

- The Ship

A sense of expedition and adventure is in the air aboard the Aquarius liveboard. And, that is not only because this ship is often cruising the distant waters of the spectacular Huvadhu, Laamu and Addu Atolls in the Maldives, but also because the standard of equipment aboard the Aquarius liveboard is remarkable. Aquarius is equipped with state-of-the-art devices including underwater stabilisers, automatically-inflating rescue rafts, rope-cutters, two turbo-diesel 1,000 horse power engines, three separate rudders and auto-pilot, all of which ensure comfort and safety aboard this Marine-Epoxy vessel. The interior design of the Aquarius, which features teak floors also assures an adequate level of comfort for scuba divers staying on board this ship during their scuba diving trip in the Maldives.



Technical Details

Construction Year: refurbished 2011

Length: 101 ft.

Width: 25.5 ft

Cruising Speed: 12 knots

Nautical Equipment: 2 x Simrad GPS card plotter, echosound with dual frequency, 48 mile radar, auto-pilot, 3 independent steering systems, weather fax, Radio, wind meeter, GSM

Water Supply: On board desalination plant

Power: 230V / 50Hz supplied by 2 diesel generators

Dinghy: Zodiac with outboard engine

Extra Diving boat (Dhoni): 60 ft. dive dhoni, fully equipped for scuba diving

Language spoken on Board:

English

Features:

Recliners

Onboard bar

Emergency Equipment:

State of the art security features according to Lloyds standards. See security features below.

Additional Information:

Security Features:

Aquarius was constructed and equipped according to German Lloyd standards, making the vessel suitable for trips at high sea.

- DAN first-aid box, oxygen, fire extinguishers, life vests
- 2 Automatically-inflating rescue rafts.
- Yacht Control System
- Bord Radio System
- Large and powerful search spotlights
- Automated fire extinguishing system in engine room
- Fire hose connections on all decks
- Life vests and signal lights in every room
- First-aid equipment on board the main ship and the dive dhoni
- Rope cutter on propellers

Additional Features:

Here are some of the additional amenities and activities on Aquarius:

- Zodiac with strong outboard engine
- sound systems on all decks
- DVD Player
- Wide-screen beamer
- Satellite TV
- 24/7 docking station for cameras, lamps etc. on main deck
- Power sockets in all rooms

Internet on board: guests get a wifi password and use their own computer. Price: USD 15 per week

Max. capacity - Guests: 16, Crew: 11

- Rooms

The eight comfortable, tastefully furnished guest cabins have en-suite showers (hot water) and WCs as well as individually adjustable air-conditioning. There is plenty of well thought-out storage space, creating a tidy and cosy living space. All cabins have two single beds.

**Rooms:**

Number of Rooms: 8
Air Conditioning: Yes
Exterior Windows: Yes
En-Suite: Yes
Hot Water Shower: Yes
Power supply: Yes
Room Service: Yes
Towel Service: Yes



Additional Information:
220 Volt / 24h in all rooms

- Diving

Aquarius offers two to three daily dives and at least one night dive per week. All dives are guided. We always dive from our Dhoni (accompanying dive vessel), which also carries the diving equipment during the entire safari. Bottles are filled with two quite electrical Bauer compressors, which cause neither noise nor smell nuisance.



Diving:

Guided Dives: Yes
PADI Instructor: Yes
PADI Courses: No
Dives per Day: 2-3
Enos System: No
Dive Dhoni: Yes
Equipment Rental: Yes



Schedules:

1) August - October: "**Manta Madness**"

Male, Baa, Rasdhoo, N. Ari Atoll. There are really so many Mantas this time on this route

2) November & December: „**Best of Maldives**“

Male, Rasdhoo, Ari, South Male Atoll

3) January - April: „**Southern Sharks**“

Addu, Foammulah, Huvadhoo (Guests Fly to Addu (Gan), and fly out from Huvadhoo (Kaadedhdhoo). New guests fly into Huvadhoo, out from Addu, alternating.

Addu has the Loyalty Wreck and Mantas.

Foammulah is know for Tiger Sharks and Silver Sharks as well as lots of Grey Reefs and clear water.

Huvadhoo is well known for having lots of sharks, eagle rays and occasionally whale sharks. The coral life is just amazing in the Southern Atolls....

Important Information for diving guests:

- Please don't forget to bring your logbook and diving certificate.
- A medical diving fitness check is recommended, but not compulsory.
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The first dive is always a so-called check-dive, which is compulsory for all divers.

