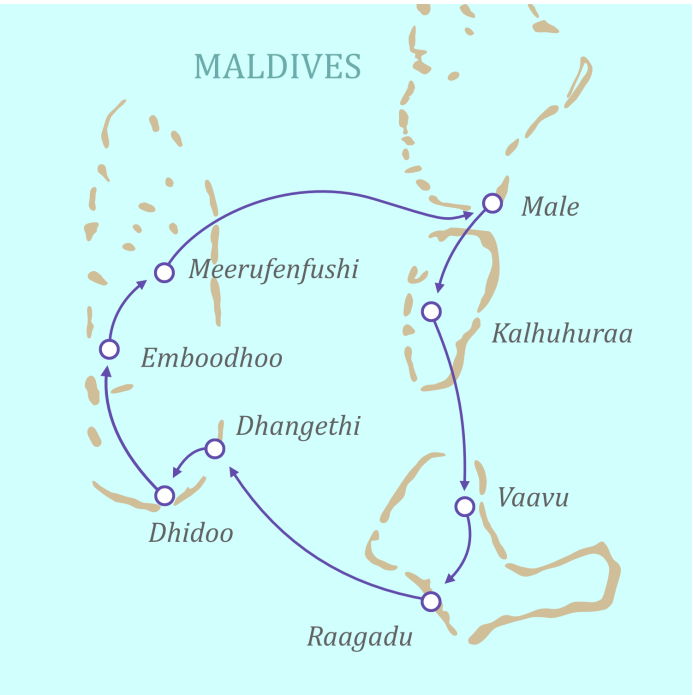


BEST OF CENTRAL ATOLL - MALDIVES CRUISE (WEEK 2)

Explore the Central Atolls of the Maldives aboard Leira, journeying through the spectacular South Male, Vaavu and Ari Atolls. Designed for both snorkellers and divers, this carefully curated voyage blends exceptional marine encounters with the laid-back charm of the Maldives, from pristine sandbanks and uninhabited islands to traditional local communities. Between world-class underwater experiences and idyllic beach stops, guests can enjoy the perfect balance of adventure, relaxation and authentic island discovery. Disclaimer: please note this cruise needs a minumum of 8 passengers booked on to be a confirmed sailing. Please do not book flights or any pre/post accomodation until we have confirmed your cruise. This cruise can be combined to be a 14-day cruise, please email our sales team at info@small-cruise-ships.com for more information.



ITINERARY

Day 1: Maamigili

Leira will anchor off Maamigili Domestic Airport to facilitate mid-cruise arrivals and departures.

Guests continuing onboard for the second week will enjoy excursions and activities arranged
for the day.



Diving may be arranged depending on dhoni availability.

Day 2: Hurasdhoo

Enjoy a short cruise northwest through Ari Atoll to Hurasdhoo, a small, deserted island surrounded by white sand. The island offers easy access to a pleasant house reef for snorkelling. Beach umbrellas will be provided when conditions permit.

(Optional excursion)

Manta Ray Excursion**:** Travel to Rangali Madivaru, a known manta ray cleaning station. The peak season is generally from January through April. *This excursion is chargeable and subject to availability and conditions.*

Diving

Angaga Thila : A small pinnacle with a top reef at approximately 6-8 metres. Turtles often feed on the coral while sharks may cruise in the current.

Aiyabe Thila : A 100-metre-long pinnacle with beautiful hard and soft corals beneath a large overhang. Sharks may be seen during drift conditions

Day 3: Bulhalhohi

Visit Bulhalhohi, a small, deserted island with easy access to a vibrant house reef. Enjoy morning and afternoon excursions, with lunch served onboard.

Sunset cruise and night fishing

Combine a sunset cruise with traditional hand-line bottom fishing. Enjoy music and a drink as the sun sets before trying to catch reef fish. Guests are encouraged to practice catch-and-release and sustainable fishing. The crew will be happy to retain a fish for dinner when appropriate.

Day 4: Embudhu

Visit Embudhu, a small, deserted island on the western edge of Ari Atoll. The island features a long white-sand beach, a few plantations, and a good house reef for snorkelling. Turtles and eagle rays may be seen with a little luck.

Morning and afternoon excursions will be arranged, with beach umbrellas provided when conditions permit.

Night manta snorkelling

After the island excursions, Leira will cruise toward Fesdhoo Lagoon. The dive support dhoni will depart early to secure a suitable location and illuminate the lagoon with floodlights to attract plankton. If manta rays are present before dinner, divers and snorkelers will be transferred by tender to the dhoni for an unforgettable night feeding experience.

