



PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE YOUR TRIP STARTS

Passports & Visas:

All guests must have a passport valid for at least six more months after arrival. 30 day tourist visas are issued on arrival at the immigration desk at Maldives International airport for all nationalities and are free of charge. All visitors must be in possession of a return/onward flight ticket.

On arrival:

Guests arriving at Male Airport on the check-in day will be met by a representative holding an Eco Pro Divers Maldives sign at **12 pm (earliest check in) in front of the arrivals exit door**. Later arrivals will be collected directly at the respective flight times.

Insurance:

We do require all divers to have valid insurance that covers diving accidents. You will need to bring proof of this with you to show the guides when you check in.

Diving:

There will be no diving on arrival and departure day and 2-3 dives per day (16 to 17 per week depending on routing). Divers must ensure that they leave a minimum of 24 hours between their last dive and their flight departure (or going to altitude). For all diving sites visited en route our dive guides will give you a detailed and comprehensive dive briefing before you enter the water. All divers are required to dive in a buddy team; should you be a single diver a buddy will be allocated onboard. The dive guide will not provide any dive training during the dive and you and buddy dive together at your own risk. As qualified divers, you are responsible for your own and your buddy's safety during the dive and to 'plan your dive, dive your plan' using a personal dive computer. You must begin, execute and end the dive with your dive buddy. You are expected to be able to dive to a standard as per the certification and experience requirements outlined for each itinerary and as such able to complete the dive with your buddy or by following the dive guide.

The guides may decide upon seeing each diver's ability not to enter the water for every dive and will remain onboard providing surface support only.

The maximum depth for diving in the Maldives is 30 metres with an equally qualified buddy. Your maximum diving depth will be dependent on your level

of training and experience. It is your responsibility to check what depths your insurance policy covers you for before your arrival.

Decompression diving, solo diving and technical diving is strictly prohibited.

Courses:

We offer a range of courses on-board, from beginner to a range of specialty courses. Courses are subject to availability and itinerary and include course materials (where required) and certification fee. Courses have to be requested **before** trip.

Dive equipment:

We suggest that you bring the following:

Mask, snorkel, fins, boots, wetsuit, regulator, BCD, SMB (with a minimum of 5 metres of line to deploy during the safety stop) and a dive computer with spare batteries and a torch for any night dives.

The average water temperature is 29°C and we recommend a 3mm shortie or wetsuit. Equipment is available for rent. We need to know normal sizes, height, weight and shoe sizes to prepare the correctly sized equipment for you.

All divers are required to use a dive computer and SMB and carry Reef Hooks for every dive and a torch each for night dives throughout their safari experience for safety reasons. Please bring your own or ask us what is available on-board.

Tanks & Adapters:

We have DIN tanks and INT adapters available on-board.

Nitrox:

We offer Nitrox in subject to demand and availability. And is extra charged. Nitrox can not be guaranteed.

Internet:

Our boat is equipped with Wi-Fi and internet is available when a mobile signal is present normally only nearby or in port. This service is for limited internet browsing and to connect with communication applications. We offer 2GB for 20 \$US. Signal strength can vary which may result in intermittent and/or slow connections. This service is dependent on the local mobile provider.

Cabins:

All the cabins accommodate two guests either in a double-bedded cabin or twin bed cabin. Cabins are pre-sold and allocated prior to arrival. All cabins are equipped with aircon and a fan.

Bathrooms:

All bathrooms are equipped with a shower, sink and toilet. Please take extra care in the bathrooms not to slip and always use the shower curtain/door. Placing toilet paper down

any toilet on-board is not acceptable. This not only risks blocking the system but it also finds its way in to the delicate reef systems causing irreparable damage. Waste paper bins are provided in all bathrooms and are emptied regularly.

We provide **ecological shampoo and shower gel**. Also you will get towels so it is not necessary to bring with you.

Food & Drink:

The meals on-board are usually buffet style with a variety of dishes to suit everyone. Water, tea and coffee are complimentary. Soft drinks, fresh juices and alcohol (cocktails, liquors, wine and beer) are chargeable.

For any special dietary requests, such as vegetarian or any allergies, please inform us prior to arrival.

Alcohol:

Importing of alcoholic beverages is prohibited by law. Bottles containing alcoholic beverages will be confiscated at Customs upon arrival and returned to you at departure. Alcohol is available to purchase on board.

Guests will not be permitted to dive after consuming alcohol or under the influence of a hangover as this seriously impairs your judgment and increases your risk of decompression sickness. If the guides deem that you are unfit to dive you will be asked to sit out the dive. Your safety and well-being are paramount so this request by the dive guides will only be made to avoid accidents.

Luggage:

Whilst you may be advised where to store your luggage, you leave your belongings there at your own risk.

Tips on board:

The general recommendation is 70\$ USD per person and week. The tip will be equally shared between crew and guides

Currency accepted onboard:

All prices are in US dollars when onboard but we accept in cash Euros and US dollars.

Taxes:

The GST is included in our prices. The government charges a Green tax 6 USD per day. This has to be paid onboard. Any equipment rental, special tank requests and onboard purchases paid locally will be subject to 12% sales tax.

Electricity:

The boat has 110/120V AC and 220/240V, 3 Pin Sockets.

And finally:

If you have never been on a liveboard before, then expect a few adjustments from

normal life to enjoy your week.

If you experience any problems during the week, please ensure that these are raised with the dive guides as soon as is practically possible. The guides and Boat Manager can remedy the problem on-board majority of the time. However, if something remains unresolved make sure you raise it with the Boat Manager at the end of your week.

With all the will in the world, problems cannot be resolved unless you highlight them. If you have any concerns, please raise them.

Check out:

The rooms must be free at **7am** on departure day. Transfer to airport from boat is between **7am and 9am. (Group transfer)**

Latest check out 9am (extra transfer 15 USD per person)

Packing; remember to bring:

- Personal clothing & toiletries
 - Small medical first aid box & prescription medicines
 - Ear plugs are recommended if you are a light sleeper
 - Water-proof bags to store electronic items (land camera, passports) in case of water damage whilst on board
 - Note: Hard suitcases are hard to store onboard so please use roll up/collapsible style bags where possible
 - Logbook with your most recent dives in
 - Valid diving association certification proof
 - Valid travel insurance
 - A copy of valid diving insurance details per person (translated in English by your insurance company if not already) stating the start and ending date of the diving cover with the exact diving insurance covered by the policy.
- Without this document, you will be required to purchase diving insurance locally before you may begin diving.
- Booking voucher and holiday detail