



ULTIMATE YACHTS

# MALDIVES

*7-night itinerary*

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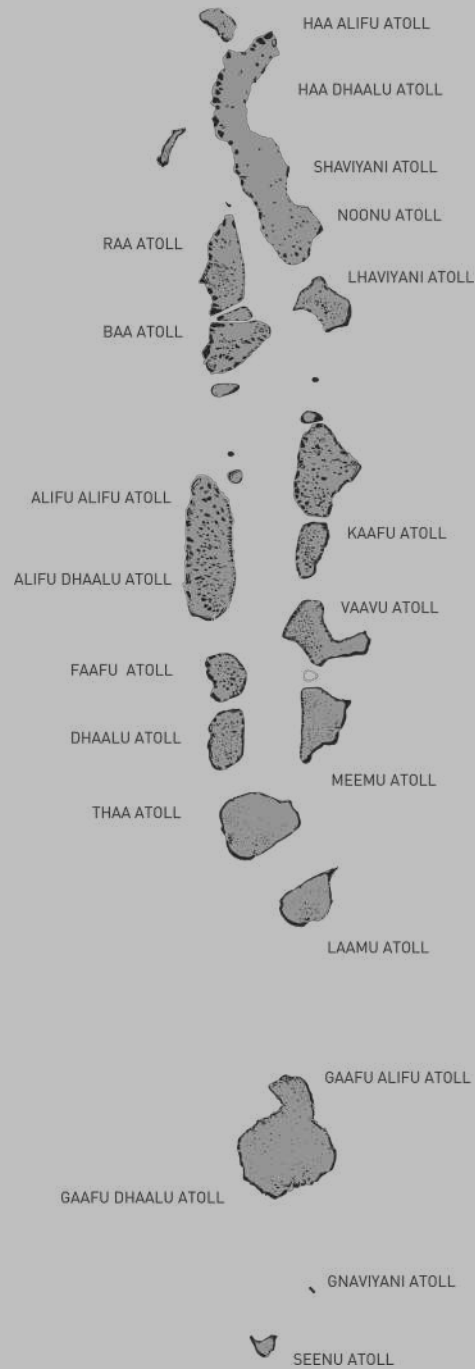




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IF THERE'S ANYWHERE ON EARTH THAT TRULY CAPTURES THE SPIRIT OF A CASTAWAY ROBINSON CRUSOE EXPERIENCE, IT HAS TO BE THE MALDIVES. OF 1,192 CORAL ISLANDS FRINGED WITH CORAL REEF ACROSS 26 ATOLLS, JUST 200 ARE INHABITED.

Onboard a private yacht in the Maldives, cruise past tiny islets spilling fauna onto shores strewn with a thousand shells, where the palest jade rings mark lagoons sculpted by the currents of the Indian Ocean. Swell-specialists and wave-wallflowers alike can surf at breaks far off the beaten track, while divers can explore scores of dive sites.

The North and South Male Atolls are the most developed in the Maldives, while the Baa Atoll is home to Hanifaru Bay, where mantas and whale sharks congregate at certain times of year. The Noonu Atoll and the Raa Atoll are home to some of the more remote luxury resorts in the Maldives. There are plenty of islands further afield to discover in the northern reaches of the Maldives. In the far north, visitors will find protected marine zones, shipwrecks and underwater caves, ideal for divers.

