

Extreme South "The Best Seven"

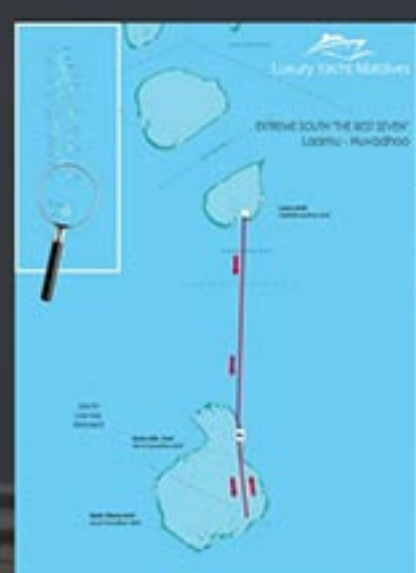


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HUVADHOO (Suvadiva)

In the high season, arrival at Kadeddho (Huvadho) airport with domestic flight from Male, then week-long stay at Suvadiva, the second largest atoll in the world (by surface area). Internal crossing from the west to the east coast of about 3 hours, moving among the various passes – which are all very close to each other – and enjoying the fascinating seascapes of intact coral and large schools of pelagic fish which abound in this area. As well as diving, snorkelling also offers an exciting experience to be in contact with nature, which will provide a thrilling display from the first to the last day of holiday.

Sharks (white fin, grey but also leopard and tiger), barracudas and carangidae will be travel 'companions', whereas the barbecue on the beach will be an unforgettable experience. As well as passes, the dives will visit reefs and the various 'thilas' in all their majestic beauty, both during the day and in night-time dives or snorkelling. Departure from Kadeddho with another domestic flight to Male, before boarding the international flight.



MALE' - LAAMU - HUVADHOO (Suvadiva)

Departure from the Hulule/Male airport, two-week sailing through Male Sud, Felidhoo, Vattaru, Mulaku, Thaa and Laamu to the atoll of Huvadho (Suvadiva), which can only be reached with favourable weather conditions (mid-winter). The destinations included in this trip will satisfy all those wishing to visit remote places far from the more commercial Maldives.

Fun will be guaranteed for both snorkelers and divers (but fishing enthusiasts too), thanks to the beautiful and extremely diversified landscapes: passes, deserted islands, sandy strips of land, islands inhabited by friendly and spontaneous people, the possibility of trolling... all these elements will make for unforgettable memories.

On the last day departure from the national airport of Kadeddho for Male.

Central Atolls



North Ari and Rasdhoo

A one week cruise that will begin and end at Hulule/ Male airport. Navigation will start westwards, towards the island of Rasfari, which is just perfect for an overnight stay; we will then transit through the atoll of Rasdhoo (whose main island is the chief town of North Ari). Here, you will be given the opportunity to dive in search for hammer sharks.

Navigation will then continue towards North Ari, not far away, trying to sight the devil fishes (manta rays), in some of the most renowned cleaning stations of the Maldivian archipelago. Moreover, there will be many stops in desert islands and in some of the "thila", that attract divers from all over the world. The last day but one, navigation will continue towards the atoll of South Male, where we will visit Guraidhoo - the most famous fisher's island of the Maldives - and dive in the wonderful passes of the region, to sight sharks and big pelagic fishes.

A visit to Male on the last day.



Felidhoo and Mulaku

A one week cruise with tours to five different atolls eastwards of the archipelago: North and South Male, Felidhoo, Vattaru, Mulaku. A wonderful cruise that you can decide to make in every period of the year, thanks to the many diving points that offer the best sights of grey sharks, white fin sharks or devil fishes, according to the season. After leaving Hulule we will head southwards, crossing therefore South Male, Felidhoo, Vattaru and touching the northern part of Mulaku.

