

## Manta Trip 1 - 7 nights

Atolls: North Male – South Male – Vaavu – Ari – Rasdhoo – Baa

### Carpe Diem

The above 7 night routing is designed to be able to visit all the by manta frequented spots and lagoons including famous Hanifaru Bay in Baa atoll during the summer months (July/August/September/October). The trips are either ending or starting in Baa atoll, which means a one way domestic flight will be needed at the start or the end of the trip. In winter time this routing is also offered as an alternative to the classical routings that end and start in Male atoll.

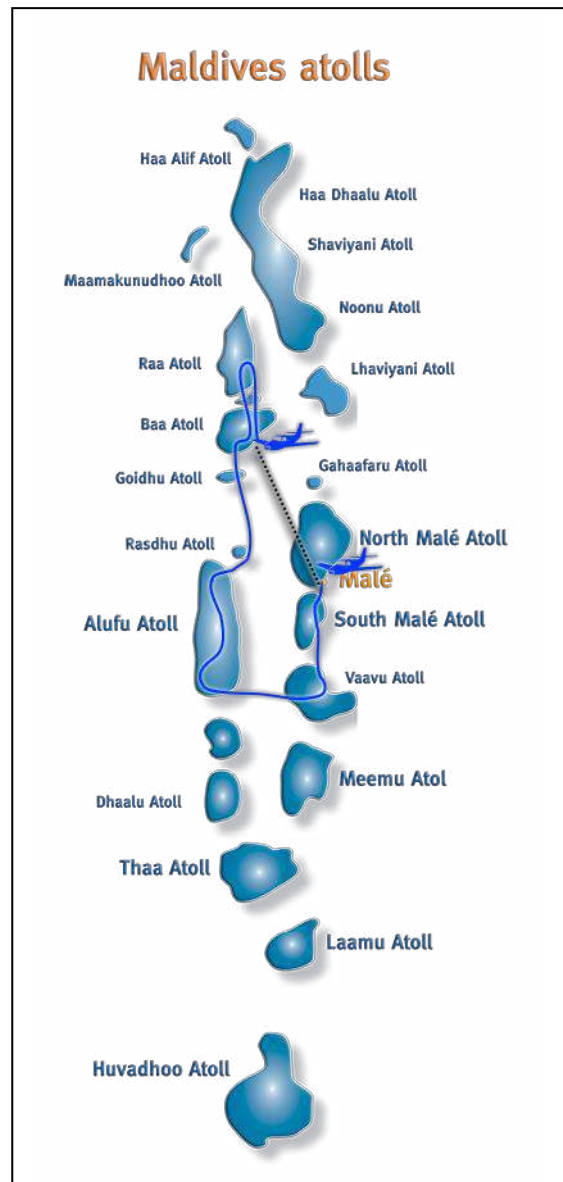
During all of our trips guests will be asked to gather pictures and/or make sketches of the mantas seen during the dives. This information is passed on to [mantamatcher.org](http://mantamatcher.org) to assist in information gathering and research of the manta population in the Maldives. If the manta has been identified before info of the name of the manta and when it was last seen will be returned to the guest. If it is a "new" manta and it is spotted for the third time, the guest can decide on a name and keep track of "their manta" in future. asked to try and identify as many mantas as possible.

On board of our Fleet we offer Manta diver specialty courses which are recognized by PADI. Our instructors are certified to conduct these specialties. For those not joining the courses we will do a workshop as to how to identify and how to assist the research which is being supported by IUCN in the Maldives.

The trips are designed to a) Create awareness. Divers will be fortunate to observe and interact with mantas in a completely natural environment and have a first hand personal experience with these spectacular fish. b) Expand divers' knowledge of mantas, to include identification of the species, sex and individual animal identification. The Manta dive course has some academic input but much of the learning will come from observation and interaction with the animals and will support their reputation as the gentle giants of the sea. c) Divers observations will be included in on-going manta research project being held in the Maldives. Data on manta identification and migration is being collected by the Marine Research section of the Ministry of Fisheries in Male.

So book your spot now and help us contribute to this important research.

**Package includes:** 7 nights or 10 nights aboard the vessel, 3 meals daily, plus between-dive snacks, Drinking water, coffee and tea. 3 dives daily (except for on day of arrival and day before departure) including one or two





night dives. Use of tanks, weights and belts. Airport transfers on the days of embarkation/disembarkation. GST 12% nights

**Package excludes:** Rental, instruction, nitrox and retail charges. Green tax of 6 USD p/p per night. Some trips will require domestic flights and/or fuel surcharge which will be mentioned in the schedules. Crew gratuities. Travel insurance (highly recommended), **mandatory** dive insurance.