

MALDIVES 2018 - Scuba & relax cruises a world of emotions !

"THE BEST SEVEN" (Malè - Laamu – Huvadho - Addu)



Huvadho atoll is the second largest atoll in the world. Located just over the equator, Huvadho is linked to Malé (300 km approximately) by Island Aviation domestic flights.

The route to Huvadho is off the beaten track. There are no big resorts in the atoll's islands and mass tourism has still to come. A cruise to Huvadho offers the chance to visit the most paradisiac spots of the Maldives and to get caught by the exotic charm of an out-of-the-way destination, where sea turtles and frigates nest undisturbed on primeval islands.

The best season to visit the atoll is from January to April, when the north-east monsoon blows and the weather conditions are settled with reduced rainfalls.

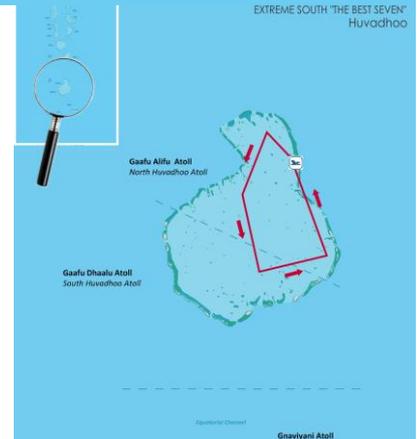
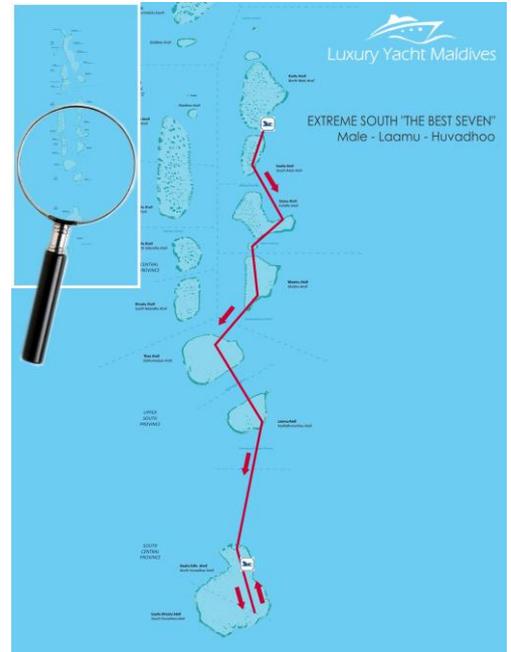
Other than diving you can do snorkelling trips, landings on deserted beaches, tours to fishermen islands and the purchase of local products are also outstanding.

Everything in Huvadho holds a rare and characteristic

fascination you'll find hard to match elsewhere.

All southern atolls of the archipelago show the same unspoiled beauty and the typical Maldivian environment of 20 years ago. Huvadho is a dream destination where one can leave the frenzy of urban life behind and entirely enjoy the contact with a flourishing nature. Therefore diving and snorkelling take place in exclusive, isolated sites, the most captivating in the whole archipelago. Amazing coral formations, astonishing wilderness: school of grey reef sharks, eagle rays, Jacks and big hunting tunas... are the common encounters. **Luxury Yacht Maldives** has been the first company to organize scuba cruises to the far south for more than 20 years, and offers several **TRIP OPTIONS**: one week, two weeks or 10 days live-aboard cruise.

1. 14 nights cruise MALE'-HUVADHOO: return from Kaadedhdhoo airport to Malé by Island Aviation domestic flight.
2. 7 nights cruise LAAMU- HUVADHOO: departure from Malé to Kadhdhoo airport (Laamu atoll) by Island Aviation domestic flight and cruise to Huvadho atoll. Return to Malé by Island Aviation.
3. 7 nights cruise HUVADHOO: this option offers the chance to explore Huvadho below and above the surface in seven days. Arrival and departure by round trip flight.
4. 10 nights cruise with three routes options:
A/Malè'-Huvadho - B/ Huvadho -C/ Huvadho -Malè



Live-aboard cruise to HUVADHOO – DIVING (MALE South- FELIDHOO –MULAKU)

These atolls are the starting posts on the route to the southerner area of the Maldivian archipelago. Navigation will be fast, but we won't miss the chance to dive in the spectacular sea sites of the atolls, which are very popular amongst all Maldives "connoisseur". It would be a perfect starter: the main courses are waiting in front of our bow heading South.



