

Seascape and Moonima



Please read the safari information carefully before your trip begins:

Passports and Visas:

All guests must have a passport that is valid for at least six months from the date of arrival. 30-day tourist visas are issued upon arrival at the immigration counter of the Maldives International Airport for all nationalities and are free of charge. All visitors must have a return or onward ticket. Complete the online "Maldives Traveler Declaration" form 96 hours before arrival – <https://imuga.immigration.gov.mv/traveller>.

Upon arrival:

Upon arrival on the day the safari begins, guests will be met by an Eco Pro Divers representative no earlier than 9:00 a.m. in front of the exit from the arrivals area after baggage claim at the international airport —easily recognizable by a sign reading "Eco Pro Divers" and the name of the boat.

The earliest transfer to the boats takes place around 12:00 p.m. Later arrivals will be met at the same location, depending on flight times. There may be some waiting time, as group transfers take priority. Depending on when guests arrive, another group transfer takes place around 4:00 p.m. Additional transfers are subject to a fee.

If needed, you can reach us at the following phone numbers:

Anna (Guest Care Manager) +960 7644995
; Nahin (Office Manager) +960 9100014

PLEASE NOTE: For special itineraries arriving at a port other than Male, guests will be met at the respective domestic airport (Gan or Kooddoo) and not in Male. We ask that you make your own way to the domestic airport and check in for your connecting flight.

Domestic Flights:

You can book directly on the website <https://maldivian.aero/> or by email at cc@iasl.aero.

Insurance:

We require all divers to have valid insurance that covers diving accidents. Please bring this with you and show it to the guides at check-in. We assume no liability and will not cover costs such as hyperbaric chamber treatment or transportation expenses.

Diving:

There are no dives on the day of arrival or departure; there are approximately 16 to 17 dives per week (2 to 3 per day). On the morning of the day before departure, there is one dive.

The boat returns to the harbor around 12:00 p.m. on that day.

Divers must ensure that there is a 24-hour interval between their last dive and their flight departure (or ascent to high altitude). For all dive sites visited during the trip, our dive guides will provide you with a detailed and comprehensive briefing before entering the water. All divers must dive in buddy teams—solo divers will be assigned a buddy on board. As certified divers, our guests are responsible for their own safety and that of their buddy during the dive, as well as for planning and conducting the dive. Each diver must have their own dive computer. Dives must be started, conducted, and completed with your dive partner. You are expected to be capable of diving in accordance with the certification and experience requirements specified for each itinerary, and thus to be able to complete the dive with your dive partner or under the guidance of the dive guide.

Depending on the abilities of individual divers, the guides may decide not to enter the water for every dive, but to remain on board and provide support only from the surface.

The maximum diving depth in the Maldives is 30 meters with an equally qualified dive buddy. Your maximum diving depth depends on your certification and the experience of both dive buddies. It is your responsibility to verify, prior to your arrival, what depths your insurance covers.

Decompression dives, solo diving, and technical diving are strictly prohibited.

Courses:

We offer a range of courses on board, from beginner courses to various specialty courses. Courses are subject to availability and the itinerary and include course materials (if required) and the certification fee. A 10% service fee will be added for bookings made on board. Courses must be requested before the trip begins.

Diving Equipment:

We recommend the following diving equipment: mask, snorkel, fins, booties, wetsuit, regulator, BCD, SMB (with at least a 5-meter line for deployment during the safety stop), reef hook, and a dive computer with spare batteries and a flashlight for night dives. The average water temperature is 29 °C. We recommend a 3mm shorty or wetsuit.

A limited amount of rental equipment is available. Rental equipment must be requested before the trip.

We need information on wetsuit size, weight, height, and shoe size to prepare the right equipment for you.

For safety reasons, all divers must use a dive computer and an SMB throughout the entire safari and must carry reef hooks on every dive, as well as a flashlight for night dives. Please bring your own gear or ask us what's available on board. Wearing gloves is not permitted!

Tanks & Adapters:

We have 12-liter DIN tanks and INT adapters available on board. 15-liter tanks can be rented for a fee and only upon request.

Nitrox:

We offer Nitrox, subject to demand and availability. There is an additional charge for Nitrox. Nitrox cannot be guaranteed. If the Nitrox system is unavailable for technical reasons, there is no entitlement to a refund.

Internet:

Guests can purchase SIM cards from Dhiraagu or Ooredoo for data/internet at Velaana International Airport. Please contact our airport staff upon arrival if you wish to purchase a card.

Cabins:

All cabins accommodate two guests, either in a cabin with a double bed or a cabin with two single beds. Cabins are sold and assigned prior to arrival. All cabins are air-conditioned and have their own shower and toilet. You do not need to bring towels, as shower and beach towels are provided.

Bathrooms:

All bathrooms are equipped with a shower, sink, and toilet. Please be especially careful in the bathroom to avoid slipping, and close the shower curtain and door when using the shower. Do not flush toilet paper down the toilets on board. Not only can this clog the system, but the toilet paper also ends up in the delicate reef ecosystems and causes irreparable damage. Wastebaskets are available in all bathrooms and are emptied regularly.

