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MANTA MADNESS



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LEIRA MALDIVES

14-Night Manta Madness Snorkeling & Diving Cruise

Explore Baa and Raa Atolls aboard Leira on a Saturday-to-Saturday journey. Snorkel around sandbanks and island reefs, enjoy local-island visits and discover varied dive sites. Manta excursions are planned throughout the cruise, subject to sightings and conditions. Mid-cruise arrivals and departures take place at Dharavandhoo.

Cruise highlights

Hanifaru Bay snorkeling and optional manta excursions
Sandbanks, lagoons and coral reefs around Baa Atoll
Nelivaru Finolhu and Mendhoo island visits
Kamadhoo's local culture and Maldivian traditions
Traditional night fishing and beach barbecues
Northern reef exploration in Raa Atoll
A final Dhonfanu and sandbank visit

Cruise schedule	Saturday to Saturday
Duration	14 nights
Mid-cruise transfers	Mid-cruise arrivals and departures take place at Dharavandhoo on Day 8.

The itinerary is subject to weather, sea conditions, island availability, currents, marine-life sightings, and the captain's discretion*

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MAP OF THE JOURNEY

Manta Madness | Baa & Raa Atolls

FIRST WEEK

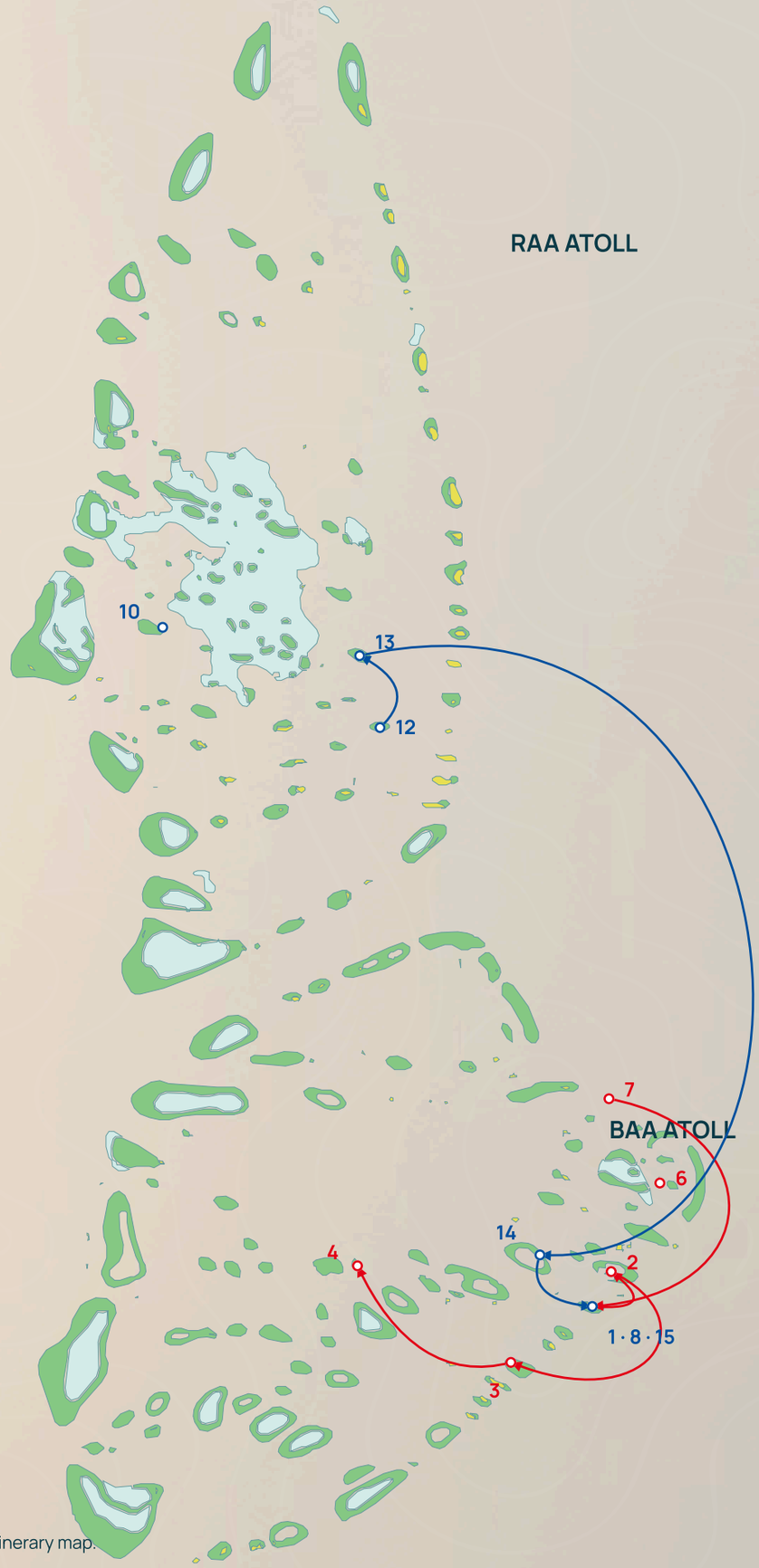
1 Dharavandhoo
2 Hanifaru Hura
3 Nelivaru Finolhu
4 Mendhoo
5 Villingilifaru Finolhu*
6 Veyofushi / Huraa Finolhu*
7 Kamadhoo
8 Dharavandhoo

SECOND WEEK

8 Dharavandhoo
9 Huraa Finolhu*
10 Lhaanbugalhi
11 Kukudhifaru*
12 Dhorangali
13 Gemana
14 Dhonfanu / Sandbank
15 Dharavandhoo

* Location confirmation pending. These stops and their connecting route segments are not plotted.

