



DUNE Black Manta

# North Atolls Discovery

**10 Nights Itinerary**

North Male, Baa, & Raa

**Best Period**

August to November

**Port/Airport**

Hulhumalé - Hulhumalé

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## **North Atolls Discovery of the Maldives: A Captivating Diving Expedition**

Join Dune Black Manta Liveboard on an unforgettable journey through the North Atolls Discovery of the Maldives, where pristine coral reefs and abundant marine life await. Dive into the crystal-clear waters of North Male Atoll, Rasdhoo Atoll, and Baa Atoll, where you'll encounter manta rays, whale sharks, and vibrant schools of reef fish, making these sites some of the most stunning in the region.

In North Male Atoll, experience the excitement of diving at famous sites with dramatic drop-offs, colorful coral gardens, and the occasional sighting of reef sharks. Explore Rasdhoo Atoll, known for its pelagic encounters, and dive into Baa Atoll, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, where manta rays gather in large numbers during the season, creating a breathtaking underwater spectacle.

Beyond diving, relax on board with Dune Black Manta Massage, unwind on secluded beaches, and immerse yourself in the local Maldivian culture. This expedition combines world-class diving with relaxation and cultural exploration, offering a truly memorable experience in the Maldives' North Atolls Discovery.



# 10 NIGHTS

## NORTH ATOLLS DISCOVERY ROUTE ITINERARY

### DAY 1 HULHUMALÉ

Dune Representative will pick you up at Malé International Airport and bring you to the main boat. Enjoy a drink while listening to our Cruise Manager welcome briefing. Dinner will be served in the evening and you will spend the first night at Hulhumalé marina.

### DAY 2 & 3 NORTH MALE TO BAA ATOLLS

The trip will start discovering the dazzling long reefs or a manta point (May to Nov only) in North Malé Atoll. At only 15 m depth, you can have a chance to start the trip watching mantas looping on their cleaning stations. Corals are also abundant here, giving home to plenty of reef fish and macro species.

Baa Atoll was declared a UNESCO World Biosphere back in June 2011. Its amazing reefs of Baa offer a wide variety of marine life ranging from small fishes and turtles to the giant filter feeders, mantas and whale sharks. Walls and thilas full of hard and soft corals, plateaus, overhangs, pinnacles and swim throughs are all yours to explore.

The famous Hanifaru Bay, located on the eastern side of Baa Atoll, is one of the marine protected areas. From August to November, both whale sharks and manta rays aggregate here to devour the zooplankton blooms brought by the southwest monsoon. By regulation, only snorkeling is allowed here, but there are many fascinating dive sites for your delight just nearby.

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### DAY 4 RAA ATOLL

The cruise will move up to the Raa Atoll. More thilas and giri will be the place to be to discover an exceptional variety of parrotfish, unicorn fish, gobies, basslets, and fusiliers along with jacks, tunas, stingrays, and napoleon wrasses.

Cruising north to explore the relatively unknown and vibrant reefs. Here you will encounter more pelagic fish such as eagle rays, marble rays, grey reef sharks, white tip reef sharks, silvertip sharks, and even guitar sharks.

### DAY 5 SHAVIYANY ATOLL

Back from the far North, you will dive in the beautiful Shaviyani Atoll . Take a closer look at the dazzling reefs and encounter guitar sharks, eagle rays, and school of batfish. When night falls, you will be invited to go ashore and indulge yourself in the barbecue dinner prepared by our crew on a nearby desert island.

Flourishing soft corals and anemone gardens are famous here. The water is filled with nutrients and allows the presence and growth of rich marine life which in turn attracts its predators as well. Black tip reef sharks, white tip reef sharks, leopard sharks, and guitar sharks can be found feeding on smaller fish.

### DAY 6 NOONU ATOLL

You will dive at Christmas Tree Rock, a pinnacle shaped like a Christmas tree. Its layered ledges and plateaus, covered in vibrant soft corals—especially in shades of pink—create a breathtaking underwater landscape.

