

Maldives

Baa Manta Madness
8 Days, 7 Nights



SOLITUDE GAIA MALDIVES

Day 1 – Embarkation | Malé (MLE), Velana International Airport (No Diving)

Embarkation time for Solitude Gaia Maldives begins at 2:00pm (1400hrs), and concludes no later than 10:00am (1000hrs) on Day 2.

Upon arrival at the Velana International Airport in Male', our team will meet you and transfer you to Solitude Gaia Maldives. After being welcomed onboard, settle into your cabin and familiarise yourself with the vessel's spaces, from the dive deck to the lounge and sun deck. Later in the evening, we will hold orientation and safety briefings, followed by diver registration and the collection of atoll or marine park fees. Please have your certification cards and/or logbooks available. Enjoy dinner onboard as the vessel anchors for the night, preparing for your first dive day in North Malé. Dinner included. For travel and fee guidance, please refer to Know-Before-You-Go.

Time your journey with one of the Maldives' most remarkable seasonal events as mantas gather in extraordinary numbers within the UNESCO-protected waters of Baa Atoll. This itinerary combines peak manta encounters with classic reefs across Ari and Malé.

Diving highlights include:

- Seasonal manta aggregations at Hanifaru Bay (snorkel only, permit dependent)
- UNESCO Biosphere Reserve diving in Baa Atoll
- Cleaning stations and coral-rich thilas with turtles and reef sharks
- Relaxed reefs and pinnacles in Ari and North Malé Atolls
- A balanced mix of diving and snorkelling focused on manta activity

Day 2 – North Malé Atoll

An opportunity of 2–3 dives: on sheltered pinnacles and reefs, easing into the trip with colourful coral gardens and possible manta encounters.

Day 3 – Ari Atoll

An opportunity of 3 dives: on well-known thilas featuring white-tip reef sharks, dense reef fish and lively coral slopes.

Day 4 – Transit to Baa Atoll (UNESCO Biosphere Reserve)

An opportunity of 2–3 dives: as the scenery shifts to richer coral structures and calmer currents approaching Baa.

Day 5 – Baa Atoll | Hanifaru Bay

An opportunity of up to 3 dives + snorkeling: centered on Hanifaru Bay manta aggregation (snorkel only), with additional reef dives on nearby thilas.

Day 6 – Baa Atoll Exploration

An opportunity of up to 3 dives: on Baa's reefs and pinnacles, with the possibility of a second Hanifaru Bay snorkel if conditions allow.

Day 7 – Ari or North Malé Atoll

An opportunity of up to 2 dives: on relaxed reefs or channels during the return south, followed by a farewell dinner onboard.

Day 8 – Disembarkation | Malé (MLE)

No dive day. Morning disembarkation after breakfast.

Itinerary

Day 1 – Embarkation | Malé

Day 2 – North Malé Atoll

Day 3 – Ari Atoll

Day 4 – Transit to Baa Atoll (UNESCO Biosphere Reserve)

Day 5 – Baa Atoll | Hanifaru Bay

Day 6 – Baa Atoll Exploration

Day 7 – Ari or North Malé Atoll

Day 8 – Disembarkation | Malé



Route Map

Northern Atolls

Essential Information

Port of Embarkation: Malé
Embarkation Time: 14:00 (2:00 pm) onwards
Airport: Velana International Airport (MLE)

Port of Disembarkation: Malé
Disembarkation Time: 6:00am - 10:00am
Airport: Velana International Airport (MLE)

** Route Itinerary subject to change due to inclement weather, sea conditions and/or restrictions imposed by local authorities.

Central Atolls

INDIAN OCEAN

MALDIVES

