

The Maldives



Luxury Liveaboard

Spectacular Indian Ocean Coral Reef Diving

**HIGHLIGHTS: Bull, Spinner, Nurse, Hammerhead, maybe Tiger Sharks
Manta Rays, Whalesharks, Huge Tuna, Giant Morays, Sailfish,
Turtles, Wrecks,
Weird and Wonderful Little Critters all in Clear, Warm Water
Seventeen SCUBA Dives, incl. Night dives.
Island and Atoll Exploring**

**Duration: 10 Days Leader: Gabby Hunter Trip Code: MD26 Dates:
7th – 15th November, 2026**

**Cost: \$AU4,790 Standard Twin or Double Share Including airfares
\$AU5,990 Upper Deck Deluxe King Share including airfares**



Maldives 2026



The Maldives has so much to offer divers, especially on a custom designed liveaboard.

Pic is “M.V. Horizon 111” & Dohni

We set sail from Male, travelling in a circuitous route, to see the very best of the Maldives.



Saturday 7th–November ‘26

Flights will be ex **Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth** likely thru **Singapore**
It is too early to be sure about flight schedules; we will book flights 5-6 months ahead

Everyone Arrive Male, Maldives MLE on Saturday, then relax in a hotel that night
Sunday Morning we will be met by vessel representatives and transferred to our luxury liveaboard, boarding at 12 noon on our home for the next 7 nights.



What to expect...

The Maldives



The Maldives is an island nation in the Indian Ocean, consisting of a double chain of twenty-six atolls, containing 1192 islands, 192 of which are inhabited. The Maldives are orientated north to south and stretch over 1200 kilometres.

We will generally make three dives daily, with two- or three-night dives as well.

The diving is nothing short of spectacular.

Our first dive will be very sharky. Expect mid-water dozens of Spinner and Nurse Sharks and keep an eye out to the deep for Bull & maybe Tiger Sharks.

Manta Rays abound in the Maldives, and with so many “hot spots” to see them at, you will not be disappointed.

The guides are dive instructors or dive masters who have years of experience in the Maldives and will ensure that you get to enjoy the best diving available during your time there.

The satellite image to the right will give you an idea of the vastness of the Maldives water nation.

Diving is all conducted off a traditional “Dhoni”, all of your dive equipment stays onboard the “Dhoni” for the entirety of the voyage. All you need to do is get onboard in your swimmers after the dive briefing, and at the end of the dive hop back onto our liveaboard again. Two of the huge benefits of this is there’s no noise from the compressors after the dive, and that the entire yacht is dry and luxurious.



The Diving

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The Maldives islands are flat with white sandy beaches and excellent reefs with an abundance of marine life. Scuba diving is done at a leisurely drift pace as the Indian Monsoon Current sweeps along the island chains, moving nutrients and divers along.

This nutrient-rich water flows up along the walls, feeding the sponges and soft corals clinging to the rock sides. Inside the atoll lagoons, rock pinnacles – thilas – vault up from the bottom to scratch the water's surface.

In the channels, there are swim-throughs, caverns and overhangs festooned with colorful sponges, invertebrates and gorgonians to explore. At well-known cleaning stations, wrasse and shrimp service manta rays, and other large marine species.

In the open ocean near the reefs, pelagic animals – including manta rays, eagle rays, tuna and a variety of sharks (including whale sharks) – frequent the Maldives. On shallow dives, the clear, bright blue water hosts a massive number of sweet lips, parrotfish, groupers, snappers as well as frequent turtles and SO many eels.



“MV Horizon 111” Liveaboard



Cabins price per person



Lower Deck Double Cabin - \$4,790 >>>>

Two of these cabins suit couples

With a full ensuite bathroom, individually controlled air conditioning and Porthole.



<<<<< Main Deck Double or Twin Cabin-\$4,990

One only cabin. With a full ensuite bathroom, individually controlled air conditioning and panoramic window

Top Deck Ocean View Suites - \$5,990 >>>

Three of these huge 20m² cabins

King size + single bed & spacious ensuite
individually controlled air-conditioning.

Located on, and access from the upper deck

Massive ocean view from the windows.

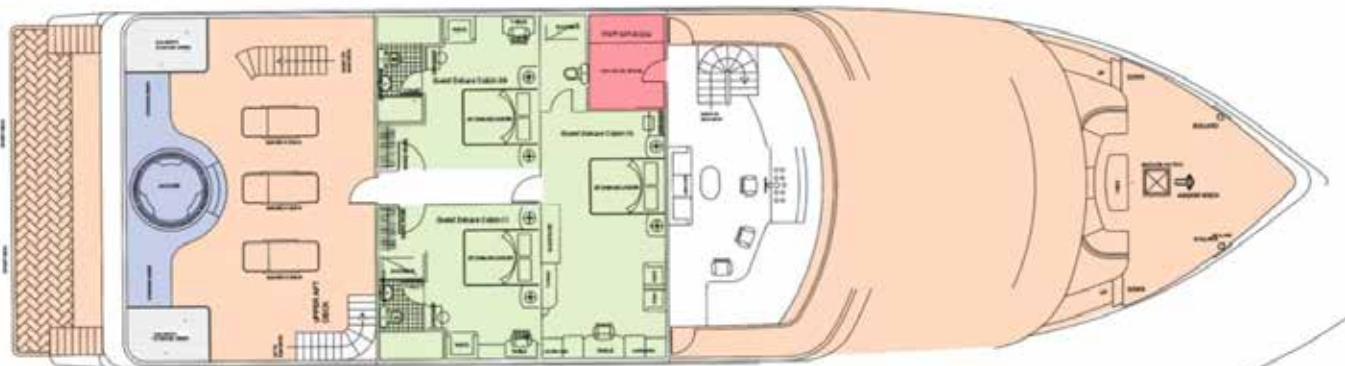


<<<<< Lower Deck Twin Cabin - \$4,790

Six of these cabins

They have a full ensuite bathroom and individually controlled air conditioning and Porthole.





