

# MALDIVES CRUISING 2022 "THE BEST FIVE"

### "MALÈ - LAAMU" ON THE WAY TO THE FAR SOUTH

(itinerary available all year round on request)

A cruise between pristine atolls and an exciting return flight, flying over the archipelago, with Island Aviation. To avoid long periods of increasingly prohibitive holidays, the cruise takes place in a week offering you the opportunity to discover 5 different atolls: Departing from Male and crossing the atolls of South Male - Felidhoo - Vattaru - Mulaku - Thaa and Laamu or departing from Laamu to Male to discover deserted islands and dive sites reserved for a few enthusiasts. A unique opportunity to experience the best "passes" of the Maldives up close, as well as to enjoy a panorama of exceptional beauty and vegetation of the islands in primordial style.

During the week, there will be trips to the uninhabited islands and excursions to the fishermen's islands, to give participants some unforgettable memories while experiencing the Maldivian lifestyle.

#### DIVING

The best time to embark on this cruise is certainly during our winter months when the northeast monsoon blows in the Maldives. The success of the dives is also linked to this period, which, carried out mainly on the eastern side of the atolls, will see the best current conditions, excellent water visibility, the possibility of meeting with large pelagics. In addition to that, underwater photographers will be exposed to beautiful points for their shots.

#### The Maldives already speak their language in Felidhoo.

Separated from the atoll by the Fulidhoo canal, it is a body of water as large as the island of Elba and one of the primary destinations for diving cruises. During the northeast monsoons (December-May), thanks to the excellent diving conditions and clear waters, the chances of meeting large pelagics are extremely high. Rakeedhoo, Myaru and Devana Kandu are some of Felidhoo's spectacular dive spots with an ever-changing, exciting scenario.

An excellent diving spot in Vattaru is in the atoll pass where there are splendid caves full of alcionaries, sea fans and black coral. On the sandy bottom you can find leopard sharks and in the deep blues, tuna, barracuda, jackfish, swarms of fusiliers, manta rays and turtles.

In Mulaku, the passes are narrow and fall steeply from 30 to 100 meters; on the walls there are large fans of gorgonian, splendid madreporic formations and acropores. The external corners are generally full of cracks where you can stop and observe swarms of barracudas, large tunas, sharks and, for early risers, hammerhead sharks.



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## **CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH WHALE SHARKS WHILE SNORKELING OR DIVING**

Going down to the Thaa atoll, the diving points are characterized by passes with steps that are not very deep. The morphology of this atoll is quiet particular. On the steps of the passes you can find the concentration of pelagic fish such as gray sharks, white fin, clouds of jackfish, barracuda while on the corners you will be able to see coral formations of considerable importance, covered by reef fish. At the pass of Olugiri with a very particular morphology, having the step interrupted by a shoal rich in life with caves covered with beautiful sea fans and alcionari is one of the most beautiful points.

Similar to Suvadiva atoll, here in Thaa we also have a couple of spectacular sites, which have the particularity of attracting - at night - specimens of whale sharks who come here to hunt for food. Whale sharks, in fact, love to feast in shallow waters that are rich in plankton (their essential food), which often coincide with the interior of the lagoons of the coral atolls.

Anchored well away from waves and currents, during the evening and at night, it will be most exciting to dive simply with a mask and snorkel and swim next to these "masters of the sea", keeping them company during the most interesting moment of their day!

Accompanied by dolphins playing between the mustache of the bow, observing the beauty of the islands that slowly appear on the horizon, while enjoying the ecstatic splendid incredible sunsets with sea that turns red, the cruise then continues to Laamu Atoll.

Located completely off the tourist routes, it consists of 82 islands, 12 of which are inhabited by locals. Laamu Atoll offers exclusive dives, always in pass but depending on the position, there's different characteristics to enjoy. We therefore find diving spots characterized by the passage of Carcharinus Albimarginatus, sea eagles, carangidae, while inside the passes it is easy to meet leopard and nurse sharks resting at the bottom or find those hidden under some madreporic formation.

During the crossing between the atoll of Thaa and Laamu, it is possible to spot large cetaceans (sperm whales and whales) especially in calm conditions.

An exciting flight back to Male observing the beauty of the atolls crossed from above is the right ending for an unforgettable holiday.