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### DAY 7 & 8 LHAVIYANY

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Going back in time to the 80's, you will dive on two ships. One of them dramatically protrudes through the surface. Both wrecks are covered in hard and soft corals and full of fish life. Exploring Maldives is also setting foot in paradise. Our crew will lead a visit to a nearby local island just before dinner.

### DAY 9 & 10 NORTH MALE

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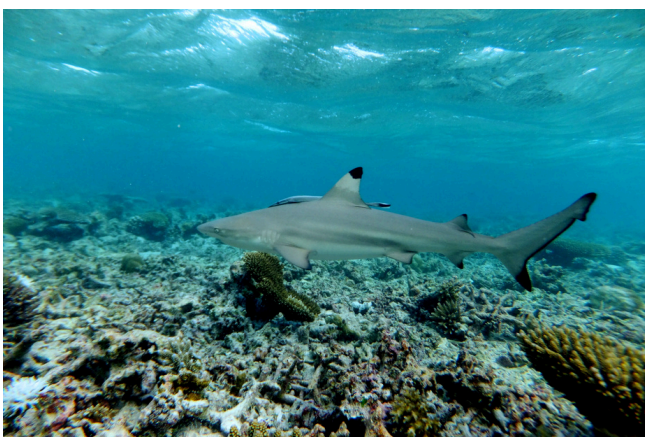
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### DAY 11 HULHUMALE

The trip is arriving at the end. Our crew will arrange the transfer to the airport according to your flight schedule once you have had your breakfast on board. We are also glad to help you plan for the day and booking for accommodations. Time to come back home with fantastic memories!

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# NORTH ATOLLS DISCOVERY GALLERY




# THE BOATS


## DUNE BLACK MANTA




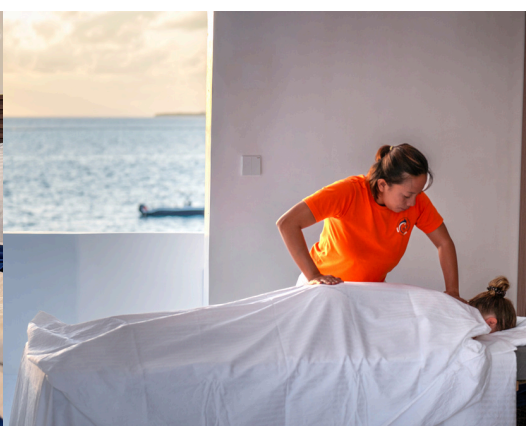
Welcome to DUNE Black Manta Liveaboard! Dive into luxury and adventure amidst the Indian Ocean's splendor. With spacious cabins, gourmet dining, and attentive service, your journey promises unforgettable moments. Explore vibrant reefs with panoramic views or join thrilling excursions to remote dive sites. Dive Dhoni offers adrenaline-fueled water sports for the daring. Welcome aboard for a voyage of a lifetime with DUNE Black Manta Liveaboard.

 **Total Cabin:** 16 Cabins, with convertible double beds (standard, deluxe & sea view cabin)

 **Entertainment:** Wi-Fi, Flatscreen TV, Sound System

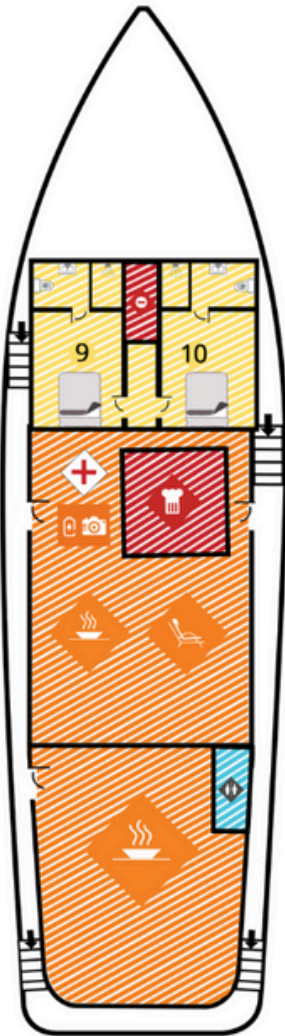
 **Safety:** Oxygen therapy, AED, First Kit Aid, Life jacket, Satellite phone, fire alarm system

