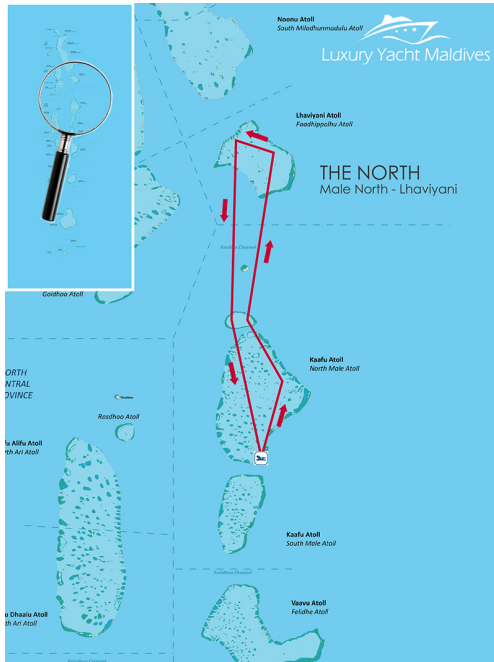


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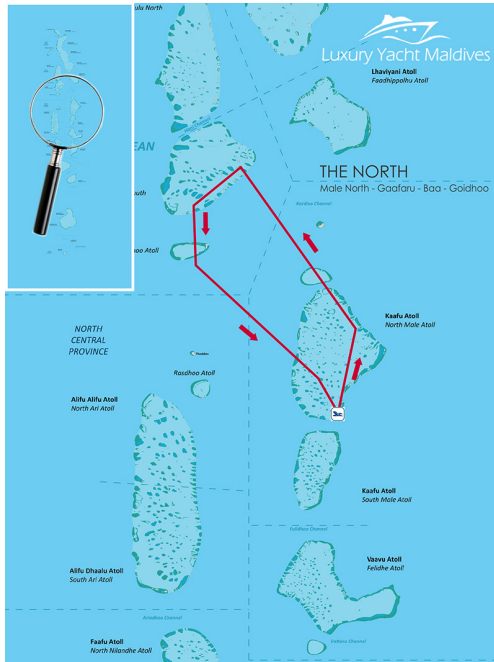
Malè North - Lhaviyani

One week safari, starting and ending at Hulumale /Malè. We start our cruise northward and according to the season we will moor for the night on the east or west side of the Atoll.

Male North Atoll has beautiful dives in “thilas” which are covered with soft corals and are home to many different kind of reef fishes in big schools. According to the seasonal monsoon, both side of the atoll offers terrific manta points where there are always good chances to spot manta rays in cleaning station all year round. We keep cruising towards Lhaviyani Atoll passing through the small Gaafaru Atoll, renowned for its wrecks (Lady Christine, Erlangen, SS Seagull). The shape and the particular position of Lhaviyani Atoll features oceanic channel dives either in the east and in the west side, giving us the chance to dive with “in-coming currents” in both monsoon Seasons to spot any kind of pelagics including grey sharks. During summer time the beautiful marine protected area of Fushifaru Thilas, attract many manta rays . There will be stops at unspoiled local fishing villages where it will be possible to experience the real rhythm of Maldivian life.

Upon return to Male North, the last day before the departure will be possible to visit Malè.

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Malè North - Gaafaru - Baa - Goidhoo

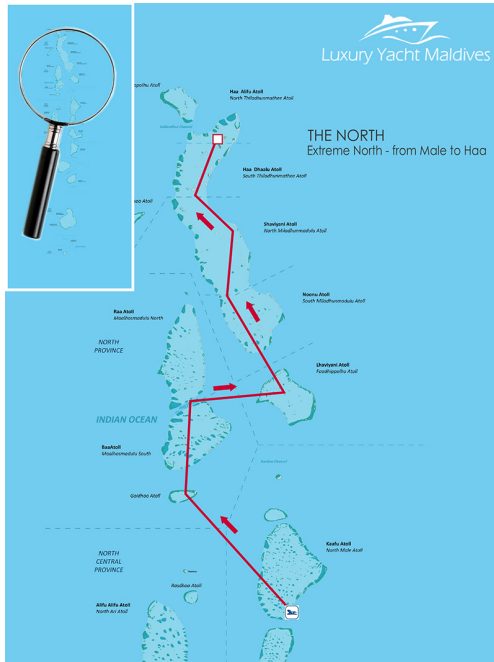
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Male North Atoll has beautiful dives in “thilas” which are covered with soft corals and are home to many different kind of reef fishes in big schools. We keep cruising toward Baa Atoll passing through the small Gaafaru Atoll, renowned for its wrecks (Lady Christine, Erlangen, SS Seagull). Since Baa Atoll does not have many tourist resorts, it is still possible to find many uninhabited islands with beautiful coral reefs perfect for snorkeling. As far as diving is concerned, here we can find very peculiar dive sites characterized by the abundance of hard and soft corals. North-east in Bathalaa Kandu it is possible to spot the rare pink coral (*distichopora violacea*) and in the marine protected area of Dhigali Haa Thila, covered with beautiful soft corals and black coral bushes, we can encounter pelagics such as jacks, barracudas and also grey sharks. But the highlight of the atoll is Hanifaru Bay. Here from May until November an exceptional concentration of krill attracts feeding mantas by the hundreds and often some whale sharks also feed along side them.

There will be stops at fishing villages and, upon return to Male North the last day before the departure, will be possible to visit Malè.

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Extreme North - From Male to Haa

10-day/2-week safari starting and ending at Hulumele/Malè. We start our cruise north-westward, mooring for the night in Rasfari Lagoon. The morning after, we dive the oceanic reef of the Island and later on we keep cruising northward to reach Baa Atoll. Here we will find very peculiar dive sites characterized by the abundance of any kind of hard and soft corals. But the highlight of the atoll is Hanifaru Lagoon. From May until November an exceptional concentration of krill attracts feeding mantas by the hundreds and often some whale sharks also feed along side them.

We keep cruising north-eastward to reach Lhaviyani Atoll , whose shape and particular position features oceanic channel dives either in the east and in the west side, giving us the chance to dive with “in-coming currents” in both monsoon seasons to spot any kind of pelagics including grey sharks. During summer time, the marine protected area of Fushifaru Thila becomes a spectacular manta point. But the cruise will go farther north across Noonu and Shaviyani atolls, vast areas only recently open to tourism with lots of dive sites to discover!! Beautiful Thilas with overhangs and caves, soft corals, eagle rays , giant groupers and occasionally grey sharks. Throughout the cruise it will be possible to visit fishing villages and beautiful uninhabited islands.

Way back to Hulumele with Island Aviation’s domestic flight.