

DIVING CRUISES IN

MALDIVES



The archipelago of the Maldives is scattered in 1.200 islands occupying a total area of 298 km² in the heart of the Indian Ocean. The islands are a true tropical paradise where nature and exoticism fit in perfect harmony.

The quality of the dives in Maldives have placed this target as one of the most important for the World Travel Diving.

During this season we have planned for 12th consecutive year a schedule of weekly cruises since October 2009 to May 2010. You can dive in the best dive of the North Male atoll, South Male, Ari, Rasdhoo, Meemu and Vaavu, in our usual route called "Route Classic". Diving immersion in places outside the usual routes, in our Northbound and South route, and discover how remote atolls and virtually unexplored by divers as Huvadhoo and Addu, below equator, in our 4rd Expedition "Great Southern Maldives".

In front of our Cruise, you will find the team of Octopus Dive Safari – Solplan Buceo, led by Marilen and Marc, experts knowledgeable in the country, their culture, their customs, their language and, of course, the most interesting diving points.

To discover a little more of the country, visiting islands and deserted villages typical fisherman villages, and you can even see some of the spectacular resorts of Maldives.

At the end of these dives you'll continue to enjoy diving on the surface, there is a varied programme: projection of videos and slides, lectures, case histories of biology and underwater photography, snorkeling. But if what you want is to rest and relax on the deck of the boat or on the beach at an uninhabited island.

Check out our timetable for departures and do not delay in making your reservation as places are limited.

DIVING

The encounters with gray sharks, white tips shark and hammer-head shark, sometimes stations cleaning of manta ray, squads eagle rays and the multitude of colorful fish, eels, tuna, golden fish, grouper, turtles ... will make this cruise Packing Diving unforgettable. The innumerable encounters with whale sharks produced in past seasons guarantee our experience a unique knowledge of the area.

DIVE SEASON

In Maldives, there are two periods that marked by monsoon weather. A wet monsoon HULANGU from May to November, most likely rainfall, and a dry monsoon IRUVAL from December to April with less likelihood of them.

The winds SW are in wet monsoon and wet and dry in NE.

The visibility is low during the wet but tides clean or dirty water depend on its direction and intensity.

Despite monsoon climate is hot throughout the year, influenced by some mild monsoons. The temperature varies little over the year, with the minimum of about 23° C and the maximum does not exceed 33° C.

DIVE LEVEL

The dives taking place in the channels that are formed between the islands takes strong currents, in addition dives take place at depths to which they are advised to take the certification of advanced or failing to be an experienced diver.



Maldivian Dream

For 5th consecutive season with us fast, modern and comfortable, Maldivian Dream, premiered in October 2005. In addition, it has a dhoni diving equipped with air compressors and nitrox NRC, as well as steel bottles of 12 and 15 litres.

The dhoni is totally independent of the boat so it can be accessed at points where coral diving reach almost to the surface and collecting the divers is more comfortable.

For this season, we will have a new dhoni (19,5 x 6.5 m), with Bauer compressor and NITROX NRC.

Length: 31 meters.

Beam: 10 meters.

Electricity:
available 24 Hrs. Voltage 220 V.

The Maldivian Dream has 10 cabins divided into 7 double cabins with a double bed and one single, 1 double cabin with double bed and 2 cabins with bunk beds. All cabins are equipped with bathroom, air conditioning and hot water. The ship is divided into 3 decks in the lower deck cabins have 8, 1st in the first deck is the bar, outdoor dining, a bathroom and rest area with television, video and DVD, plus a computer to download photos. In the 2nd there is a sun deck with chair loungers, a bathroom and two double cabins. At the top of the boat there is another solarium with mattresses a Jacuzzi for 4 persons to sunbathe and to enjoy the scenery.

The dives are performed from a Dhoni, the auxiliary ship, where the air compressors and nitrox besides the diving equipment. This is achieved by the noise of the compressors to recharge bottles and humidity of the teams is never a problem.