 **Diving Boats:** 1 Dhoni & 1 Speedboat

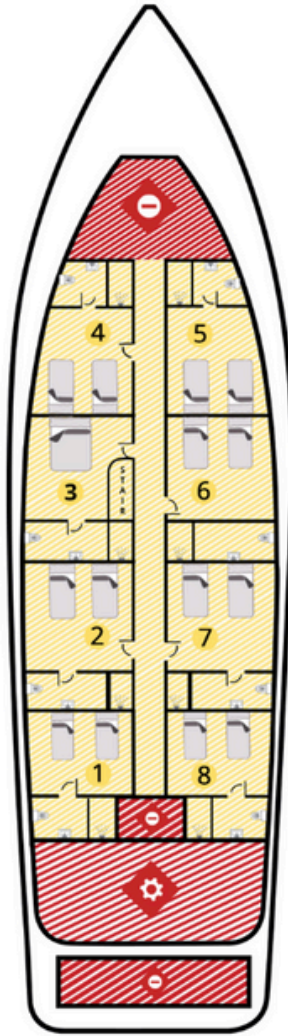


# BOAT LAYOUT

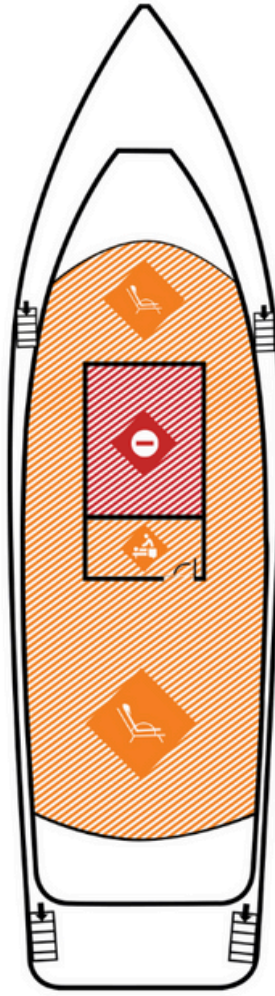
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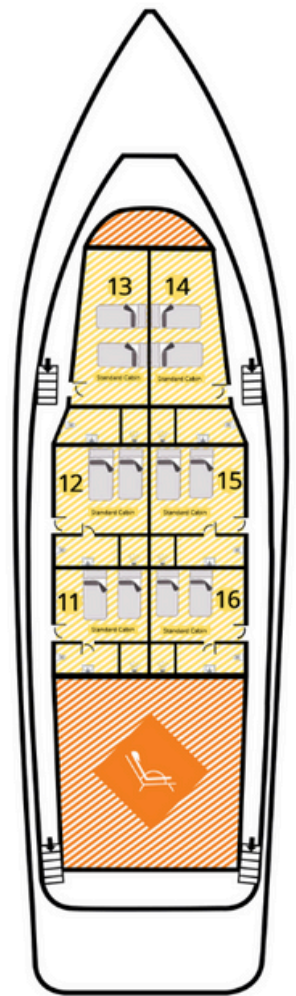
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LOWER DECK



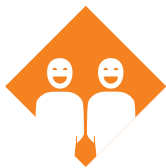
HIGH DECK



UPPER DECK



ACTIVITY AREA



FRIENDLY AREA



PRIVATE  
COMFORT  
ZONE



RESTRICTED  
TECHNICAL  
ZONE

DIVING AREA

DINING ROOM  
 COMFORT ZONE

CABINS

KITCHEN  
 ENGINE ROOM  
 STAFF ONLY



FIRST-AID  
KIT  
Trousse de  
premiers soins



RESTROOMS  
Toilettes



# ITINERARY MAP

## 10 NIGHTS TRIP





# GREEN COMMITMENT

Our company is proud to have obtained the Manta Trust, Green Fins & Sulubaai labels, testifying to our commitment to the environment with actions such as:

- Develop education programs for local communities
- Protect manta rays/mobulas through research, education, and collaboration
- Participate in beach and ocean cleanups
- We are committed to protecting marine life and we anchor most of the time, but never on the reef always on sand.
- Collect data to help understand marine litter.
- Avoid all chemicals and toxic products that could enter the ocean from our boat.
- Protect Sharks through research, education and collaboration

## OUR VALUES

We believe that we have a responsibility to protect the underwater biodiversity and we are determined to do this. We teach all our divers environmentally responsible expedition techniques to minimize our impact on the marine environment. We also educate our guests on environmentally friendly expedition practices. Beyond the marine environment, we are also committed to eco-responsible behavior on our boat, which is partly built with renewable materials. We reduce our water and energy consumption through resource-efficient practices. We also offer local and seasonal meals to limit the importation of international products. By traveling with us, you will be maximizing your contribution to the preservation of the Indonesia environment for future generations. Come and discover the underwater wonders in a responsible way.

## Our Partnerships:



# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

To start your incredible diving adventure, we have compiled some essential information to help you prepare. This includes details on diving requirements, various accommodation options, dining choices, and airport pick-up services. Whether you're an experienced diver or new to the sport, knowing these key points will ensure you have a smooth and enjoyable experience. Read on to find out everything you need to know before you dive into this unforgettable journey.



## DIVER'S LEVEL

Level 2\* CMAS or AOWD with 30 dives is required. Open Water Divers must obtain AOWD at the start of the cruise to comply with local regulations.



## FOOD

On board, both local cuisine and international menus will be served.



## ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is based on double shared cabin. Beds in some cabins can be moved to form a double bed or 2 single beds. A supplement is charged for single use of a cabin. Cabins categories (standard, superior or seaview) are subject to different tariffication if pre-booked.



## VISA & TRANSFERS

A DUNE Maldives representative will meet passengers at the airport with a "DUNE" sign, just outside the arrival hall. For Malé cruises, transfers to the boat are via Dhoni from the airport marina (20 minutes). The first transfer is at 2 pm, and the return transfer is after breakfast on the last day.

# PRICE INCLUDED & NOT INCLUDE

## Price Include

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- Transfers from the airport to the boat and from the marina.
- Double/twin shared cabin accommodation.
- Guides.
- 12 liter aluminum cylinders + DIN/Int, and diving weights.
- Professional and experienced crew.
- Meals and all soft drinks on board (excluding beer, spirits, wine, espresso coffee).
- Minimum 24 dives, with additional dives possible depending on weather conditions and flight schedules.
- Bath towels are changed at least once during the trip, depending on the duration of the cruise.
- The selected sea route will take into consideration the passengers' wishes.
- Dune reserves the right to limit dives frequency due to : weather conditions, dive level and physical conditions of passengers, and no refund would be applied.
- Nitrox.
- Wifi : the speed is limited to emails and messages such as whatsapp or viber.
- Maldivian Government Tourist Tax.
- Service Charge.
- Jacuzzi (On board of Black Manta only).

## Price Not Include

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- International flights to and from Malé.
- The supplement for a superior or sea view cabin.
- The supplement for a single cabin.
- Drinks such as beer, wine, etc
- Transfers by speed boat, airplane, or seaplane depending on special routes or unscheduled arrivals and departures.
- Diving courses, rental equipment
- Dive insurance (mandatory)
- Massage Service (On board of Black Manta only)

*\*Surcharges: Dune Black Manta Liveaboard reserves the right to apply an appropriate surcharge to its prices should economic changes (such as exchange rates, fuel prices, etc) make a material difference to its pricing structure. - A minimum of 14 days' notice will be given before such a surcharge becomes effective. - No surcharge will be applied within 28 days of departure. - If the surcharge results in an increase of 10% or more to the price of the liveaboard, dive package/dive course, then cancellation with a full refund will be allowed. Notification of the intention to cancel must be made in writing within 14 days of the notification or the surcharge.*



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