THAA ATOLL

Thaa atoll is constituted by 66 islands of which 13 are inhabited. The atoll's dive sites are typically located in passes featuring not too deep drop-offs edges. The landform of this atoll is also very peculiar. Pelagic species, as grey reef and white tip reef sharks, altogether with jackfish and barracudas, they gather along the drop-offs edges. Reef corners are covered without standing coral formations teaming with colourful reef fishes.



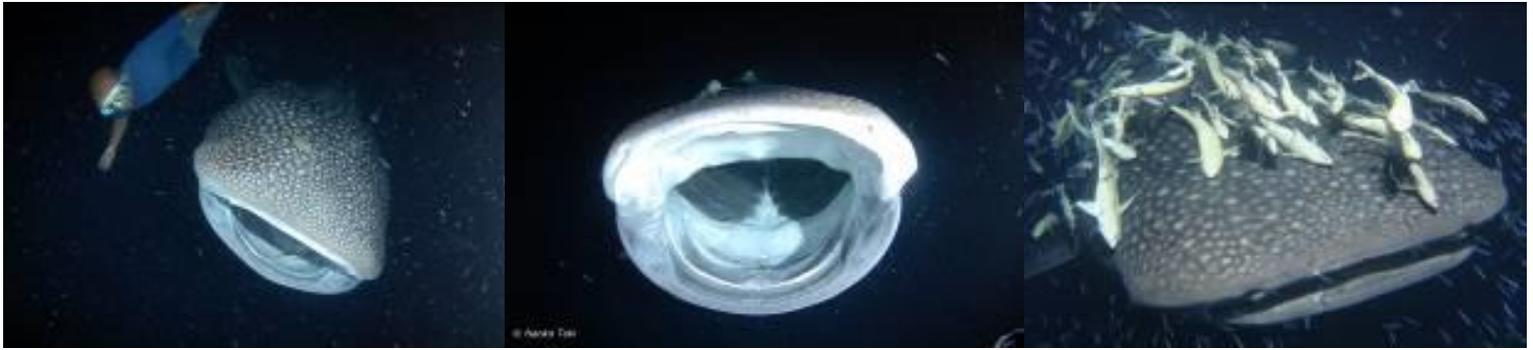
LAAMU ATOLL



Laamu Atoll offers very particular dive sites too. Far off the touristic routes, the atoll is constituted by 82 islands of which 12 are inhabited by fishermen. The atoll hosts many passes differing from each other according to their position. During the north-east monsoon many *Carcharinus albimarginatus* (silver tip sharks), eagle rays and jackfish congregate along the passes on the eastern side of the atoll. In the inner lagoons, underneath the coral overhangs, zebra and nurse sharks are an easy encounter. After leaving Laamu from Hithadhoo pass nearby, we will head to Huvadhoo atoll.

HUVADHOO ATOLL

The passes of the atoll's eastern side give divers the perfect chance to admire an extraordinary marine life in a pristine underwater environment. You will rapidly notice the fish abundance in these waters since your first dives on the typical shoals - "thile" in Maldivian - of this area. Sailing from west to east, we will approach the passes of Huvadhoo, that many divers consider by far the best dives of the whole archipelago because of their abundance of pelagic species. Huvadhoo coast features plenty of long shaped islands, which are detached from each other by narrow channels at most some hundred metres wide - named "kandu". Through these gates marine predators enter the reef, and divers can get the chance to sight them in large shoal. Usually the edges of the drop-offs provide shelter from current, allowing almost effortless dives on the channels hot spots. Here you can stop at a reasonable depth waiting for the passage of grey reef and white tip sharks, eagle rays and tunas: a "rendez-vous" that all big fishes and marine predators lovers cannot miss. With just a little bit of luck, lonely manta rays, or even tiger and hammerhead sharks, will show up for a rapid glance to the reef. Days follow one another excitingly and anything but exhausting. Surface time flows pleasantly marked by some sunbathing, landings on unspoiled beaches, snorkelling in shallow waters and making excursions to Maldivian villages.



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS.... With THE WHALE SHARKS OF HUVADHOO

Years of diving and constant sailing in these waters are the strong points of the crews of **Luxury Yacht Maldives**. Our crew members also discovered ultimate, undisclosed dive sites where small specimen of whale sharks hunt for food in the night time. After a couple of years of survey, our crews realized that the sites were a sort of hideaway for the local whale sharks and the sighting of these pacific giants was not just a lucky strike, but a regular encounter; of course our staff is keen to keep this spot secret and away from mass divers. Even non divers can watch the show: whale sharks, in facts, enjoy banqueting in shallow waters rich of plankton - their essential food - and the inner lagoons suit their needs best. Comfortably moored in a sheltered lagoon, away from heavy seas, the thrill of the evening hours would be a swim with these amazing creatures, jumping in the water with just a mask and a snorkel. Feeding is definitely the most interesting moment of a whale shark's day. In order to ingest some plankton, a whale shark spends hours on filtering tons of sea water.