We provide eco-friendly shampoo and shower gel. We also provide towels, so you don't need to bring your own.

Food and Drink:

Meals on board are typically served buffet-style, with a selection of dishes to suit every taste. Water, tea, and coffee are complimentary. Soft drinks, fresh juices, and alcohol (cocktails, spirits, wine, and beer) are available for an additional charge.

If you have special dietary requests, such as vegetarian meals or allergies, please let us know before your arrival.

Alcohol:

The import of alcoholic beverages is prohibited by law. Bottles containing alcoholic beverages will be confiscated by customs upon arrival. Alcohol can be purchased on board.

Guests are not permitted to dive after consuming alcohol or while under the influence of a hangover, as this seriously impairs your judgment and increases the risk of decompression sickness. If the dive instructors deem you unfit to dive, you will be asked to sit out the dive. Your safety and well-being are our top priority; therefore, the dive instructors will only make this request to prevent accidents.

Luggage:

Even if you are told where you can store your luggage, you leave your belongings there at your own risk. Due to staff shortages and logistical problems at airports, luggage delays are currently on the rise. We therefore recommend that you carry important items in your carry-on luggage.

Tips:

Tips for the crew are distributed among all crew members at the end of the trip. A tip box is provided. We recommend at least 15 USD per night.

Currency Accepted Onboard:

All prices on board are listed in U.S. dollars, but we accept cash in euros, MVR, and U.S. dollars. Please understand that we must deduct approximately 0.05 cents from the exchange rate published online. Credit card payments are accepted and subject to a 4% bank fee. Please bring enough cash to cover your bills.

Taxes:

The TGST (equivalent to value-added tax) is included in the prices. The government levies an environmental tax of 12 USD per day. This must be paid on board. A 10% service fee is charged for all equipment rentals paid on site, special requests for tanks, and purchases made on board.

Electricity:

The boat is equipped with 110/120 V AC and 220/240 V, 3-pin outlets (British standard). We assume no liability for damage caused by alternating current.

Fuel:

Especially in the Maldives, where more than 90% of products are imported, we are not spared from the

extremely rising prices. Since the unfavorable €/€ exchange rate has already made vacations significantly more expensive, we do not wish to raise prices directly; however, we are currently forced to impose a fuel surcharge. We will adjust this surcharge regularly to reflect actual fuel prices in the Maldives and hope to be able to remove it again soon. In recent months, fuel prices have risen by 40%.

We deeply regret this situation but ask for your understanding that we must limit our costs in this regard. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

Important Information!!!

Due to a change in DAN Europe's insurance terms, we are required to request a medical fitness certificate for all divers aged 75 or older. The medical clearance form must confirm your fitness for diving as well as your general state of health. This form must be sent directly to EcoPro Divers for DAN's approval of diving activities so that we can clarify the insurance criteria for our customers in advance. Please don't forget to specify the boat and the trip date! No diving activities may take place until the criteria for the respective customer have been clarified and approved by DAN. Please send the medical clearance form to info@ecoprodivers.com so that we can request approval from DAN for participation in diving activities before your arrival.

And finally:

If you've never been on a liveaboard before, expect a few adjustments from your normal routine so you can enjoy your week. If any issues arise during the week, please make sure to resolve them with the dive guides as soon as possible. The guides and the boat manager can usually resolve the issue promptly. However, if anything remains unresolved, please make sure to resolve it with the boat manager by the end of your week. If you don't bring it up, problems cannot be resolved. If you have any concerns, please speak up.

Check-out:

Rooms must be vacated by 7 a.m. on the day of departure. The transfer from the boat to the airport takes place between 7 and 8 a.m. (group transfer). The latest check-out time is 8 a.m. (additional transfer fee of 15 USD per person).

Tip:

Are you arriving early or even a day early, or do you have a late flight on the day of departure? Here are a few tips on what you can do: Extend your vacation—spend a full day at the Crossroads Maldives Resort—<https://crossroadsmaldives.com/>. The transfer costs about \$20 and is well worth it to spend time in Hulhumale, the local island where the boats dock in the lagoon.

Remember to bring the following:

- Personal clothing and toiletries
- A small first-aid kit and any prescription medications

- Earplugs are recommended if you're a light sleeper
- Waterproof bags to protect electronic items (camera, passports) from water damage
 - Note: Hard-shell suitcases are difficult to stow on board; please use foldable bags whenever possible
- Dive log with your most recent dives
- Valid dive certification (brevet)
- Valid travel insurance
 - A copy of your valid diving insurance policy from your insurance provider, including all personal information: (translated into English if this has not already been done by your insurance provider) specifying the start and end dates of diving coverage and detailing exactly what is covered by the insurance. Without this document, you must purchase dive insurance locally before the trip begins
- Booking voucher and trip details

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