

Maldives 2023

Come with Andark on a liveaboard to the Central Atolls, Maldives in March 2023.

When: 18th-26th March 2023

Who: Advanced Open Water and above/equivalent

What: Emperor Virgo- Best of the Maldives

Outline Itinerary:

18 th March 2023	Depart UK arriving the next day.
19 th March 2023	Central Atolls (7 nights).
20 th March 2023	Enjoy your liveaboard diving itinerary.
26 th March 2023	Fly back to the UK.

Highlights:

- ❖ Finest dive sites in the Maldives
- ❖ Highly experienced crew
- ❖ Manta cleaning stations
- ❖ Whale shark encounters

Inclusions:

- ❖ International Flights (as per schedule)
- ❖ Maldives liveaboard as per itinerary
- ❖ Twin / double cabin unless stated
- ❖ Full board meals (3 meals a day & afternoon snacks)
- ❖ 6 days diving (up to 17 dives, including 1 night dive)
- ❖ Tanks & weights
- ❖ Nitrox

- ❖ Government taxes & bed tax
- ❖ Airport transfers

Exclusions:

- ❖ Fuel Surcharge (if required)
- ❖ Equipment rental
- ❖ Crew gratuity
- ❖ Alcoholic drinks
- ❖ Soft drinks & juices
- ❖ UK travel expenses
- ❖ Travel Insurance
- ❖ Any associated visa fees
- ❖ Any associated vaccination costs
- ❖ Any personal items (e.g. clothing)
- ❖ Any local staff tips
- ❖ Any meals or drinks (unless otherwise stated)
- ❖ Any other item not listed in Inclusions

Prices:

Standard twin/double cabin (10 spaces available) - £2885

Main deck cabins (4 spaces available)- £2995

Upper deck cabins (4 spaces available)- £3015

Booking information:

A deposit of £250 is required to secure your space on this trip. This is payable through Dive Worldwide on the number 01962 302 087. When you book use the reference code **207833**.

The amount paid for the deposit will come off your final balance which will need to be paid by 21/01/2023. This can be paid in full or in monthly instalments.

Detailed Itinerary:

18 Mar 2023-

Depart from London Gatwick to Dubai International Airport.

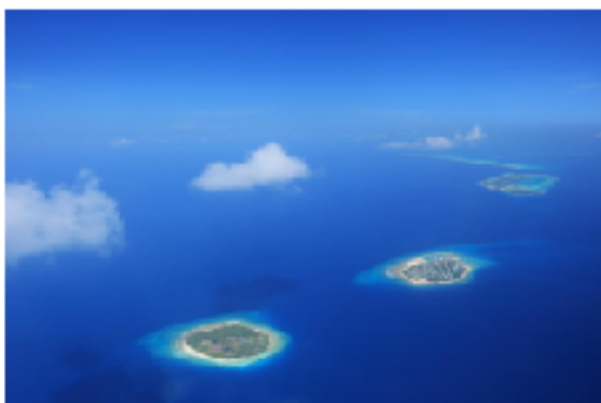
19 Mar 2023-

Fly from Dubai International Airport to Malé International Airport.

On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your accommodation or location.

Central Atolls-

The central region of the Maldives comprises both Malé and Ari Atolls, Felidhoo, Faafu and the smaller Rasdhoo Atoll. Many resorts have exceptional shore diving opportunities from their house reefs, while drift diving in the current sweptchannels rewards divers with opportunities to encounter large pelagics. North Malé Atoll features some of the Maldives most quintessential and enduringly popular dive sites, whilst the Ari Atoll is considered by many to have some of the Maldives most consistent big fish sightings, including manta rays and whale sharks. The South Ari Atoll Marine Protected Area (SAMPA) is home to a globally significant aggregation of whale sharks and a critical habitat for (predominantly) males in a post-juvenile, pre-mature stage of life. The smaller Rasdhoo Atoll is well known for some of the Maldives' finest hammerhead shark encounters.



Begin your stay aboard the Emperor Virgo (7 nights):

This spacious liveaboard accommodates 18 divers with a choice of en suite double, twin, or triple cabins. Upper and main deck cabins have large windows to enjoy stunning views of the Maldivian island chain. With an internationally stocked bar and mouth-watering cuisine service is second to none. The upper deck features loungers for sunbathing and relaxation. All diving takes place on a large Dhoni providing ample space and provisions to kit up before a dive.



Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are included.

20 to 25 Mar 2023

Dive the best of the Maldives!

This itinerary gives you a marine mix of big fish - such as shark and manta dives - as well as reef dives, reef fish, morays, and the abundant macro life. One of the best-known dive sites is Maaya Thila; this pinnacle is approximately 30m in diameter and falls away to reveal sharks and fish a plenty. A night dive from sheltered moorings here is a must! The boat will also aim to find whale sharks so you can get in the water and snorkel with them.

26 Mar 2023

Today, you will be transferred back to the airport for your next flight.
Fly from Malé International Airport to Dubai International Airport.
Depart from Dubai International Airport to London Gatwick.