Only mapped route segments are shown. Island positions and sailing routes are indicative.



Key

First week cruising route

Second week cruising route

Baa–Raa geography adapted from the supplied itinerary map.

OVERVIEW

Day 1	Dharavandhoo — Arrival, transfer and welcome aboard.
Day 2	Hanifaru Hura — Island visit and optional manta excursion.
Day 3	Nelivaru Finolhu — Sandbank, snorkeling and night fishing.
Day 4	Mendhoo — Island and reef visit with picnic lunch.
Day 5	Villingilifaru Finolhu — Beach, snorkeling and sunset cruise.
Day 6	Veyofushi / Huraa Finolhu — Manta excursion and beach barbecue.
Day 7	Kamadhoo — Local-island visit and diving.
Day 8	Dharavandhoo — Mid-cruise arrivals, departures and leisure.
Day 9	Huraa Finolhu — Swimming, snorkeling and manta excursion.
Day 10	Lhaanbugalhi — Lagoon and reef visit, with night fishing.
Day 11	Kukudhifaru — Beach relaxation, snorkeling and diving.
Day 12	Dhorangali — Island exploration and evening barbecue.
Day 13	Gemana — Snorkeling, swimming and reef exploration.
Day 14	Dhonfanu / Sandbank — Island visit and final manta excursion.
Day 15	Dharavandhoo — Breakfast, disembarkation and onward transfers.

- All excursions, island visits and dive sites are subject to weather, sea conditions, availability and the Captain's discretion. Marine-life sightings cannot be guaranteed.

DAY 1 *SATURDAY*

Dharavandhoo | Welcome Aboard

Anchorage: Dharavandhoo

On arrival at Velana International Airport, our guest services agent will greet you and escort you to the domestic terminal for your flight to Dharavandhoo. Transfer to Leira and settle into your cabin.

Join the welcome meeting at 19:00 for the safety briefing, itinerary overview and crew introductions.

DAY 2 *SUNDAY*

Hanifaru Hura | Manta Encounters

Spend the morning and afternoon around Hanifaru Hura. A special snorkeling session in Hanifaru Bay may be arranged following recent manta ray or whale shark sightings. When sightings occur nearby, snorkelers may join the dive dhoni.

Diving

Dhonfanu Thila

A pinnacle beginning at around 7 metres, with overhangs, swim-throughs, soft corals and abundant fish life.

Dharavandhoo Thila

A coral formation south of Dharavandhoo, with a reef top at about 5 metres. A sandy slope, large coral blocks, overhangs and a steep wall connect the thila to the island's main reef.

DAY 3 *MONDAY*

Nelivaru Finolhu | Sandbank and Night Fishing

Explore shallow lagoons and vibrant coral patches around Nelivaru Finolhu. Snorkel, paddle or relax on the sandbank during the morning and afternoon.

Evening activity

Traditional Night Fishing

Join the crew for a traditional Maldivian hand-line fishing experience under the stars.

Diving

Nelivaru Haa / Dhigali Haa

The day's planned dive sites are Nelivaru Haa and Dhigali Haa. Explore coral formations and reef life, with the final sites confirmed during the daily briefing.

DAY 4 *TUESDAY*

Mendhoo | Island Escape and Picnic Lunch

Spend the morning and afternoon on Mendhoo, an uninhabited island within the protected Mendhoo region. Relax on the beach or snorkel around the surrounding reef, with a picnic lunch planned on the island.

Diving

Dhigu Thila / Horubadhoo Thila

These dive sites offer varied coral formations and marine life for guests exploring beneath the surface.

DAY 5 *WEDNESDAY*

Villingilifaru Finolhu | Sandbank and Sunset

Spend the day exploring Villingilifaru Finolhu, with time for the beach, swimming and snorkeling.

In the late afternoon, enjoy a sunset cruise with panoramic views across the Maldivian seascape as the sun sets over the Indian Ocean.

Diving

Anga Faru / Dhonfanu Rock

The day's planned dive sites are Anga Faru and Dhonfanu Rock. Final dive-site selections will be confirmed in the daily briefing.

DAY 6 *THURSDAY*

Veyofushi / Huraa Finolhu | Mantas and Beach Barbecue

Divide the day between Veyofushi and Huraa Finolhu, enjoying varied island scenery and snorkeling opportunities. A guided manta excursion is planned, weather and sightings permitting.

Evening activity

Beach Barbecue

Enjoy freshly prepared dishes in a relaxed island setting during an evening beach barbecue.