## **TRAVEL POSSIBILITIES**



FISHING

**Luxury Yacht Maldives** organizes cruises for fishermen entirely dedicated to exhilarating deep sea fishing and trolling in search of sailfish, Marlin, King fish and barracuda. Fishing is influenced by the two monsoons while the variations in temperature influences the underwater currents and consequently the movement of the fish. Precisely for this reason, to enjoy the best conditions, the routes which we propose, vary according to the period. The fishermen will be gratified in this itinerary with exciting offshore and trolling fishing trips in search of large prey and at sunset with bottom fishing, observing the unforgettable scenery that surrounds them.

#### The Laamu cruise is offered by us all year round but the best time for weather conditions, currents and water visibility is definitely our winter. You can choose between two itineraries:

#### 1) EAST route:

Departure from Male to Kaddhoo (Laamu atoll), crossing the atolls of South Male, Felidhoo, Vattaru, Mulaku, Thaa and Laamu and then return to Malè with internal flight by Island Aviation **2) WEST route:** 

Departure from Male to Kaddhoo (Laamu atoll) crossing the Male atolls of South, Ari, Faafu, Dhaalu, Thaa and Laamu and then return to Male with internal flight by Island Aviation.



#### FOR SNORKELING LOVERS

This cruise offers a variety of reefs intact and very rich in sedentary life. The pleasant temperature of the water (around 28 ° C all year round) invites you to swim in this splendid sea for a long time. At the corners of the passes it is easy, even while snorkeling, to have exciting encounters with large pelagic fish. It is clear that nothing at sea can be guaranteed, but the chances of meeting some amazing creatures are very high.

#### **UNDERWATER SCOOTERS available**



## **OUR BOATS / YACHTS**



The accommodation on board our boats (superior - luxury category motor yachts) is provided in double cabins with private bathrooms, and air conditioning. Full board includes typical International and Italian cuisine based on fresh fish. On board you will be exclusive guests welcomed according to the clichés of the proverbial friendliness of the Luxury Yacht Maldives staff.

The boats are always accompanied by our loyal diving dhoni and by the comfortable tender essentials for an elite organization. This vacation will bring to you flavors of a unique and unparalleled journey unlike many other standard cruises. Don't forget the camera!

#### M/Y Conte Max with Massage Center - Comfort and Wellness

The 9 rooms (double, triple and single) have private bathrooms with hot water, shower room and independent air conditioning. In the elegant internal hall there is the living room and the dining room, while the second restaurant is located on the aft deck with a wonderful sea view. The external parts include three large decks partly covered and partly a solarium with comfortable deck chairs and a hammock for pleasant relaxation. In addition to offering excellent comfort, Conte Max has thought of a concept of a Wellness and regenerating cruise with the presence of a small Massage Center specializing in Ayurvedic treatments with a masseur present all year round.

DIVING DHONI, TENDER AND CANOE AND SUP FREE NITROX and possibility of diving with your REBREATHER. UNDERVATER SCOOTERS Available

## EXCLUSIVE SERVICE with the "DIVING DHONI", TENDER, CANOA & SUP

As for our program, one of our biggest advantages is certainly having a support dhoni (of 18/20 meters), ideal for managing diving, excursions, fishing and snorkeling.

Our boats have a new generation of Diving Dhoni's with electric generators and compressors (Aria & Nitrox) on board.

All boats are also equipped with a tent, that is available for guests tender use for short trips on the islands.

#### M/Y Duke of York with Massage Center - Refined and Exclusive

Refined yacht built in the Maldives, a synthesis of the skills of local architects and naval engineers.

Duke of York is the perfect combination of quality and service to fulfill a magnificent marine adventure. It has 11 cabins (double, triple and single) equipped with private bathroom, independent air conditioning and porthole / window.

Three large decks partly covered and partly solarium with comfortable lounge chairs sofas are available for pleasant relaxation. Moreover, in addition to the opportunity to taste different international cuisines, you can relax in the Massage Center where Ayurvedic treatments with natural fragrances, are offered by expert therapists who are attentive to the well-being of your body and in complete tranquility. Masseur present all year.

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#### **SAFETY & UNDERWATER SAFETY**

Available on our boats: "NAUTILUS LIFE LINE" dispersed underwater tracking devices – Medical OXIGEN- DEFIBRILLATOR – OZONE machine for SANITIZATION.



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