



Luxury Yacht Maldives  
& Red Sea

# MALDIVES "THE BEST 5"

## SOUTHBOUND CRUISE "MALÈ - LAAMU " or viceversa

**Recommended Period: All Year Round**

**For: Divers & Non-Divers**

3 Dives per Day / Guided Snorkeling ● Free Nitrox ● Excursions ● Underwater Scooters on Board

### THE CRUISE

**A journey through pristine atolls and a thrilling return flight soaring over the Maldivian archipelago.**

Designed for those seeking an intense experience without needing long vacations, this one-week cruise allows exploration of up to 5 or 7 different atolls, depending on the chosen route.

A unique opportunity to discover deserted islands and some of the most stunning dive and snorkeling sites in the entire archipelago, far from the well-trodden tourist paths.

Throughout the week, guests will visit uninhabited islands, enjoy dinners and aperitifs on sandbanks, explore fishing villages, and experience many unforgettable moments, fully immersed in the magic and authenticity of the Maldives.

### ACTIVITIES

A cruise ideal for **DIVERS, SNORKELERS**, and anyone eager to explore unspoiled areas of the Maldives, far from the classic central atoll routes and characterized by fewer tourists.

During our winter months, the cruise usually follows the eastern side of the atolls, where currents and visibility influenced by the Northeast Monsoon provide spectacular encounters with large pelagic and vibrant coral formations.



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## CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH SHARKS WHILE SNORKELING AND DIVING

### SNORKELING FOR EVERYONE

Snorkelers will also find an extraordinary variety of reefs to explore. The water remains pleasantly warm (around 29°C year-round), perfect for long swims among reef sharks, turtles, stunning coral formations, and a dazzling variety of reef fish. A paradise for anyone who loves the sea and wants to experience nature up close.



### FOR FISHING ENTHUSIASTS

This itinerary is also perfect for fishing groups: LUXURY YACHT MALDIVES organizes cruises dedicated to big game and trolling, targeting sailfish, marlin, kingfish, and barracuda. Fishing conditions also depend on the two monsoon seasons, so routes are chosen to maximize the ideal sea conditions. Each day includes thrilling fishing sessions – trolling, deep drop, vertical jigging, and spinning – in a breathtaking natural setting.



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# ITINERARIES

**Cruises can last a week or be extended for longer, allowing exploration of the itinerary based on the time available.**

The “MALÉ – LAAMU” cruise is available all year-round, but the best period to plan it is between December and April.

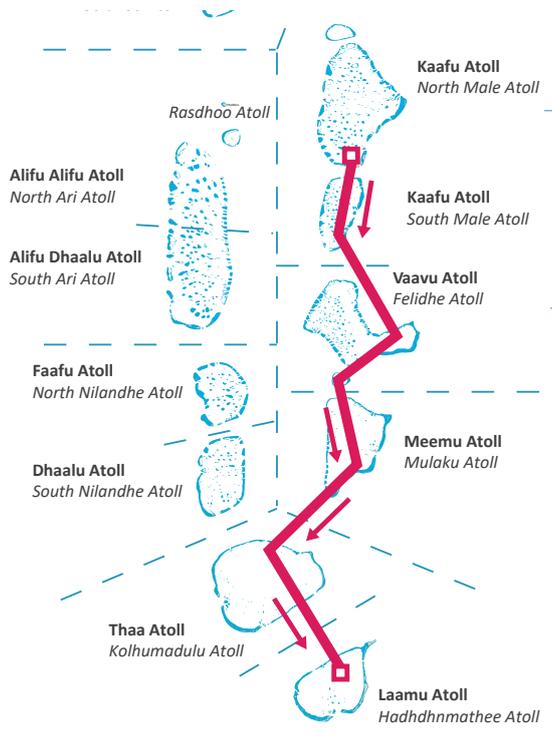
Depending on the itinerary, there are two possible travel options:

**1. Eastern Route:** Departure from Malé, cruising through the atolls of South Malé, Felidhoo (Vaavu), Vattaru, Mulaku (Meemu), Thaa, and Laamu, returning to Malé via a domestic flight from Kadhdhoo Airport;