FISHING:

Huvadhoo atoll and especially the "one and half degree" canal that splits Huvadhoo and Laamu, cover a large area featuring 200/300 metres of sea bottom where fishes largely abound. The two seasonal monsoons influence underwater currents, water temperature and therefore stock shift and fishing.

Deep sea fishing/trolling in Maldivian waters is an unforgettable experience for beginners and experienced as well. Our crews are highly skilled in the art of fishing and are able to give precious advices and tips, making your fishing cruise more enjoyable.

On our yachts you can join **the Flyfishing cruises** (catch and release fishing technique).



FOR SNORKELLING LOVERS

This cruise option would take you along a huge variety of pristine reefs rich of sedentary marine life. A pleasant water temperature of approximately 28°C all year round invites to long finning sessions in these spectacular waters. Around the corners of the passes big pelagics are an easy and exciting encounter even for snorkelers. Their sightings are not guaranteed, but the chances of a great spotting are always high.

To guarantee maximum enjoyment of the wonders of the sea, participants will be accompanied by an expert guide. During the excursion the guide will share with participants useful information on the sea creatures spotted and on the characteristics of the place, as well as showing the best observation spots to watch fascinating scenery and sea life. The guide will also give useful advice on

equipment and techniques to be used when entering or exiting the water.

OUR BOATS/YACHTS



M/Y Conte Max & Spa - Wellness and Comfort

M/Y Conte Max offers 9 cabin (double, triple and one single), all with en-suite bathroom (WC/shower, hot water) and independent air conditioning. An elegant, huge dining area below deck hosts the lounge and the dinette. An additional restaurant on the afterdeck offers an astonishing sea view. Conte Max features three wide decks, partially shaded. Designed as solarium, the sundecks are fitted with comfortable sun chairs and a hammock for your relax. Conte Max, beyond its excellent comfort level, comes out of a **Wellness and Soothing Liveaboard Concept**: a small **massage center**, specialized in **Ayurvedic treatment** is run by a masseur all year round. The Yacht is equipped with a Diving Dhoni, a tender and a canoe.

NITROX FOR FREE/ possibility to dive with **REBREATHER**



M/Y Duke of York & Spa - Refined and Exclusive

Luxury Yacht Maldives presents the M/Y Duke of York, a refined yacht built in the Maldives, a synthesis of local naval architects and designers talent. It represents a new way to live a splendid marine adventure. The vessel offers 11 cabins (double, triple and one single) fitted with en-suite bathrooms, independent air conditioning and porthole windows. You will appreciate the chance to enjoy a wide menu selection from international cuisines and relax in the **massage centre**. Here experienced therapists will take care of your body wellness offering Ayurvedic and natural fragrances, treatments in a complete tranquil environment. Masseur on board all year round.

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EXCLUSIVE SERVICE with the "DIVING DHONI " and DINGHY

About our programme, one of its biggest advantages is definitely having a **DIVING DHONI** at our disposal. This 18/20 m. boat is an ideal vessel for running diving activities and all sea activities. On Diving Dhoni we have generator on board with electric compressors for Air and Nitrox.

All boats have a **DINGHY**, available to the guests for island landings, snorkelling and other activities.



SAFETY ON BOARD Nautilus Life Line VHS –Radio w/GPS for diving.

FOR UNDERWATER VIDEO / PHOTOGRAPHERS

Our yachts offer an area in the saloon dedicated to camera & video equipped with charging points at 220 V.

"THE BEST SEVEN" : a Liveaboard cruise for everybody

Divers & Snorkellers – Sea lovers – Families and kids related programmes
Wellness & Relax – Anglers/fisherman – Wave surfers

2018 "THE BEST SEVEN" PROGRAM

Liveaboard schedule	MY Duca di York	Liveaboard schedule	MY Conte Max
	Central Atolls	from 12 to 19 February	Malè - Laamu
from 18 to 25 February	Malè - Laamu	from 19 to 26 February	Laamu - Huvadho
from 26 February to 05 March	Laamu - Huvadho	from 26 February to 05 March	Huvadho
from 05 to 12 March	Huvadho	from 05 to 12 March	Huvadho
from 12 to 19 March	Huvadho	from 12 to 19 March	Huvadho - Laamu
from 19 to 26 March	Huvadho - Laamu	from 19 to 26 March	Laamu - Malè
from 26 March to 02 April	Laamu - Malè		Central Atolls



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