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ROUTES 2009 - 2010

CLASSICAL ROUTE

It is the route better known by divers and we're doing it 12 consecutive years. The success of the route during these years endorse its quality.

- Route 7 nights and 6 days of diving, with departure and arrival in Male.
- Itinerary: northward, Male North, and Ari Rashdo North. To the south, South Ari, Rasdhoo Male and South.
- Objectives: Manta Ray, whale shark in Ari, and gray reef sharks, Thilo with multicolored and varied fauna, and wreck any possibility, as well as some nocturnal.
- You can add this route to the route "4 atolls south" and make a cruise 2 weeks.



ROUTE "5 ATOLLS SOUTH"

It's a different route for those who have already made the classic route, preferring to move away from increasingly crowded Ari.

- Route 7 nights and 6 days of diving, with departure and arrival in Male.
- Itinerary: South Male, Vaavu, Meemu, southern Ari and North Male.
- Objectives: Manta Ray, Thilo and whale shark in Ari, canals and pelagics in the rest of the atolls.
- You can add this route to the classic route and make a cruise 2 weeks.



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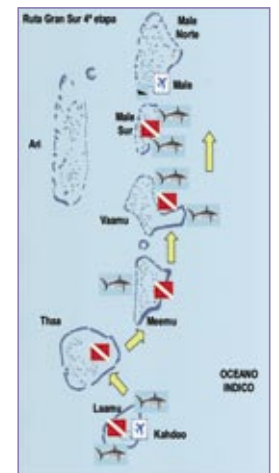
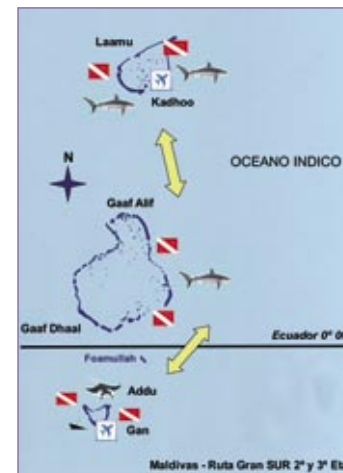
4th EXPEDITION "GREAT SOUTHERN MALDIVES"

After the success of the expeditions "Great Southern Maldives" of previous years and with the experience we have designed a new and appropriate expedition to Big Sur. Route unique and beyond all traditional circuits. The veteran captain of the boat defines the area as well Maldives was 20 years ago.

- Route up 4 weeks, 28 nights and 28 days of diving with the possibility of entering 1, 2, 3 or 4 consecutive weeks.
- Itineraries:
 - 1st Stage - Week 1: Male - Ari - Meemu - Laamu (Kadhoo airport)
 - 2nd Stage - Week 2: Laamu - Gaaf Alif - Faomulah - Aduu (Gan airport)
 - 3rd Stage - Week 3: Adu - Faomulah - Gaaf Alif (Kaadhoo airport)
 - 4th Stage - Week 4: Gaaf Alif - Thaa - Meemu - Ari
- Objectives:

- 1st week: Manta Ray y whale shark in Ari, channels of pelagics in Faafu, Meemu and Laamu.
- 2nd week: Pelagics in the channels of the Great South, from Laamu to Gaaf, thilas with corals like the Maldives 25 years ago, channels to see sharks and pelagics. In Aduu dives with buceo mantas and the wreck of 61 years, British Royalty, the biggest one of Maldives with 110 metres.
- 3rd week: Mantas of Addu, British Loyalty, Channels and reefs of Gaaf and Laamu.
- 4th week: Channels, shark and pelagics of Laamu, Meemu, Vaavu and South of Male.

Highly recommended makes two weeks in a row for a full cruise with those "BEST OF MALDIVES."



REBREATHER

One of the option that appears on board is diving with rebreather.

If you want to bring your rebreather, the cruise is prepared with oxygen, Booster bomb and lime, available on board.

