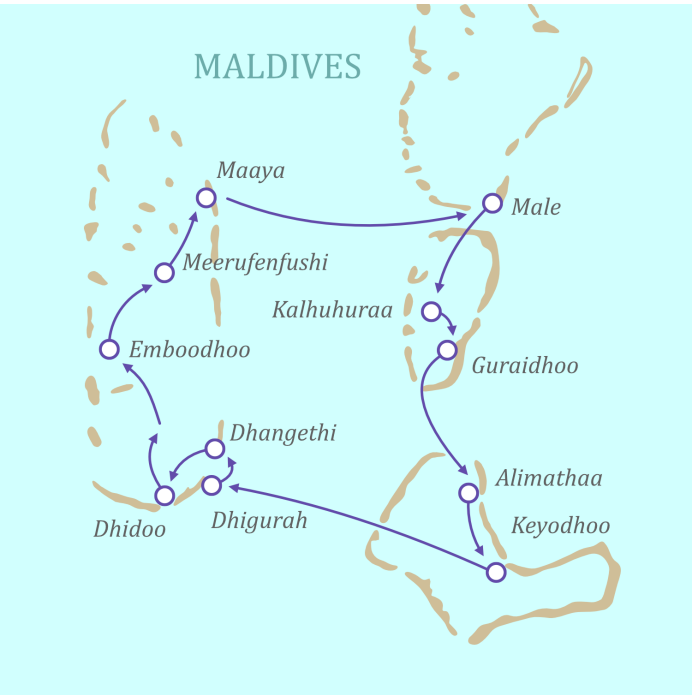


EXPLORE SOUTH - MALDIVES CRUISE (WEEK 1)

Explore South Male, Vaavu and Ari Atolls aboard Leira. This itinerary combines snorkeling and diving with visits to sandbanks, uninhabited islands and local communities, with a seven-night option and mid-cruise transfers through Maamigili. 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. Disclaimer: Diving is not included in the price of this cruise, please enquire with our team for dive packages. 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: Arrival in Malé | Welcome Aboard
Anchorage: Near Male

Your journey begins in Male, where Leira awaits in tranquil waters near the airport region. Upon arrival,

our guest services agent will greet you before escorting you by dhoni to the yacht.

Settle into your cabin, meet the crew and enjoy panoramic views



of the Male skyline. The evening onboard introduces the cruise experience and the adventures ahead.

Kalhuhuraa Sandbank | South Malé Atoll

Spend the morning and afternoon at Kalhuhuraa Sandbank, surrounded by clear, shallow waters and vibrant reef life. Snorkel in calm turquoise waters, enjoy a leisurely swim or relax in the sun.

Diving

Vaagali Thila : A small pinnacle in Vaagali Channel, with its summit at approximately 10 metres. Explore the blocks and terraces around the reef.

Vaagali Caves : An easy dive outside Vaagali Picnic Island, featuring wall overhangs, schooling fish and possible sightings of Napoleon wrasse, whitetip reef sharks and stingrays.

Day 3: Guraidhoo | Local Island and Beach

Guraidhoo is a lively inhabited island known for its friendly community, small shops and Maldivian character. Join a guided tour in the morning, then explore the island at your own pace in the afternoon.

Discover traditional architecture, local cafes, clothing boutiques and handcrafted souvenirs. Learn about island life and observe fishermen at work before Leira continues toward Vaavu Atoll.

Diving

Guraidhoo Corner : A challenging dive on the southern side of Guraidhoo Channel. The reef slopes from approximately 1 to 12 metres before a vertical drop-off to 40 metres. Strong currents may be present, with varied marine life around 20 metres.

Kandooma Thila

Day 4: Alimathaa Sandbank | Vaavu Atoll

Spend the morning and afternoon exploring Alimathaa's shallow lagoons, beaches and marine life.

Snorkel among coral gardens and tropical fish or enjoy a relaxing swim.

Optional excursion

Nurse Shark Experience : An optional excursion offers the opportunity to encounter nurse sharks in the clear waters around Alimathaa. Availability and sightings depend on conditions.

Evening activity

Traditional Night Fishing: As evening falls, experience a traditional Maldivian fishing activity on the water.

Diving

Miyaru Kandu : A channel dive featuring small caves on both sides of the channel and numerous overhangs.

Devana Kandu : A drift dive in Vaavu Atoll.

Day 5: Keyodhoo | Vaavu Atoll



Keyodhoo is a welcoming island community with narrow sandy streets and a relaxed pace of life. Spend the morning and afternoon enjoying the designated beach area, where clear waters offer snorkeling over coral patches, swimming and relaxation.

Walk through the island, meet residents and visit small markets for an insight into everyday Maldivian life.

After the island visit, Leira begins the crossing toward Ari Atoll, with sunset views over the open ocean.

Diving

Golden Wall : Located in southern Vaavu Atoll, this site combines an outer channel, where larger pelagic species may be seen, with a colourful inner reef wall.

Kuda Kandu : A shallow sandy-bottom site at approximately 12 metres, with a channel around 10 metres wide. Stony and soft corals provide shelter for blue-striped yellow snappers.

Day 6: Dhigurah | South Ari Atoll

Spend a full day at Dhigurah, a long island known for its sandy beach, lush greenery and proximity to

whale shark sites. Relax on the shore, swim or join snorkeling trips by dinghy to nearby coral reefs.

Optional excursion

Whale Shark Search: An optional excursion offers the opportunity to search for whale sharks in the waters around Dhigurah. *Sightings cannot be guaranteed. *

In the evening, enjoy sunset beach cocktails followed by a bonfire barbecue dinner under the stars, weather permitting.

Diving

Kudarah Thila : A renowned South Ari pinnacle covered with colourful soft corals.

Dhigurah Beyru : An outer reef sloping from the shallows to approximately 10 metres, followed by a steeper wall extending beyond 40 metres with small overhangs. The dive route depends on the current.

Day 7: Dhangethi | Sandbank and Local-Island Visit

Spend the morning and afternoon at Dhangethi Sandbank, with snorkeling, beach time and a local island visit. Explore the island's small streets and shops and experience its friendly atmosphere and culture.

Optional excursion

Manta Ray Encounter : Seasonal manta snorkeling excursions may be offered depending on sightings and conditions.

Diving



Five Rocks : A pinnacle divided into five formations over thousands of years of erosion. The rocks lie at depths of approximately 12 to 40 metres.

Fanghamas Thila

Day 8: Ariadhoo / Maamigili | Mid-Cruise Arrivals and Departures

Guests continuing for a second week can enjoy the quiet, uninhabited island of Ariadhoo, with white sand beaches, calm waters and opportunities for swimming, snorkeling, birdwatching and relaxation.

Guests completing a seven-night cruise depart via a domestic flight from Maamigili to Velana International Airport. New guests join for the second week.

Diving

Maamigili Beyru

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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