdhoo Faru/Holi Faru

Day 3

Anchor point: Rasdhoo
Dive 1: BigBlue/
Dive 2: Bathalaa Maagaa Kan
Dive 3: Thin Thila
Dive 4: Maaya Thila (Night)

Day 4

Anchor point: Maaya fushi Region
Dive 1: Hafsa Thila
Dive 2: Fish Head
Dive 3: Aiyabe Thila/Dhigaa Thila

BBQ on Desert Island

Day 5

Anchor point: Raiydhigaa
Dive 1: Kalhahandhi Hura
Dive 2: Rangali Madivaru
Dive 3: Maamagili Corner

Day 6

Anchor point: Maamagilli
Dive 1: Dhiffushi Beyru
Dive 2: Ari Beach Beyru
Dive 3: Kuda Rah Thila

*focus will be on to spot whale sharks on
the surface to snorkel, also dives will be on
outside reefs with possibility of seeing the
gentle giants underwater.

Day 7

Anchor point: Dhigurah/Dhangethi

Dive 1: Broken Rock/Hudhu Thila

Remarks: Dive only if you have minimum
pre-flight of 24hrs.

*Cruise back to Male'

Excursion to the Capital Male'

Day 8

Departure...

The above Itinerary is just to give you an idea of the routes we follow and dive sites. The route will be discussed on your arrival, we will consider your preferences, weather and seasons to offer you an unforgettable diving experience.

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Top Dive sites:

Madivaru Corner

This site is one of the highlights of Rasdhoo atoll and a very popular dive site. Located at the entrance of Madivaru Channel has some superb overhangs between 26 and 30m, before a breathtaking drop-off. Everybody can find here what they are looking for from macro photographers to shark fans. Some divers call it fish soup as with incoming current many fish are attracted to the corner.

Big Blue

An early morning dive to meet the famous Hammerhead sharks, which can only be seen in a few places in the Maldives. A blue water dive with no reef or bottom where the blue plankton let you think you are flying among the stars. Even without sharks an unforgettable experience.

Maaya Thila

One of the richest and most vibrant reefs in the Maldives, the thila is about 80 meters in diameter. The top of the reef starts at six meters, sloping to 12m, before dropping to beyond 30m. Caves, overhangs and ledges are found all along the reef wall. Millions of anchovies disperse and regroup to form a variation of shapes stealing the show from the Grey sharks and their companions the Rainbow Runners. While schools of Snappers and Batfish hover beneath coral trees.

Maaya Thila is also an excellent site for a night dive. After dark, predators swing into hunting mode. Sharks seem to zoom in from every direction. Their sense of urgency and frantic search for prey are felt in wave after wave of electrifying melee. Moray eels are seen leaving their holes to search for food. Octopuses are sighted in ambush position for a shellfish in passing.

Hafsa Thila

Hafza Thila is in the middle of the Atoll. You can easily circumnavigate the thila during one dive, but take your time. There are nice overhangs on each side, in which you can find stingrays, morays and scorpion fish. Don't stay too long in the deep area, because the top reef is not very shallow (10 – 12m) and you might run out of time! Save some time for the top reef, there are very nice hard corals! With stronger currents you could have grey reef sharks cruising in the current and can be watched like on TV.

Fish Head

Locate near dhonmigili this site is a protected marine area. The top of the thila starts at 10 meters and drops to over 30 meters. About 80 meters in diameter it can be circumnavigated in one dive if the current is favourable.

On the North west side interesting overhangs with black coral bushes and sea fans can be found at a depth of 15 meters.

The main highlight of this side is big Napoleon wrasse that is very happy to come and pose for your camera!

Bathalaa Maagaa Kan Thila

Is a long extension of the reef which starts at bathala maagaa and extends into a channel. The dive begins with a free descent to around 15 meters and from there you swim into the middle of the channel. Then slowly the reef deepens to between 15 and 25 meters and ends as a plateau, where you can witness grey reef sharks, barracudas and sometimes eagle rays.

Hukuru Elhi Faru

Located in the Rangali and Hukuru Channel this 500 meters long and 50 meters wide reef runs a depth between 12 and 25 meters. This reef is a recent addition to the protected marine areas in the Republic of Maldives and during the season from January until April it is famous for its manta cleaner stations. The mantas come up from the deeper parts of the ocean where they feed and use the shallower waters of the reef to free themselves of unwanted parasites. During the dive these majestic creatures with a wing span of 3 - 4 metres are hovering just above your head. The cleaner stations are also used by giant napoleon wrasse.

Maamagili Beyru

Located outside the local island maamagili on the southern end of Ari atoll. A sloping wall starting at around 8 meters and following down to 22 meters and levels off with a sandy bottom. Few coral blocks standing on the wall and on the bottom where schooling oriental sweetlips can be found. Have a look underneath these coral formations for moray eels, lion fish and lobsters. As this dive site is located on the outside reef of the atoll big pelagic fishes are regular and with a bit of luck whale sharks can be spotted during the season.

Kuda Rah Thila

Located in Dhigurashu Channel this 45 meter in length and 20 meters in width, runs a depth of 13 to 30 meters and is one of the most famous dive sites in the South Ari Atoll. A stunning small reef covered in soft corals of all colours. There are two large overhangs with lots of yellow daisy corals on the ceilings and fan corals on the bottom. At one end there is a small archway covered in soft coral. The reef is surrounded by large schools of blue striped snappers.