- Dives are guided by an experienced instructor and a dive master.
- Experienced divers can dive independently after the check dive.
- diving certification courses can be held (please pre-book)
- Diving equipment is kept on the accompanying dive vessel (Dhoni)
- Oxygen, medical emergency case and mobile phone are on the Dhoni.
- All divers must adhere to the Maldivian diving regulations
- The last dive will be offered 24hrs before the end of the cruise.
- The use of a diving computer is compulsory.
- English and German is official language on board.
- During a 7-night cruise there are 17 dives, during a 14-night cruise there are 35 dives
- Additional dives will be charged with € 34 on board
- Nitrox fillings are available for only € 5 per filling
- Double Tanks and rebreather available, pls announce in advance

For security reasons we offer only one dive on the first and last day of the cruise. Even though all dives are guided, once the check-dive is done and our dive guides have made sure that divers are in control of their buoyancy and movements under water, guests can choose whether they want to follow the dive guide or explore the reefs independently – obviously always adhering to diving regulations. Naturally, this rule is of **great advantage for underwater photographers and filmmakers**. The dive site is explained before each dive in a thorough briefing including a drawing of the reef. The programme includes big fish (mantas, sharks, whale sharks, rays, sword fish and dolphins) as well fully intact inner reefs full of surprises for macro fans (frog fish, sea robins and ghost morays).

Nitrox (EAN32, 36 and 40) for certified Nitrox divers are available (US\$ 5 per filling). Nitrox certification courses can be pre-booked.

At the start of each safari, a rough route will be confirmed, followed by daily briefings on what happens next. Before each dive, you will be thoroughly briefed and shown a map of the dive site.

Domestic flight is needed for the „Southern Sharks“ cruises. In case clients have night /early morning departure, the transfer back to Male will be organized in the late afternoon on the day before regular check out.

It is our aim to show you the most beautiful dive spots in the Maldives. In order to do this, it is necessary to adapt our routes to the requirements of seasons, available time and current weather reports. That is why our ships do not follow fixed routes, but tailor each safari route to achieve the best possible trip. Please trust our experienced crews to choose the right route, every ship's crew has years of experience in making the most of each cruise. At the start of each safari, a rough route will be confirmed, followed by daily briefings on what happens next. Before each dive, you will be thoroughly briefed and shown a map of the dive site.

- Service

Full board accommodation including three meals, tea, coffee and water unlimited at all times are included in the package price. Internet access, equipment rental, Nitrox and consumption at the bar are charged extra at the end of the cruise.



Service:

TV / DVD / HiFi in Salon: Yes

Fishing Gear: Yes

Island Visits: Yes

Beach Barbeque: Yes

Male Visit: Yes

Internet: No

Onboard payment options:



Price includes:

- Accommodation in air-conditioned cabins with window, en-suite shower (hot water) and WC.
- Bath towels provided.
- Full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- Tea, coffee and water are available free of charge at all times
- 17 dives during a seven night safari (including check dive and night dive)
- Tanks with DIN/INT, lead belts, extra diving boat
- Guidance by a qualified and highly experienced English-speaking dive guide
- Use of fishing gear - local style, including hook, fishing line, weight and baits
- Picnic on an uninhabited island (depending on weather and route).

Not included in price

- Bed Tax: US\$ 8 p/p/n (payable on board only)
- Domestic flights if needed, Air fares / Airport taxes
- Dive/snorkel equipment rental
- Beverages, except those mentioned above
- Personal laundry
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Dive & travel Insurance

Internet on board: guests get a wifi password and use their own computer. Price: USD 15 per week

Minimum number of passengers:
8 people.

Maldives Scuba diving GmbH act as booking agent for the local tour operator Pinnacle Holdings Pvt Ltd, Fandiyaaru Magu, Male, Republic of Maldives

- Food

Exploring and diving are known to fuel the appetite - a fact that this hospitable ship is fully attuned to. Two professional cooks look after their guests almost around the clock and pamper their palates with delicious international dishes. All meals are freshly prepared and the menu is seasonal. The menu is inspired by the flavours of India, Sri Lanka and the Maldives, but European cuisine is also a firm component of the full-board menu.



Food:

Full Board



Additional information:

Full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Tea, coffee and water are available free of charge at all times.

Use of fishing gear - local style, including hook, fishing line, weight and baits is free of charge.

Picnic on an uninhabited island (depending on weather and route) is scheduled during every cruise.

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Available Cruises

Available cruise dates and prices as per day of printing this brochure: May 22, 2012, 10:31 am

Date	Nights	Free beds	Rate p.n.	Total p.p.
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Please note, cruise dates and prices are subject to change withouth further notice.