Diving

Kihaadhoo Thila / Hanifaru Beyru

Dive guests head to Kihaadhoo Thila and Hanifaru Beyru, subject to the day's conditions.

DAY 7 *FRIDAY*

Kamadhoo | Local Island Life

Spend the morning and afternoon at Kamadhoo, an island rich in Maldivian culture and traditions.

Diving

Bathalaa Kandu / Yellow Wall

Explore Yellow Wall and the channel at Bathalaa Kandu. Currents may be strong, with opportunities to encounter sharks, eagle rays and stingrays.

DAY 8 *SATURDAY*

Dharavandhoo | Mid-Cruise Arrivals and Departures

Mid-cruise arrivals and departures take place at Dharavandhoo. Guests continuing for the second week can enjoy relaxed snorkeling or leisure time while transfers are arranged.

Diving

Dhonfanu Thila / Dharavandhoo Thila

Guests staying for two weeks may dive at Dhonfanu Thila and Dharavandhoo Thila.

DAY 9 *SUNDAY*

Huraa Finolhu | Snorkeling and Manta Excursion

Enjoy a day of swimming, snorkeling and beach relaxation at Huraa Finolhu.

Another manta excursion is planned, offering further opportunities to encounter manta rays in Baa Atoll waters, subject to sightings and conditions.

Diving

Hanifaru Beyru

Hanifaru Beyru is the planned dive site for the day.

DAY 10 *MONDAY*

Lhaanbugalhi | Lagoons and Night Fishing

Explore the calm lagoons and reefs of Lhaanbugalhi during the day.

Evening activity

Traditional Night Fishing

Join a second night-fishing session for another opportunity to experience this traditional Maldivian pastime.

Diving

Labyrinth

Explore soft and hard corals, tunnels and canyons, with batfish, angelfish and other reef life. The surrounding dive area also includes a wall, with opportunities to see Napoleon wrasse, eagle rays and turtles in shallower water.

DAY 11 *TUESDAY*

Kukudhifaru | A Leisurely Island Day

Enjoy snorkeling and a relaxed beach day at Kukudhifaru. Spend time in the water or simply unwind onboard.

Diving

Solas Corner

An outside reef with a plateau at approximately 13 metres. Manta cleaning stations are active during the northeast monsoon, from November to April. Look for schools of fish, scorpionfish, moray eels and shrimps.

Bodu Faru

Bodu Faru is the second planned dive site for the day, subject to conditions.

DAY 12 *WEDNESDAY*

Dhorangali | Island Exploration and Barbecue

Anchor near Dhorangali for a full day of island and lagoon exploration.

Evening activity

Beach or Sandbank Barbecue

Enjoy an evening barbecue, planned on a beach or sandbank when conditions permit.

Diving

Anemone City / Beyriyan Thila

Dive guests head to Anemone City and Beyriyan Thila.

DAY 13 *THURSDAY*

Gemana | Reefs and Relaxation

Enjoy a peaceful day of snorkeling, swimming and relaxation around Gemana.

Diving

Kottefaru Faru

Kottefaru Faru is one of the day's planned dive sites.

Vandhoo Wall

A drift dive extending along Vandhoo. The hard-coral top reef slopes from approximately 4–8 metres to 15 metres before a wall descends beyond 30 metres. A manta cleaning station may be active on the top reef between June and November.

Look for reef fish, Napoleon wrasse, turtles, reef sharks and smaller marine life on the reef top and slope.

DAY 14 *FRIDAY*

Dhonfanu / Sandbank | A Final Manta Encounter

Spend the final full day visiting Dhonfanu and a nearby sandbank. A local-island visit may also be arranged.

A final manta excursion is planned, offering one more opportunity to encounter these graceful animals, subject to sightings and conditions.

Diving

Dhonanu Gaa / UNESCO Gaa

The planned dive sites are Dhonanu Gaa and UNESCO Gaa, with final arrangements confirmed during the daily briefing.

DAY 15 *SATURDAY*

Dharavandhoo | Departure

After breakfast, disembark at Dharavandhoo for your onward transfers. The crew bids you farewell at the end of your Baa and Raa Atoll journey aboard Leira.

Important information

Optional excursions are available on request and are subject to availability, weather, sea conditions, and marine-life sightings.
The itinerary may change due to weather, currents, island availability, operational requirements, or the Captain's discretion.
If a planned island is unavailable, an alternative destination offering similar activities will be provided.
Beach barbecues will be arranged on the island when weather conditions permit. If necessary, the barbecue and evening entertainment will be moved onboard.
The following day's itinerary will be reviewed during the evening briefing.
Chargeable excursions will be added to your cabin account and settled at check-out.
Dive sites listed in this itinerary are examples and are not guaranteed. Final dive-site selections will be made during the daily briefing based on season, currents, weather, sea conditions, marine life, and other operational considerations.
Marine-life sightings, including nurse sharks, manta rays, whale sharks, turtles, and eagle rays, cannot be guaranteed.

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING

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Thank you for joining Leira on Manta Madness. We look forward to welcoming you aboard for a journey through the islands, lagoons and reefs of Baa and Raa Atolls.

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