You will get the opportunity to relax on wonderful beaches and desert islands, while those who are looking for great emotions, will be satisfied by the stops nearby the passes of Alimathà, Fotteyo, Rakeedhoo and Mulaku. On our way back we will visit Guraidhoo with its precious shops of local handicraft and dive at the atoll of South Male.

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Malè North-South & Ari- 2 weeks

A two weeks trip with stays on the central atolls - North and South Male, Rasdhoo, Ari - with the opportunity of sighting sharks and devil fishes at the various diving points, while travelling from east to west through the archipelago. Heading towards Rasdhoo and diving in Rasdhoo-Madivaru, in search for hammer sharks.

Navigation will then proceed towards North Ari, and, crossing lengthwise the atoll, we will touch the most beautiful and rich in life thilas of the Maldives, searching for whale sharks. Frequent stays on desert islands, beaches and fisher islands, are one of the reasons for which those, who really know the Maldives, appreciate this cruise. We will head back on the east slope, navigating through South Male, with a stop at Guraidhoo.

A visit to Male on the last day.



South and Ari- 2 weeks

A two weeks trip exploring six different atolls: North and South Male, Felidhoo, Vattaru, Mulaku and South Ari. Arrival and departure from Hulule. Heading straight southwards, navigating under cover the passes eastwards of the atolls: Emboodhoo Kandu, Cocoa, Guraidhoo, Devana Kandu, Fotteyo, Rakeedhoo Corner, Vattaru and Mulaku Kandu.

Crossing the archipelago from here and heading towards the southern point of Ari, with the exceptional opportunity of sighting whale sharks nearby Maamigili Island. Navigation will then proceed up the atoll, with frequent stays on beautiful beaches and the most popular thilas and , then, heading back westwards towards North Male.

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The North



Malè North - Lhaviyani

One week safari, starting and ending at Hulumale / Malè.

We start our cruise northward and according to the season we will moor for the night on the east or west side of the Atoll.

Male North Atoll has beautiful dives in "thilas" which are covered with soft corals and are home to many different kind of reef fishes in big schools. According to the seasonal monsoon, both side of the atoll offers terrific manta points where there are always good chances to spot manta rays in cleaning station all year round. We keep cruising towards Lhaviyani Atoll passing through the small Gaafaru Atoll, renowned for its wrecks (lady Christine, Erlangen, SS Seagul). The shape and the particular position of Lhaviyani Atoll features oceanic channel dives either in the east and in the west side, giving us the chance to dive with "in-coming currents" in both monsoon Seasons to spot any kind of pelagics including grey sharks. During summer time the beautiful marine protected area of Fushifaru Thilas, attract many manta rays . There will be stops at unspoiled local fishing villages where it will be possible to experience the real rythm of maldivian life. Upon return to Male North, the last day before the departure will be possible to visit Malè.



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Extreme North - From Male to Haa

10-day /2-week safari starting and ending at Hulumale / Malè.

We start our cruise north-westward, mooring for the night in Rasfari Lagoon. The morning after, we dive the oceanic reef of the Island and later on we keep cruising northward to reach Baa Atoll. Here we will find very peculiar dive sites characterized by the abundance of any kind of hard and soft corals. But the highlight of the atoll is Hanifaru Lagoon. From May until November an exceptional concentration of k reel attracts feeding mantas by the hundreds and often some whale sharks also feed along side them. We keep cruising north-eastward to reach Lhaviyani Atoll , whose shape and particular position features oceanic channel dives either in the east and in the west side, giving us the chance to dive with "in-coming currents" in both monsoon seasons to spot any kind of pelagics including grey sharks. During summer time, the marine protected area of Fushifaru Thila becomes a spectacular manta point. But the cruise will go farther north across Noonu and Shaviyani atolls, vast areas only recently open to tourism with lots of dive sites to discover !! Beautiful Thilas with overhangs and caves, soft corals, eagle rays , giant groupers and occasionally grey sharks. Throughout the cruise it will be possible to visit fishing villages and beautiful uninhabited islands.

Way back to Hulumale with Island Aviation's domestic flight.