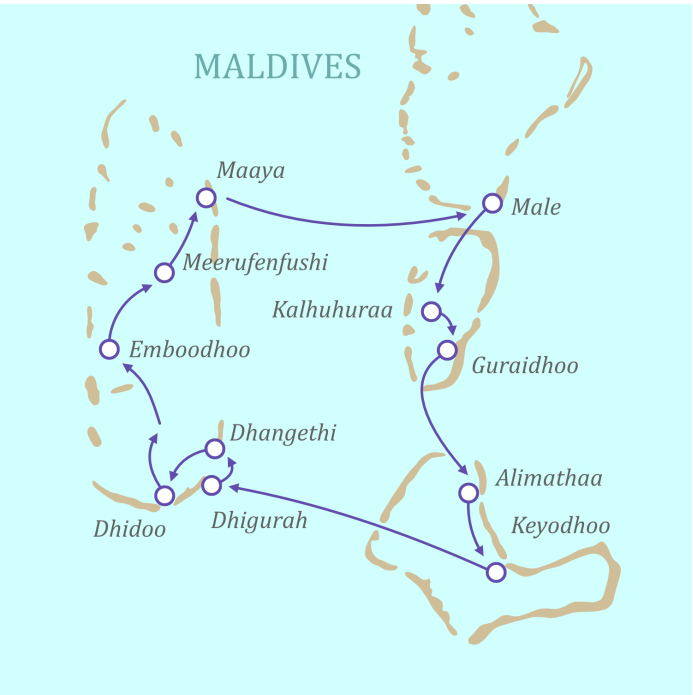


EXPLORE SOUTH - MALDIVES CRUISE (WEEK 2)

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: 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.

Diving

Maamigili Beyru



Machafushi Sandbank / Hathikolhu | South Ari Atoll

Spend the morning and afternoon at remote sandbanks surrounded by clear, shallow waters, soft sands and colourful reefs. Enjoy snorkeling, swimming, sunbathing, beach games and exploring the gentle sandy slopes into the water.

Optional excursion

Whale Shark Search : Optional whale shark excursions may be available from this area, depending on sightings and conditions.

Diving

Machafushi Wreck : An accessible wreck dive offering the opportunity to explore an underwater vessel and its surrounding marine life.

Kahanbu Thila : A pinnacle where divers may encounter hawksbill turtles.

Day 3: Hurasdhoo | South Ari Atoll

Spend the morning and afternoon exploring Hurasdhoo's clear waters and vibrant reefs. Shallow lagoons offer relaxed swimming and gentle snorkeling.

In the evening, enjoy another traditional Maldivian night fishing experience.

Optional excursion

Manta Ray Encounter : A manta excursion may be offered depending on sightings and conditions.

Diving

Angaga Thila : A reef frequented by turtles. Stonefish, juvenile sharks and octopuses may be found around the coral blocks.

Dhigu Thila

Day 4: Emboodhoo | South Ari Atoll

Spend the morning and afternoon at Emboodhoo, a quiet island with sandy beaches and coral-rich snorkeling areas. Explore the shoreline, swim in the lagoons or snorkel among the reef life.

Optional excursion

Night Manta Encounter : A seasonal night manta excursion may be available, offering the chance to observe manta rays under lights. Availability depends on conditions and sightings.

Diving

Panettone : A drift dive featuring a large cave, overhangs and a healthy reef. Currents can sometimes exceed two knots.

Moofushi Kandu : A channel where grey reef sharks, manta rays, eagle rays and other larger marine species may be seen.

Day 5: Meerufenfushi | North Ari Atoll

Enjoy a full day at Meerufenfushi, an uninhabited island surrounded by palms and white sand. Snorkel the reefs, relax beneath the trees or explore the shallow shoreline.



A relaxed beach picnic is followed by sunset cocktails and a beachfront barbecue dinner, weather permitting.

Diving

Fish Head : A protected reef shaped like a circular plate, with a top depth of approximately 10 to 14 metres. Steep walls descend to around 35 metres, with overhangs and caves.

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Day 6: Maaya Sandbank / Rasdhoo Madivaru | Return Toward Malé

Spend the morning and afternoon exploring the sandbank and surrounding reefs, with a local-island visit. Clear waters offer swimming and snorkeling among coral formations and varied reef fish.

Optional excursion

Manta Ray Encounter : The nearby Madivaru area offers a final opportunity for an optional manta encounter, depending on sightings and conditions.

After the day's excursions, Leira begins the return journey toward Male.

Diving

Bathalaa Thila : A submerged pinnacle east of Bathala Island. The reef top is approximately 40 metres long and begins at depths of around 6 to 10 metres. Anemones, soft and hard corals cover the reef, with overhangs from 10 to 20 metres.

Maaya Thila : A protected marine reserve where grey reef sharks and whitetip reef sharks may be seen circling the reef.

Day 7: Malé Region | Final Swim and City Visit

Enjoy a final exploration of nearby reefs and one last swim before visiting Male City. Discover markets, historical sites, mosques and local shops, and experience the capital's lively atmosphere before the cruise concludes.

Diving

Nermathi -- Shark Point: An optional final dive offers the possibility of encountering sharks and rays, including tiger sharks, bull sharks, spinner sharks, hammerheads and guitar sharks. Marine-life sightings cannot be guaranteed.

Important: The final dive is available only to certified divers with a minimum 24-hour pre-flight interval. Guests departing before the required surface interval will not be permitted to participate. The dive remains subject to weather, sea conditions, currents, safety considerations, and Captain and dive team approval.

Day 8: Departure from Male

The crew bids you farewell with warm Maldivian hospitality as you transfer by dhoni to the airport, carrying memories of your Explore South journey aboard 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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