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## PRINCESS HALEEMA

### NORTH MALE, BAA, ARI & FELIDHOO – 6 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

DAYS	ITINERARY	DIVES
<b>DAY 0</b>	On the first day you will be welcomed by one of Seafari's staff at the airport and transfer by Dhoni (traditional Maldivian boat) to your boat just before lunch. On board the team will give you a warm welcome and will show you around to your cabin.	
<b>DAY 1</b>	Departure happens am morning. During all the week, the captain and your guide will select the best itinerary through attols, in order to offer you the most beautiful dives as possible.	<b>2</b>
<b>DAY 2</b>	Different dive sites such as: <b>Swiss cave</b>  <b>Helengili Thila</b> , often provides encounters with large numbers of rays, sharks, tuna and jacks.	<b>2</b>
<b>DAY 3</b>	<b>Nelivaru Thila</b> the excitement comes from the large numbers of manta rays which glide into the cleaning station on the north-west side of the tila. Ideal for night dives. Other parts of the reef are populated with sweetlips, snappers, jackfish and fusiliers which swim through crevices and overhangs. An exhilarating school of dolphins passed through on one visit here.	
<b>DAY 4</b>	<b>Kihaaduffaru Bay</b>  <b>Daravandhoo Thila</b> Small, but pretty much perfectly formed, the dive school rates this as 'definitely one of the most exciting dive sites in the Maldives'. Little known, even to fishermen, it is full of life. Particularly with a light or medium-strong current, it features sharks, eagle rays, tunas, schools of jackfish and a myriad of fusiliers. Quiet days can be spent exploring the south-east side of the	<b>2</b>
<b>DAY 5</b>		

	tila with its pretty overhangs and black-coral covered crevices.	2
	<p><b>Paradise Reef</b></p> <p><b>Nassimo Thila</b> is a large reef with imposing reef pillars standing proudly at a height of 40 meters. You will wind in and out of this bizarre underwater landscape taking in its amazing beauty. The pillars are covered in blue, yellow, red and orange soft corals and large gorgonian fans. The large overhangs of the main reef also house hundreds of different coral species, colorful sponges and thousands of fish. Large tunas, barracudas and trevallies are often found chasing small reef fish like basslets, surgeon and butterfly fish, as well as entire schools of fusiliers. Turtles and friendly napoleon wrasses can be seen here regularly too.</p>	2
<b>DAY 6</b>	The Boat sail back to the Marina of Male late afternoon. On the last day (optional program) treat yourself and chill out at the pool of the Hulhulé Island Hotel or venture on the capital Island of Male and its traditional fish market.	2
<b>TOTAL DIVES</b>		<b>12+1</b>

**Note : During the week you will be allowed to do a night dive.**

## BOAT SPECIFICATIONS

<p><b>Technical specifications</b></p> <p><b>Length :</b> 36m  <b>Width :</b> 10m  <b>Engines :</b> 1 Volvo  <b>Generators :</b> 2x Onan  <b>Compressors :</b> 2x Bauer K14  1x Mariner on the diving Dhoni</p>	<p><b>Accommodation and Facilities</b></p> <p><b>Staterooms : 11</b>  4 cabins with 1 big bed and one single bed  4 cabins with 1 big bed  1 cabin with twin bed  2 Deluxe suites with big bed</p> <p><b>Max passengers : 22</b>  <b>Crew :13</b></p>	<p><b>Navigation and Communications</b></p> <p>48 miles radar  SSB marine Radio  Satellite phone  Mobile Phone  VHF radios  Depth sounder  Compass</p>
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## FAQ

### PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION

Visitors must have a current passport, adequate funds to support themselves and a return airline ticket to travel to the Maldives. It is the travelers' responsibility to ensure they have the proper documentation to travel to the destination and return to their country. Please check with the appropriate consulate to ensure you have the proper documentation. Always check your passport and visa requirements. US citizens may go to the US Department of State website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for more information. The Reservations Center cannot assume responsibility for passengers not having correct documentation.

## TAXES & FEES

The Maldives Government charges a bed tax of \$8 US per person per day which is collected at the end of the week when you settle your tab. (MasterCard/Visa, US dollars, Travelers Checks or Rufiyaa are accepted).

## C-CARDS & DIVE THE WORLD CLUB

Please bring your c-card or proof of certification. The divemaster requires proof of certification before the first dive. If you are a member of the DWC, you will receive onboard discounts.

