



MALDIVES

Dates	Type of experience	Level of certification	Spots
Sep/13/2026 - Sep/20/2026	Liveaboard	Advanced Open Water Diver	12

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A Journey Through the Maldives

*On the day of the cruise departure it's necessary to arrive with a **morning flight, before 8 AM** or previous day.*

Dive into the world's greatest manta gathering

This exclusive expedition has been carefully scheduled to coincide with the **Maldives' monsoon season**, when ocean currents create ideal conditions for one of nature's most extraordinary spectacles: the gathering of **reef manta rays** and **whale sharks** feeding on plankton-rich waters.

Dive with Purpose

More than a diving adventure, this expedition offers the unique opportunity to contribute to **marine conservation** alongside scientists from the **Manta Trust**. Guests are invited to assist in photographing manta rays for identification, helping expand one of the world's largest manta research databases. If a newly identified manta is discovered during the trip, you'll even have the chance to help name it.

Explore the Best of the Maldives

Our journey begins in **Baa Atoll**, home to **Hanifaru Bay**, one of the world's top manta ray sites. Here, you may witness dozens of mantas and possibly whale sharks feeding together.

We then continue to **Raa Atoll** for colorful soft coral walls, anemone gardens, and frequent manta sightings.

To conclude, we explore **Malé Atoll**, known for shark encounters, thriving reefs, and more opportunities to dive with manta rays.

Highlights

- Dive with reef manta rays and whale sharks in their natural habitat.
- Visit the iconic **Hanifaru Bay, Baa Atoll, Raa Atoll**, and **Malé Atoll**.
- Experience some of the Maldives' most spectacular coral reefs and pelagic dive sites.
- Participate in real-world manta ray conservation with the **Manta Trust**.
- An unforgettable expedition combining adventure, science, and world-class diving.

Price

**Domestic round-trip flights
(prepaid)
\$ 250 USD**

**Double Cabine
\$ 3.555 USD**

Included

- Airport/boat/airport transfers (embarkation and disembarkation days)
- 7 nights' accommodation in a shared double cabin
- Stops at islands, beaches, and atolls
- Full board, bottled water
- Up to 17 dives per day, weights, dhoni
- Dive guides
- Nitrox

Not Included

- Domestic flight MLE - DRV (Male - Dharavandhoo Bay) USD 250
- Maldives taxes: Green tax USD 84 (payable on arrival)
- Service tax: USD 140
- Alcohol and soft drinks included.
- "Day hotel" in Male on the last day.
- Scuba equipment rental
- S100 tanks
- Onboard internet
- Possible fuel price increases and USD fluctuations
- Visa, if required
- Wi-Fi - payable onboard USD 30 per week
- Any other services not mentioned
- Tips
- Fees for desert and tourist islands when requested
- BBQ
- BAA cruises only
- Hanifaru Bay entrance FEE USD 30 per person

Documentation

It is the passenger's sole responsibility to verify any changes to the requirements.

- Valid passport with at least 6 months of validity remaining before the return date.
- Yellow fever vaccination certificate (according to the passport's country of origin).
- Travel declaration to be completed no earlier than 48 hours prior to departure to the Maldives. The reason for travel must be declared as: TOURISM / HOLIDAY. Link: <https://imuga.immigration.gov.mv/traveller>
- We suggest having medical insurance that covers expenses in case of medical assistance in the Maldives or Sri Lanka.

Airport Transfer

By Dhoni (group share)

- **Arrival** : Meeting at the airport on “Arrival Gate” with our Airport Representative who will have our Tour Operator LYM/Albatros Top Boat/Conte Max/Duke Of York board
- **Attention**: In case of arrivals/stays in the Maldives prior to the cruise, the evening before boarding, clients MUST contact our boat representative to arrange meeting time at the airport at the “Arrivals Gate”.
- **Embark**: in the morning at 11.00am or after the domestic flight’s arrival
- **Disembark**: in the morning before or around 08.00am in time for the check-in of the intercontinental flight/domestic flight

Notes

- For each participant we need to receive the pre-boarding information

Cancellation Policy – Non-Refundable

Weather-Related Cancellations

Itineraries may be modified without prior notice if the Captain deems it necessary for the safety of guests, crew, and vessel. We will always do our best to provide the best possible experience, but **no refunds or credits** will be issued if authorities require changes to the planned route.

If extreme weather prevents the vessel from departing or forces the trip to be interrupted, **no refunds or credits** will be provided.

Insurance Recommendation

Ocean Vibes Travels strongly recommends purchasing a **liveaboard trip cancellation insurance policy**.

Flight Delays or Cancellations

The vessel departs on the scheduled date and time.

No refunds or credits will be issued if a guest misses embarkation due to delayed or cancelled flights.

All reservations made for this trip are **non-refundable**.

This means that once any payment is made—whether a deposit, partial payment, or full payment—**no refunds will be issued under any circumstances**, including but not limited to:

- Voluntary cancellation by the passenger
- Change of plans
- Personal, work-related, or medical reasons
- Any other unexpected situation

Wildlife in Maldives





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