Diving

Moofushi Kandu : A channel dive featuring a manta ray cleaning station. The site is rich in marine life, and incoming currents may bring grey reef sharks, whitetip reef sharks, and eagle rays.



Embudhu Thila : A small pinnacle with a shallow top reef at approximately 5-6 metres. Healthy coral surrounds the pinnacle, which is home to many reef fish.

Day 5: Meerufenfushi

Spend the day at Meerufenfushi, a small picnic island in the centre of Ari Atoll. Its well-developed surrounding reef is popular with snorkelers, and turtles, rays, and abundant fish may be seen.

Morning and afternoon excursions will be arranged.

In the evening, enjoy one of the highlights of the cruise: sunset cocktails followed by a beach barbecue and a small celebration on the island. Later, Leira will cruise toward Maaya Sandbank.

Diving

Fish Head :One of the region's most famous underwater pinnacles, featuring dramatic overhangs and abundant marine life.

Kandu Thila :A narrow-submerged reef inside a wide channel. White-tip reef sharks, grey reef sharks, and Napoleon wrasse may be encountered

Day 6: Maaya Sandbank or Rasdhoo Madivaru

Visit Maaya Sandbank or Rasdhoo Madivaru, a large sandbank on the northern edge of Ari Atoll. Common seabirds may be seen resting on the sand, while the surrounding reef offers attractive snorkeling with coral and abundant fish.

After the day's excursions, Leira will begin the approximately 40-nautical-mile journey back toward the Male region, generally cruising after sunset. In favorable conditions, the boat will anchor before bedtime.

Diving

Maaya Thila :One of the Maldives' most famous night dive sites. Sharks and stingrays are often active here after dark.

Bathalaa Maaga Kan :An extension of the reef that slopes into a channel, where larger pelagic species may pass through

Day 7: Final Excursions

Enjoy a final snorkelling excursion in the morning aboard the dive support dhoni--the perfect opportunity for one last swim in the Indian Ocean.

_Final dive -- Shark Tank _

For certified divers, an optional final dive may be arranged at Shark Tank, renowned for its impressive marine life. Depending on conditions and a little luck, divers may encounter: Schools of spinner sharks Hammerhead sharks Tiger sharks Bull sharks Guitar sharks Stingrays.

Important : This dive is available only to guests with a minimum 24-hour pre-flight interval. Guests departing before the required 24-hour surface interval will not be permitted to



participate. The dive is also subject to weather, sea conditions, currents, safety considerations, and Captain and dive-team approval.

In the afternoon, the dhoni will transfer guests to Male, the capital of the Maldives. Explore the local and fish markets, stroll through the city, enjoy an ice cream, or shop for last minute souvenirs

Day 8: Departure

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast overlooking the Indian Ocean before the crew arranges your transfer to the airport.
Guests remaining onboard for the following cruise may enjoy a relaxing day on Leira.

Important information

Optional excursions are available on request and are subject to availability,
weather, sea conditions, and marine-life sightings.

The itinerary may change due to weather, currents, island availability, operational
requirements, or the Captain's discretion.

If a planned island is unavailable, an alternative destination offering similar
activities will be provided.

Beach barbecues will be arranged on the island when weather conditions permit.
If necessary, the barbecue and evening entertainment will be moved onboard.

The following day's itinerary will be reviewed during the evening briefing.

Chargeable excursions will be added to your cabin account and settled at
check-out.

No islands or sandbanks are located near Male for visits on arrival or
departure days.

Dive sites listed in this itinerary are examples and are not guaranteed. Final dive site selections will be made during the daily briefing based on season, currents,
weather, sea conditions, marine life, and other operational considerations.

Marine-life sightings, including nurse sharks, manta rays, whale sharks, turtles,
and eagle rays, cannot be guaranteed.



YOUR SHIP: LEIRA

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VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:



Leira brings a distinctive approach to yachting in the Maldives, combining refined comfort with exceptional opportunities for both leisure and diving enthusiasts. Accommodating just 24 guests in 14 premium suites across three decks, the yacht offers an intimate and relaxed atmosphere designed for immersing guests in the beauty of the archipelago. Spacious indoor and outdoor lounges, a spa, elegant dining venues, and a dedicated bar provide inviting spaces to unwind between adventures. Whether enjoying a sunset from the deck, exploring vibrant coral reefs, trying a range of water sports, fishing, or visiting remote island communities, every voyage is shaped by the natural wonders of the Maldives. Supported by specialist equipment and dedicated support vessels, Leira offers seamless access to the ocean both above and below the surface. Carefully curated 7-night and 14-night itineraries allow guests to experience the remarkable diversity of the islands, combining relaxation, exploration, and authentic encounters in one of the world's most captivating marine environments.



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