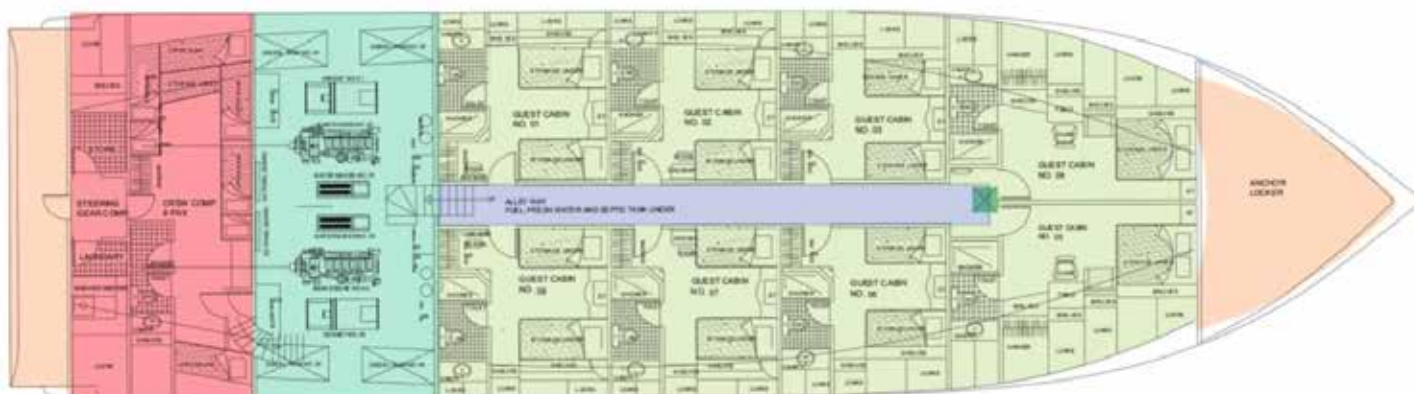
UPPER DECK RECREATIONAL AREA

DECK AREA PUBLIC AREA GUEST DELUXE CABIN DIVE GUIDE ROOM



MAIN DECK SERVICE AREA

DECK AREA PUBLIC AREA DIVE GUIDE ROOM GUEST MAIN DECK CABIN KITCHEN & COLD ROOM RESTAURANT & BAR



LOWER DECK ACCOMMODATION AREA

DECK AREA PUBLIC AREA CREW COMPARTMENT ENGINE ROOM GUEST LOWER DECK CABIN

Fact File



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- Costs are as at October 2025 subject to exchange rate fluctuation \$AU 1:00 = \$US 0.65
 - Maximum number onboard: TWENTY-FOUR Guests
 - Costs based on twin or double share cabins
 - Travel insurance is compulsory on all our tours.
- We strongly recommend taking out travel insurance at the same time as paying your deposit.



Included:

- 7-nights onboard ensuite air-con accommodation. twin/double share
- 1-night's hotel accommodation in Male when arriving on Saturday
- All Meals onboard, one beer or wine with evening meals
- 17 SCUBA dives, including 2 or 3-night dives
- Five Experienced Maldivian dive guides 1:5 ratio
- NITROX air fills and cylinders
- Return airfares ex BNE, SYD, MEL, ADL & PER to value of \$1,200

Budget for

- Liquor and Soft Drinks other than complimentary dinner drinks as above
- Green tax \$US 12 paid in cash onboard
- Service Charge \$US 150 paid in cash onboard

Tour cost includes return Airfares to the value of \$1,200

There are many Airlines flying to Male, Maldives MLE from Australia

Singapore, Malaysia, Air Asia; all fly from Australia

Due to very slow customs entry into Male, and the boarding time of 12 noon, morning arrival in Male is not recommended: just too much stress

Best everyone arrives on Saturday and relax in overnight hotel in Male

Best Flights at November 2025; Best to book flights circa May '26

Airfares for November '25 are around \$1,200 return

Brisbane BNE Saturday 7th Fly to Sydney and join Singapore flights

Sydney SYD Saturday 7th: 12:15 > 17:35 Singapore SIN

Melbourne MEL Saturday 7th 00:30 > 05:45 KUL Kuala Lumpur

Or fly Air Asia MEL 06:15 via KUL > 20:10 MLE and return Malaysia as below

Perth PER Saturday 7th 13:50 > 19:10 Singapore SIN

Adelaide ADL Fly to Perth and join Singapore flights

Singapore Airlines SIN 20:40 > 22:15 MLE Male Maldives

Malaysia Airlines KUL 09:40 > 11:00 MLE Male Maldives

Return:

MLE Sunday 15th: 12:55 > 20:45 **SIN** 00:45 > 11:50 **SYD** Monday 16th

MLE Sun 15th 12:55 > 20:45 **SIN** 00:25 > 05:25 **PER** 07:10 > 12:35 **ADL** 16th

MLE Sunday 15th: 12:00 > 19:45 **KUL** 22:30 > 09:25 **MEL** Monday 16th

+ Even more for your enjoyment



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But wait there's more

Besides the diving/freediving/snorkeling, we can hop on islands, swim at sandy white beaches, go fishing, use water sports like Kayak, SUP, play Volleyball at beach etc.



The Dhoni: All diving is off the Dhoni, & dive operations, air fills and storage of all dive gear are on the Dhoni.





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Tour cos twin share: From \$AU 4,790
including Airfares

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