# **Deep South itinerary on Horizon III**

# Addu – Fuvahmulah – Addu **Itinerary** (7 nights, 7 Shark varieties)

Horizon III has been diving in the Deep South in order to get away from the crowd and offer clients, particularly repeated clients something different from the classical central routings. These routings take place during high season (December/January/February/March/April) when the currents are really strong and visibility at its best to enjoy the abundance of sharks the Maldives has to offer.

Due to the proximity to the equator, the monsoons are less obvious and the weather is pretty stable all year round.

The dry north-east monsoon runs from December to March.

These trips have become so well-liked that they are in high demand and booked out well in advance.

If you'd like to experience pelagic diving in the open ocean.

Fuvahmulah is one of the best destinations for Tiger Sharks. 100 % guaranteed Tiger Sharks every day all year round. Thresher sharks, Hammerheads, Leopard Shark, Silvertip sharks, Grey reef, nurse shark White Tip Shark, Black oceanic mantas birostris.

The schools of pelagic fish. A rich variety of alive corals.

This trip will start in Addu Atoll. Addu is the southernmost atoll in the Maldives.

It is less affected by the monsoon tides and currents and makes it the best place for diving with the big pelagics all year round.

There have been over 18 Dives Sites discovered in the Fuvamulah region.

sites are swarming with sharks and sometimes juvenile and adult tiger sharks are seen. This trip is ideal for Advanced divers.

There's a database of 65 registered Manta Rays in the Addu region. (All

This makes for wonderful, and hugely exciting dive sites. Some of the

have been identified by the pattern on their belly. Manta rays can be seen all year round. The success rate of seeing a manta ray is 95 to 99% There's been 40

Tiger Shark spotted in Fuvahmulah. Addu has a lot of extremely large fish. Our guests love diving on

You can see sharks every day. You can also see humpheads, and with some luck, you can encounter a group 10 to 15 humpheads. Lots of Anemones. With the right current, you can meet up to 10,000 Mackerels.

**Itinerary Highlights:** 

Horizon III,

- Unique one-way itinerary, diving both above and below the equator
- Hammerheads, bull sharks, silky sharks, grey reef sharks and
- silvertips Guaranteed tiger shark encounters at Fuvahmulah Atoll
- Chance of threshers, oceanic mantas, and whale sharks
- Dive the largest wreck in the Maldives the WWII British Loyalty
- Night dive included in the schedule

### **7 Shark Varieties Maldives**

The Maldives – the world's most abundant home of 'friendly and safest' sharks.

There have been no reports of a shark attack in the last three decades makes Maldives one of the safes destinations for Shark Diving.

There are hundreds (perhaps thousands) of grey reef sharks in the Maldives, none of them are dangerous.

Yet in the Pacific ocean, the same species is known to attack humans.

In the Maldives, there are white tips, black tips, greys, nurse sharks, silky sharks, leopard sharks, hammerheads, whale sharks and down South in an island called Fuvahmulah just past the equator thresher sharks and tiger sharks are regularly spotted. ROughlt 40 Tiger Sharks have been spotted in Fuvahmulah.

The Maldives has probably the most diverse shark population in the world.



# **Thresher Sharks**

Thresher shark is a rarely-seen shark among many divers in the world.

Threshers are widespread in the tropical and sub-tropical Indo Pacific but are rarely seen by divers.

They are deep-water sharks, staying at a few hundred metres. They have pointed, cone-shaped heads with small mouths that extend back beyond the eyes.

The Thresher Shark is a very unique and identifiable shark with an extra large tail fin

# **Tiger Sharks**

The Tiger Shark is the second biggest predatory shark in the world, after the Great White. The sharks are daily seen, are mostly females, many of them pregnant. Average size ranges from 2 to 4 m (but some are more than 5 m). These sharks are not aggressive. There was no accident with the shark attack in local waters.

The Tiger can be identified by his tiger-like stripes on his upper body and sheer size. Fuvahmulah is hidden heaven for Tiger Sharks – but divers are well-advised to swim away from the shark quietly and without panicking. Safety is our TOP priority.

Divers can see dozens of Tiger sharks every day. There are the shallow cleaning stations of Thresher Sharks.

One of the massive Black Oceanic Mantas Brostrics and Mobula Tarapacana use Fuvahmulah reef as cleaning station throughout the year.

Seasonally they arrive for matting when divers can enjoy dozens of them exposing playful breeding behavior.

The gorgeous schools of Great and Scalloped Hammerheads stay on the current.

Giant whale sharks are encountered in Fuvahulah throughout the year. Longimanus and Mola-Mola have also been spotted!

see all together, throughout the year, in a natural environment and comfortable conditions.

Fuvahmulah is only the place when all these rare pelagic are available to



British Loyalty was sunk by torpedo attack at the end of world war 2.

This wreck is about 30 minutes from Shangri-la Maldives.

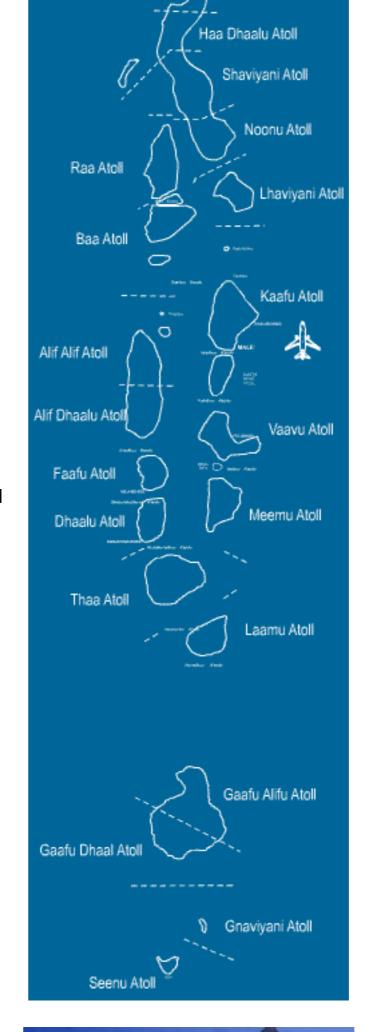
**Southernmost Part** We will be visiting the Southernmost part of the Maldives where you can

# **Addu Nature Park**

take a selfie picture.

Loyalty shipwreck.

Addu Nature Park consists of 3 Protected Areas; Eydhigali Kilhi and Koattey area, Manta point off Kandihera- Maakandu channel and British



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