## HEALTH

We have a complete first aid kit on board, including oxygen. You may want to bring motion sickness medicine if you feel you'll need it. We recommend a complete physical prior to your trip. There is no smoking allowed inside the yacht or on the dive deck. Smoking is only permitted on the sun deck. Two recompression chambers are available in the Maldives. One is on Bandos Island (fifteen minutes by speedboat from Male) and the other is in Kuramathi.

## PACKING

When packing, please watch the weight and size of your bags. You will need to check with the airline for more information on weight restrictions. For easy luggage storage, we recommend you pack a soft duffel bag. CLOTHING

T-shirts and shorts are the usual attire due to the warm and sunny days. Evenings can be cool. Therefore, you should pack a sweatshirt or windbreaker. Tennis shoes are recommended for land tours. For easy luggage storage, we recommend you pack a soft duffel bag

## ENTERTAINMENT

There is a variety of nightly entertainment including night diving, fish identification slide shows, games and more. The crew especially enjoys recent DVD movies, musical CD's, magazines, and books. Feel free to bring along your favorites.

## MALDIVES DIVING CONDITIONS

The climate is warm year round and determined by the monsoons. The monsoons are mild and not as defined as in neighboring countries. The northeast monsoon starts in January and goes through the end of April. In January and February the currents can be very strong but the big animal activity can be . The beginning of January brings clear water to most of the area which can be over 200 feet visibility. Underwater visibility in the Maldives is determined by the tidal movements with incoming and outgoing tides. The monsoon patterns have a significant impact on the diving.

From May to October, the southeast monsoon brings more rain, wind and big animal action. Mantas and Whale Sharks can be seen year round, however are more prevalent in April, May, October and November. There are no cyclones in the Maldives because of being located at the Equator level. The air temperature varies little with an annual average of 90F and minimum of 80F, while the water temperature ranges from 80F to 86F

Diving is carried out from a "diving dhoni" that will not anchor but will follow the divers from the surface. This is the safest and most comfortable way to dive in the Maldives due to the wind and current. Every diver will have his own seat and his own basket where he will store his diving gear, which will always remain on the diving dhoni. The system leaves the main boat free to handle accommodations, meals and social activities in a quiet atmosphere.

## DIVE GEAR SUGGESTIONS

We suggest you pack the following: mask, fins, snorkel, regulator with pressure gauge, buoyancy compensator, depth, gauge, dive computer, wetsuit, dive light, and batteries. We encourage and recommend you have your equipment checked before arrival in the Maldives. Each piece of gear should be marked with waterproof paint or tape.

## RENTAL DIVE EQUIPMENT

A full line of rental dive gear is available aboard including regulators, BCs, dive computers, and night lights. Please reserve in advance.

## TRAVEL IN MALDIVES

**Climate:** Air temperatures are constant through the year averaging around 90F. The water temperatures range from 82F to 86F.

**Time Zone:** Maldives is on the Standard Time Zone, GMT+5 hours with no daylight savings time.

**Electricity:** 240 volts. It is recommended you bring a plug converter and a transformer. Plugs ,are the

type G and 3 prongs. Transformers will am Sunday morning. change the voltage to 50 cycles and not to the necessary American 60 cycles needed.

**Vaccinations** are not necessary.

**The crew** on board is Maldivian but a European and American crew will be responsible for the diving and to take care of guest requests.

**Currency:** Maldivian currency is in the form of rufiyaa and laree's. American dollars, traveler's checks and major credit card are widely accepted.

**Clothing:** Casual cotton clothing is best for most occasions. There are no dress requirements aboard, however, when on land modest clothing and covered shoulders are recommended.

**Language:** The main language is Dhivehi; however, English is widely understood and spoken. The crew will be English speaking.

**Food:** The food is a well-balanced mixture of Maldivian, Asian and Western influenced cuisine. Special requests can be accommodated with advanced notice.

**Environment:** please take care of the environment by kindly taking used batteries and plastic bottles.

**Maldives Law:** The Maldives are a quiet, trouble free and highly respected destination. Importation of alcohol is forbidden. There are no liquor stores or bars; however, alcoholic beverages are available by special permit to international tourists traveling to Maldives. A limited selection of beer and wine will be offered at dinner as well as scotch, rum, gin and vodka will for sale by the bottle once onboard from the ships bar. Liquor must be ordered at least 7 days from departure date. While this is not the normal Aggressor practice, due to the customs of the Maldives, it is necessary to abide by the laws of the country.

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