



SOLITUDE GAIA MALDIVES

Explore the heart of the Maldives on a carefully paced journey through the country's most iconic central atolls — North and South Malé, Vaavu and Ari. This itinerary blends vibrant coral reefs, current-swept channels, dramatic thilas and calm lagoons, offering a well-rounded introduction to Maldivian diving.

Diving highlights include:

- Manta cleaning stations in North and South Malé
- Channel drifts with grey reef sharks, eagle rays and schooling fish
- Soft-coral-covered walls and pinnacles in Vaavu Atoll
- Classic Ari Atoll thilas with sharks, turtles and dense reef life
- Whale shark encounters in the South Ari Marine Protected Area (conditions permitting)

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

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

Upon arrival, 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.

Day 2 – North Malé Atoll

An opportunity of 2–3 dives: on vibrant reefs and thilas, with possible manta encounters and relaxed orientation dives.

Day 3 – South Malé Atoll

An opportunity of up to 3 dives: through channels and corners, featuring stronger currents, reef sharks and schooling fish.

Day 4 – Vaavu Atoll

An opportunity of up to 3–4 dives: including channel walls and soft corals, with an optional night dive at Alimatha Jetty if conditions permit.

Day 5 – South Ari Atoll (Whale Shark Zone)

An opportunity of 2–3 dives + snorkeling: focused on the marine protected area with chances for whale sharks and mantas.

Day 6 – North Ari Atoll

An opportunity of up to 3 dives: on classic thilas known for sharks, turtles and dense reef life.

Day 7 – Ari or North Malé Atoll

An opportunity of 2 dives: on relaxed reefs or pinnacles, bringing the expedition to a gentle close.

Day 8 – Disembarkation | Malé

No diving day. Morning disembarkation after breakfast until 10:00am latest.

Itinerary

Day 1 – Embarkation | Malé

Day 2 – North Malé Atoll

Day 3 – South Malé Atoll

Day 4 – Vaavu Atoll

Day 5 – South Ari Atoll (Whale Shark Zone)

Day 6 – North Ari Atoll

Day 7 – Ari or North Malé Atoll

Day 8 – Disembarkation | Malé

Essential Information

Port of Embarkation: Malé

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

Port of Disembarkation: Malé

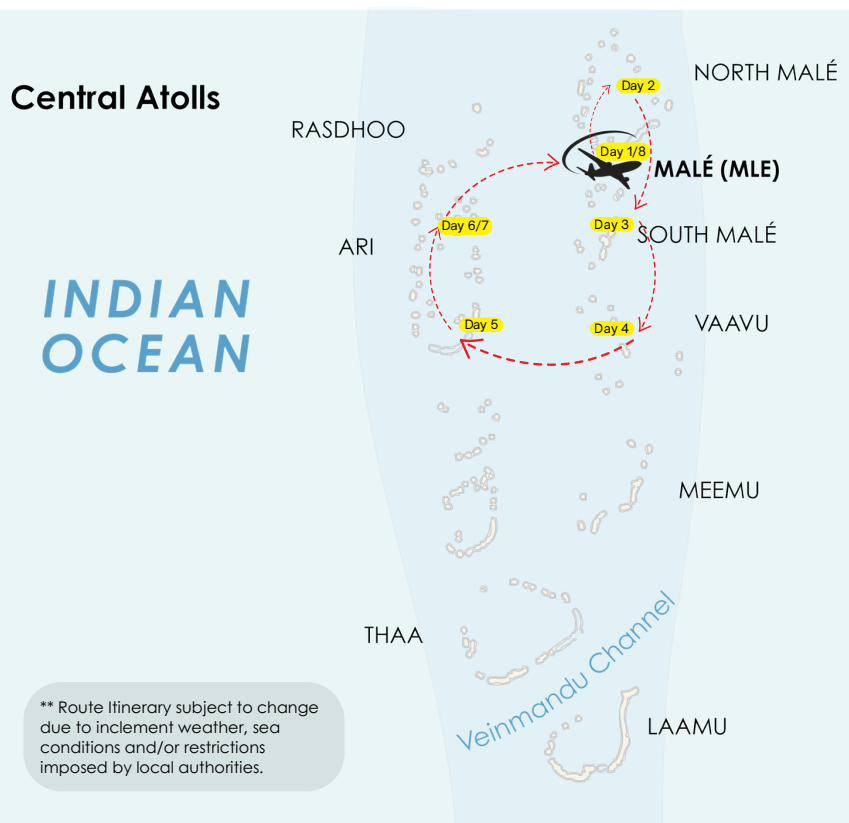
Disembarkation Time: 6:00am - 10:00am
Airport: Velana International Airport (MLE)



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Central Atolls



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