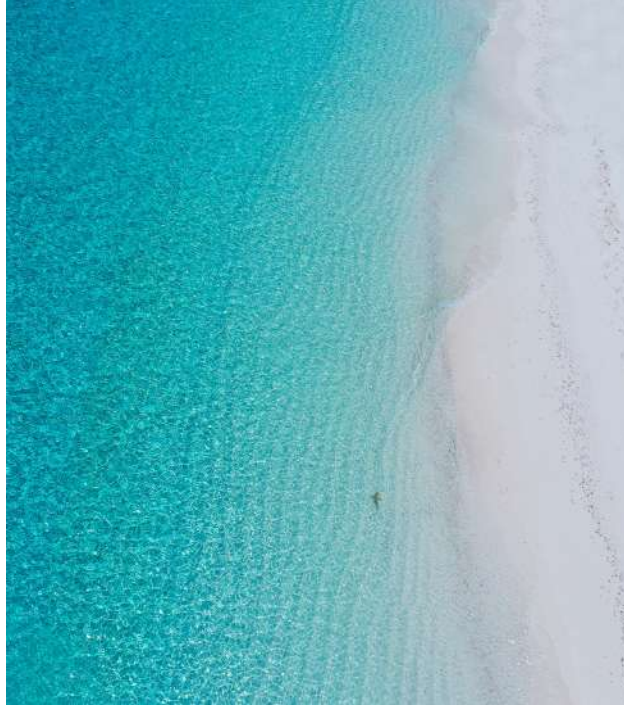
The central atolls comprise Dhaalu, Thaa, Laamu, Meemu, Faafu. Thaa and Laamu are praised for their consistent barrel surfing and fishing, not to mention some sensational diving. Divers will love this region's abundance of fish and prospect of whale sharks and manta rays at the right season.

Further south lie the Huvadhoo Atoll and the Addu Atoll, which are often considered as the most beautiful in the Maldives with their lack of development, stunning natural wonders and prolific coral reefs. Visitors can experience local culture in some of the far-flung villages in this region.



# ITINERARY SUMMARY

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## DAY 1: MALE

Upon arrival in Male, board your private yacht at anchor at the southern end of the Male Atoll. We will get straight underway cruising up to Rasfari on the western side of the atoll (approx. 2 hours). This will give you chance to become acquainted with the yacht, relax and settle in. For divers, there are plenty of options including “Manta Point”.

## DAY 2: RASDHOO ATOLL

Early morning cruise (2 hours) to Kuramathi in the Rasdhoo Atoll. This island is over 2km long and home to some of the best house reefs for snorkeling. It also has a rainforest walk containing the most mature endemic forest in the Maldives. There is a must-do sunrise dive on Rasdhoo (the “Rasdhoo Wall”), with the possibility of sighting white-tip and grey-reef sharks, eagle rays and hammerhead sharks. Optional night-fishing excursion from Rasdhoo, as well as big game fishing.

## DAY 3: NORTH ARI ATOLL

Today we will spend the day cruising the North Ari Atoll exploring the waters and beaches around Velidhoo. Divers can submerge at “Fish Head” and “Fesdu Wreck”.

## DAY 4: NORTH ARI ATOLL

Today the yacht will cruise to Donkalo on the western side of the Ari Atoll. This is a great Manta ray spotting point with epic diving for interesting formations, overhangs, swim-throughs and soft coral. We can spend the afternoon over at Dhiggiri, a great spot for some beach exploring, watersports and a beach BBQ. Dining under the stars this close to the equator means you can see the constellations of both the northern and southern skies at the same time.





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## DAY 5 & 6: SOUTH ARI ATOLL

This morning, the yacht will cruise across to the South Ari Atoll, which is statistically the most likely location in the Maldives to spot whale sharks. Whilst in this area, there is the option to head ashore to a local fishing village for some sightseeing and shopping for local arts and crafts. The island of Ariadhoo has a very mature reef with some of the most diverse and rich varieties of fish life and coral species, as well as a good chance of turtle sightings. Again, Ariadhoo has a great beach for a beach BBQ lunch or dinner, the perfect way to spend your last castaway evening in the Maldives.

## DAY 5: SOUTH MALE ATOLL

Today the yacht will sail over to South Male Atoll and explore the uninhabited island of Maadhoo. This island is approximately 1 km long and 150 metres wide with a picture perfect sandbar. Enjoy the white sandy beaches and have a swim in a beautiful lagoon with crystal clear water. For divers – “Loshfushi Canyon” and “Kandoomaa Thila” offer steep wall dives with the chance to spot plenty of sharks, rays, groupers and lion fish. Alternatively dive “Kuda Giri”, a beautiful spot on a small wreck with a reef next to it, caves and overhangs, very photogenic and great for underwater photography.

## DAY 8: MALE

After breakfast onboard, the yacht will return to Male where you will disembark and transfer to the airport to catch your flight home.







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