If you want to try one, you can do a try dives or a course of Rebreather during the cruise.

TRAVEL PROGRAMME



Day 1st : MALE – DIVING CRUISE. Arriving at the airport in Male where person for our team in Maldives. Transfer to the dhoni boat, THE MALDIVIAN DREAM. Start of the cruise dive.

Days 2nd to 7th: CRUISE “OCTOPUS DIVE SAFARI – SOLPLAN BUCEO” – ROUTE CHOSEN

The planned route for each week is the established routes in the 2009 – 2010 programme that is described below.

Diving: 3 dives per day and one dives the last day, with 2 nights dives per week. Total: 18 dives. FREE NITROX.

The boat spend the night next deserted islands of fisherman or resort, that you visit with the dive masters if the logistic allows.

Day 8o: MALE. Desembark. Transfer to the airport, to the Day hotel (and optional payment destination; without room, but with shower, swimming pool and lunch) during this day or to Maldives capital, Male.



TERMS OF CANCELLATION:

• Cancellation of the cruise:

The Spent will depend on how long was the cancellation realize

- Up 90 days before the departure 10%
- Up 60 days before the departure 30%
- Up 45 days before the departure 50%
- Up 30 days before the departure 100%

• Cancellation of the rest of the services (hotels, transfer...)

- 60 days before the departure 10%
- 45 days before the departure 25%
- 30 days before the departure 50%
- 21 days before the departure 100%

And also in terms of spenditure of management and insurance, they will be apply a cost of 90€ per person.



PRICES PER PERSON:

MEDIUM SEASON	1.480€
HIGH SEASON	1.615€
* 2 consecutives weeks	2.790€
Discount non diver Medium Season	-120€
Discount non diver Hight Season	-200€

The prices include:

- Transfer Male airport – boat – Male airport. • One week into dive safari with Full board, (not including soft drinks and alcoholics drinks), a double cabin. • 18 dives including bottle, weights, boat, guide and cargo. • Mineral water. • Nitrox free. • Travel insurance Plus Dive, diving and cancellation.

The prices does not include:

- Flight to Male. • Drinks on board (only mineral water). • Maldives Taxes (55 € aprox.) • Tips (40€ aprox.). • Possible increases in charges for fuel rises. • Domestic flights on the route Great Southern. • Anything not specified as included. • Rebreather supplement 200€ per person per week (oxygen and lime).

PROMOTION FOR EARLY BOOK

All the reservations made:

- **3 months** before the departure date will have a discount of **100€**
- **2 months** before the departure date will have a discount of **60€**
- **45 days** before the departure date will have a discount of **30€**

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DATES, ROUTES AND PRICES 2009 – 2010

10 to 17 October	Classical Route
17 to 24 October	Classical Route
24 to 31 October	Classical Route
3 to 10 November	Classical Route
10 to 17 November	Classical Route
17 to 24 November	Classical Route
24 November to 1 December	Classical Route
24 Nov to 5 Dec (speciall 11 nights)	Classical Route & North
5 to 12 December	Classical Route *
12 to 19 December	Classical Route
19 to 26 December	Classical Route
26 December to 2 January	Classical Route *
2 to 9 January 2009	Classical Route
9 to 16 January	Classical Route
16 to 23 January	Classical Route
23 to 30 January	Classical Route
30 January to 6 February	Great Southern 1^a stage *
6 to 13 February	Great Southern 2^a stage *
13 to 20 February	Great Southern 3^a stage *
20 to 27 February	Great Southern 4^a stage *
27 February to 6 March	Great Southern 5^a stage *
6 to 13 March	5 Atolls South
13 to 20 March	5 Atolls South
20 to 27 March	5 Atolls South
27 March to 3 April	Classical Route *
3 to 10 April	Classical Route
10 to 17 April	Classical Route
17 to 24 April	Classical Route
24 April to 1 May	Classical Route
1 to 8 May	Classical Route

Weeks on high season: in black and *

