

A group of manta rays swimming in clear blue water. The rays are dark with lighter underbellies, and their long, thin pectoral fins are spread out. They are swimming in various directions, creating a sense of movement and grace.

LIVEABORD MALDIVES
SEAROSE II

HANIFARU
SPECIAL
MANTAS

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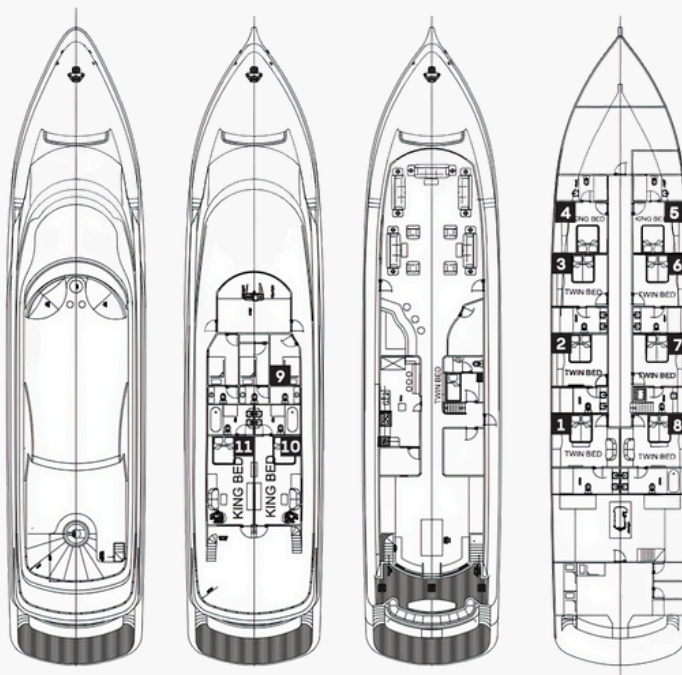
SeaRose II

The beautiful 45m SeaRose II Liveaboard schedules year-round diving cruises to the crystal clear waters of the Maldives. Diving takes place from the 17m fully equipped dedicated diving Dhoni

Topside the SeaRose II has 11 well-appointed cabins, each with its own A/C and en-suite bathrooms, accommodating up to 20 guests. Aboard the SeaRose II, there is plenty of room for relaxation, either in the dining area with a fully stocked bar or in a spacious lounge with flat-screen TV and entertainment system. Or, guests can choose to relax outside on the sundeck with a hot tub and take in the beautiful Maldives views. Let the professional and experienced and dedicated local and international crew as well as Dive Masters and Instructors aboard the SeaRose II help you to create a memorable diving vacation in the Maldives.

SHIP SPECIFICATIONS

- Year renovated: 2022
- Length: 45 m
- Beam: 40 feet (12m)
- Top speed: 14 knots
- Cruising speed: 9 knots
- Engines: 720hp V
- type Doosan Daewoo-diesel
- Max guests: 20
- Number of cabins: 11
- Number of bathrooms: 11
- Tenders: 60 feet Dive Dhoni
- Water capacity: 18000 liters
- Fuel capacity: 6000 liters
- Freshwater maker: 2000 liters per day





ITINERARY

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Arrival at Malé Airport (Maldives). Transfer to SEAROSE II boat (boarding approximately at 11:00 AM). Introduction of the crew, briefing, and cabin assignment. Generally, the route starts towards North Malé or North Ari, and we usually have a dive in the afternoon.

DAY 2

Impressive Thilas and Night Diving with Mantas

We explore the most spectacular thilas in North Ari, such as Battala Thila and Fish Head, renowned for their biodiversity and the presence of large schools of fish and reef sharks.

At dusk, we will enjoy a special dive in Fesdu Bay, where we can witness mantas feeding in the darkness—a truly unique experience.

DAY 3

Atoll Change and Reef Shark Diving

We head north to Rashdoo Madivaru, where we will dive in channels and coral reefs, areas known for frequent encounters with reef sharks, rays, and schools of tropical fish.

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We venture into Baa Atoll, a fully protected marine reserve famous for its thilas and manta cleaning stations. For two days, we will monitor conditions for the opportunity to enter Hanifaru Bay, a UNESCO-protected sanctuary, where we can snorkel among dozens or even hundreds of feeding mantas—a truly breathtaking experience.

DÍA 6

Return to North Malé and Dive with Pelagic Life

We begin our journey back to North Malé, exploring reefs teeming with marine life. In this area, it is possible to spot eagle rays, large schools of fish, and other pelagic species in their natural habitat.

