



Explore and dive the Maldives with Marine Scientists

Maldives – Central Atolls

€1,850 per diver

Check in: Saturday 11 Jan 2025 from 3pm Malé airport

Check out: Saturday 18 Jan 2025 7am Malé airport

Price includes:

- Airport-Boat-Airport Transfer
-  • Possible visit to Malé
- Trolling (fishing) during navigation

- 2-3 dives per day (including tanks and weights)
-  • Daily in-water activities and talks about key marine species and conservation issues
- Unlimited snorkelling

-  • Full board, water, coffee and tea

-  • Accommodation in double cabin (single supplement: €800)



Price does not include:

- International flights
- Green tax (€150 per person)
- WIFI (€20 per week per connected device)
- Dive equipment (available for rent with prior booking)
- Additional dives
- Alcoholic beverages and soft drinks
- NITROX (€70 per week)
- Dive medical and travel insurance
- Board service staff tips (€100 per person)

Description:

Join us for an unforgettable week of Marine Science and diving in the beautiful Maldives! During this trip, we will dive into the world of shark and reef fish conservation, blending our love for marine life with hands-on research activities. The program includes daily Marine Biology presentations, practical sessions and field activities during scuba dives at various stunning reefs in the Maldivian archipelago.



The trip is hosted by *Dr. Julia Spaet* (shark scientist), *Dr. Anna Scott* and *Dr. Gerrit Nanninga* (coral reef ecologists), who are excited to share this adventure with you.

The scientific program includes:

- Daily presentations on Marine Science and Conservation by the hosts and local NGOs
- Hands-on activities guided by world leading experts in coral reef ecology. These include:
 - Learning how to Identify marine fauna
 - Documenting reef fish and shark behaviour to understand why animals act in certain ways
 - Monitoring shark abundance and community composition using diver surveys, drones, Baited Remote Underwater Videos, and specialized recognition software
 - Surveys to determine the social structure of clownfish, and cryptic species that also use sea anemones as habitat



The Science Team:

Dr. Anna Scott

Anna is a seasoned Marine Ecologist from Australia who is internationally recognized for her expertise on sea anemones that provide essential habitat for clownfishes. She loves communicating science and has extensive media and university teaching experience. Use the QR code, if you would like to learn more about Anna's research.



Dr. Julia Spaet

Julia is a Shark Ecologist, who has spent the past 20 years studying sharks across the world to better understand their behaviour and conserve their populations. Her expertise includes shark movement ecology (satellite and acoustic tagging and tracking), population genetics, and shark fisheries.



Dr. Gerrit Nanninga

Gerrit is a Coral Reef Ecologist at the Ludwig-Maximilian-University in Munich. His research focuses on the ecology of reef fishes and the drivers of connectivity among marine populations. He currently works on coral restoration using enhanced artificial reefs.



Together with the vessel's crew, the team is looking forward to welcoming you aboard the *Island Safari 2* for a spectacular week of diving, marine science, and exploration. For more information on this trip, please contact: ScienceCruises2025@gmail.com



Booking conditions:

- €500 to be paid at the time of booking
- Total balance to be paid 35 days before departure
- Name change possible up to 30 days before departure

Cancellation policy:

- 45 days before departure 30% of total
- 44 to 21 days before departure 50% of total
- 20 to 15 days before departure 70% of total
- 14 days before departure 100% of total

Payment by bank transfer:

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Please email a copy of the transfer to:
ScienceCruises2025@gmail.com

Requirements for participation:

Advanced Open Water Diver certification and a minimum of 30 logged dives

For technical details of the boat please visit:
www.whitewavemaldives.com