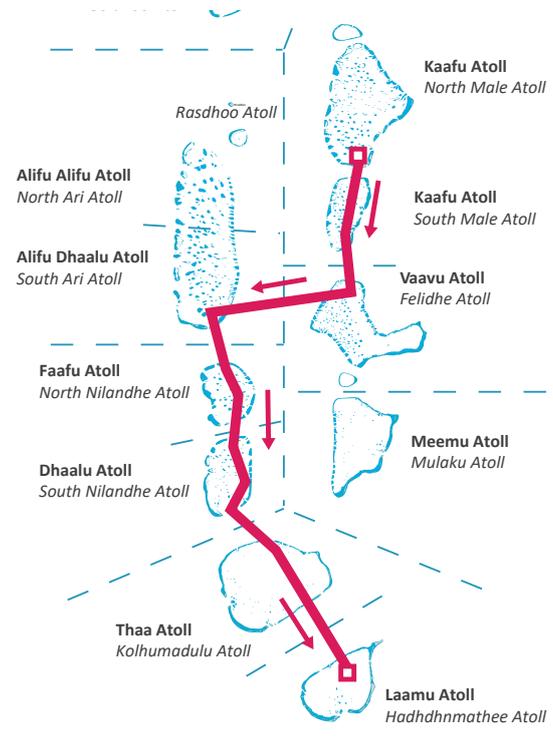
**2. Western Route:** Departure from Malé, cruising through the atolls of South Malé, Ari, Faafu, Dhaalu, Thaa, and Laamu, then flying back to Malé from Kadhdhoo Airport.

## SOUTHBOUND CRUISES

### THE BEST 5 - Malè - Laamu 1



### THE BEST 5 - Malè - Laamu 2



## SAMPLE ITINERARY

The SOUTH MALÉ and FELIDHOO (Vaavu) Atolls are the first to impress, with spectacular channel dives, big pelagic, and rich coral reefs full of both hard and soft corals. Sites such as Neru Mathi, Kandooma Thila, Miyaru Kandu, Fotteyo, and Bakeedhoo are just a few highlights that amaze even the most seasoned divers and snorkelers.

The tiny VATTARU ATOLL is another hidden gem offering beautiful caves, soft corals, Sea fans, black coral, leopard sharks, stingrays, and an untouched sandbank – perfect for both adventure seekers and those looking to relax in close contact with nature.

The MULAKU, FAAFU, and DHAALU ATOLLS feature famous channels opening like terraces into the ocean, dropping off steeply beyond 100 meters. Dives here follow vertical walls adorned with massive gorgonians and spectacular coral structures. Ocean corners offer thrilling sightings of large tuna, sharks, and barracuda, while gentle currents lead into the atolls where turtles and a rich diversity of reef fish await.

THAA ATOLL stands out for the unique structure of its channels:

shallow ledges that attract pelagic species like grey reef and whitetip sharks, jacks and barracuda, as well as extraordinary coral formations and reef fish.

At night, Thaa offers a once-in-a-lifetime experience: snorkeling with WHALE SHARKS drawn to the plankton attracted by the boat's stern lights. Anchored inside the atoll, swimming next to these “gentle giants” will be unforgettable.

Often accompanied by dolphins and occasionally pilot whales, and with breathtaking sunsets over the sea, the cruise continues to LAAMU ATOLL, far from traditional tourist routes. Here, the diving is exclusive and diverse: channels with different characteristics, encounters with various shark species, eagle rays, jacks, and—inside the lagoon—leopard and nurse sharks resting on the seabed or hiding among corals.

At the end of the cruise, a DOMESTIC FLIGHT will take participants back to Malé, flying over the very atolls they've just explored: a breathtaking end to a truly unforgettable adventure.



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## LUXURY YACHT MALDIVES

Our yachts are certified under the **EIFEC ES2001.06: HBY / HER International Standard**, a compliance system for health emergency risk management (approved by the Health Protection Agency of the Maldives).

### Our Yachts

**M/Y CONTE MAX** - *Comfort & elegance*

**M/Y DUKE OF YORK & SPA** - *Refined and exclusive*

Onboard the Duke of York, enjoy complete relaxation in the Massage Center, where our therapist will pamper you with expert care.