DIA 7

An Epic Finale at Shark Tank

To end the cruise on a high note, we will complete two dives at the iconic Shark Tank, a dive site that amazes every diver. Here, you can encounter bull sharks, lemon sharks, the giant great hammerhead shark, spinner sharks, guitarfish, and stingrays. An unforgettable dive that will make you want to return to the Maldives.

DÍA 8

Farewell and Transfers

Breakfast on board and transfer to the airport at 8:30 AM. Depending on flight schedules, passengers can take advantage of the day to visit Malé, relax at a resort, or stay in a guesthouse. SubMaldives will be happy to assist in coordinating these options.

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MALDIVES

Maldives is located southeast of India just above the equator meridian. The different atolls that make up the Maldives are the tops of submerged volcanoes sculpted by ocean currents and covered for thousands of years by corals.

In this area we find two seasons, the NE current from November to April (our winter) and the SW current from May to October (our summer) being able to practice diving throughout the year. During the NE current the waters are clearer in the eastern part of the atoll, while in the NO current they are clearer in the western part.

Active currents bring a lot of movement by pelagic predators, with a wide variety of sharks and rays mainly in the channels. The nutrient-rich waters create a perfect environment for large plankton eaters such as manta rays or whale sharks.

TYPES OF DIVES

KANDUS

They are the steps through which the oceanic water enters the interior of the atolls, which provide a large amount of nutrients and therefore we can see the entire food chain, from small fish to large pelagic fish and it is where we will find most sharks, the white tips, the gray, the "silver tips"... Being the area where the reef "narrows" the current that comes from the open sea can be strong, and you know, in diving where there is current there is life...

THILAS

A Thila is a submerged coral reef, usually with a flat surface that rises between 9 and 12 meters below the surface of the sea. On the sides we can find caves, in this dive you can see large schools of fish and hard and soft coral. Thilas are usually found both in the channels and within the atoll.

GIRIS

They are small round corals that protrude a few meters above sea level, although they are submerged. It is an environment rich in life like the Thilas, with caves and holes

OUT REEF

The reef fringe usually begins at a depth of 2 meters, reaching 40m. in deep areas. In the outer part of the atoll we will find a transit area where whale sharks, manta rays, hammerhead sharks and gigantic tuna swim in the open sea of Maldives.



MANTA CLEANING STATION

Manta ray cleaning stations in the Maldives are key spots where these majestic animals gather to have small cleaner fish remove parasites and dead skin from their bodies. These sites, located across various atolls in the archipelago, offer unforgettable diving experiences, allowing divers to observe mantas' natural behavior up close in their habitat.

Diving at these stations provides prolonged encounters with manta rays as they gracefully glide over the reefs in a cleaning ritual. It is a unique opportunity for photographers and diving enthusiasts who seek to explore marine life with respect and admiration.

SNORKEL WHIT MANTAS HANIFARU

Hanifaru Bay, part of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in the Maldives, is one of the world's most impressive marine sanctuaries. During the monsoon season, this site becomes a feeding hotspot for dozens of manta rays and, occasionally, whale sharks.

Unlike cleaning stations, where diving is allowed, only snorkeling is permitted in Hanifaru Bay to minimize human impact on marine life. Floating alongside these ocean giants in crystal-clear waters and watching them glide gracefully as they feed is an unparalleled experience.



BAA ATOLL

Baa Atoll was declared a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in 2011. Its main attraction is Hanifaru Bay, named after the nearby uninhabited island. In July 2009, it was designated a marine reserve, becoming a major draw for divers. Under specific wind and current conditions during the southwest monsoon, this funnel-shaped bay becomes a massive plankton accumulator.

This natural phenomenon does not go unnoticed by large filter feeders—dozens of manta rays and several whale sharks enter the bay, intertwining in a majestic feeding dance. This sublime act of nature has seen gatherings of over a hundred mantas alongside multiple whale sharks at the same time.

On the Baa Atoll Route, we can also dive in the stunning thilas near the bay.

