## **SHARKTASTIC**

January to April | Male to Male South Male Atoll, Vaavu Atoll, South Ari Atoll, Meemu Atoll

## ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Dive the best and most famous dive sites across Male and Ari Atoll.
- Dive channels, pinnacles, action-packed night dive with nurse sharks, get up close at the cleaning stations without disturbing the locals!
- Expect to see sharks, manta, reef fish, turtles, morays, eagle rays, abundant macro life. Possible hammerheads and whale sharks.
- We don't follow an exact itinerary; flexibility is key irrespective of the year you visit, this underwater world is yours (and ours) for the exploring.

In this period the clean ocean water flows in from the eastern side of the Maldives, This means currents running from Sumatra, Indonesia to the Maldives bring with them not just fantastic visibility up to 40m but a mass of nutrients for fish to feed which in turn attracts an array of pelagic marine life.

The Channel dives of the eastern coast of the Maldives are the main order of the day. These *Kandus*, as they are known in the local language (Dhivehi), attract grey reef sharks, dog tooth tuna and eagle rays as standard but look out into the blue and you never know what surprises await. The outer walls and corners of the channels in Vaavu and Meemu have the bonus of beautiful overhangs draping in the blues, yellows and pinks of the majestic soft coral. After the adrenaline pumping channel dives of eastern Maldives we cross over to South Ari Atoll to look for the whale sharks around the Maamagili area and mantas at Rangali Madivaru (Dhivehi for Manta Place) among other great sites such as Kudarah Thila and Kudimaa Wreck.