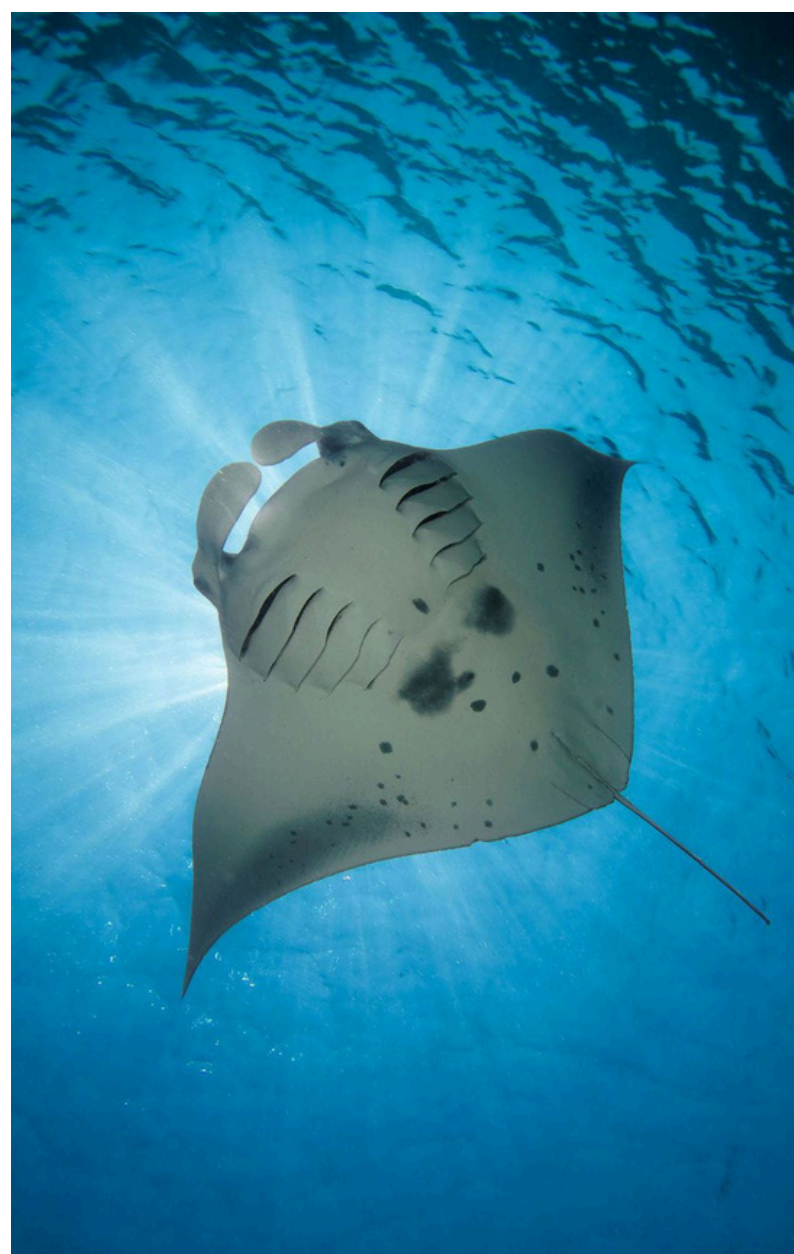


NORTH MALÉ ATOLL

Located in the heart of the Maldives, North Malé Atoll is part of the capital, Malé, and is one of the country's most popular diving destinations.

One of its most well-known sites is Lankan Finolhu, where manta rays can be found during the southwest monsoon season. This cleaning station is an ideal spot to observe these majestic creatures up close as they are attended to by small cleaner fish.

Another impressive site is Shark Tank, located near the fishing harbor. This breathtaking dive offers encounters with various shark species, including the spinner shark, giant hammerhead shark, lemon shark, bull shark, tiger shark, and the enigmatic guitarfish.



NORTH ARI ATOLL

Both experienced and novice divers will find dives suited to their level in Ari Atoll, with its stunning hard and plate coral formations.

Within the atoll, we find Fish Head, a thila considered one of the two best dives in the Maldives. We also explore Battala Thila, and end the day with a magical night dive with mantas in Fesdu Bay.



RASHDOO

Rasdhoo is an atoll located north of Ari, where we will dive in a channel with pelagics and shallow reefs, where we can observe blacktip reef sharks, marine life, and a great diversity of different species of coral and fish.



INCLUDES

- All necessary transfers in Maldives
- 7 nights aboard the SeaRos II in a standard double cabin
- Full board including water, coffee, and tea
- 18 dives (Includes 1 at night)
- 12l bottles and diving weights
- Maldivian local guides

DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Flight ticket
- 15 l. bottles
- Necessary diving equipment
- Medical and dive insurance mandatory
- Alcohol
- Barbecue on a desert island (provided the weather conditions and timing are favorable)
- Nitrox
- Everything not specified in the section "the price includes"
- Entrance to hanifaru bay for snorkeling \$20 usd (2-3 times)
- 100 dollars tip
- Government tax





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