



This exceptionally comfortable and spacious liveaboard with its unbeatable value for money attracts divers from all over the world. Our attentive crew will look after your comfort and safety at all times.

Nitrox is available for certified Nitrox divers and Padi/NRC Nitrox courses can be held onboard on request.

If you want to see the best dive sites in the Maldives under the guidance of experts, MS Stingray is the right liveaboard for you.

SPECIFICATIONS

Year of Launch: 2002, refurbished 2008

Length: 31 m /101 feet

Equipment: water desalination, 2 generators, 2 compressors, rental equipment on request, medical oxygen, GPS, Wifi or Internet on board: via 3G or dongle for \$20 a week

Salon: TV, VCR, DVD, HiFi, games, books and comfy, well-stocked bar

Decks: 75sq m sun deck, deck chairs and mats, seats on quarter deck are sun/rain protected, stairs and platform with ladder for easy water access, fresh water shower facilities outside

Rooms: 9 air-conditioned rooms, en-suite bathroom (hot water), 220V UK sockets (triangle of 3 flat pins), international adapters available.
4 double bed rooms, 4 with one slightly bigger and one standard twin bed,
1 room with 2 standard twin beds.

Separate Diving Dhoni accompanies the ship



Rates and payment conditions

Please see our website for daily updated rates and availability:

www.maldivesdivetravel.com

Non Diver: 10 USD Discount/per person per day

On-board-bill is issued in USD – payable in USD cash or credit card (VISA/Mastercard)

On Board Charge: Fuel surcharge: in case the crude oil price reaches USD 100 per barrel on the international market, USD 6 per person per night will be charged on board directly.

7 nights package onboard STINGRAY includes:

- Airport “meet-and-greet” on arrival day’s
- Transfers to and from the boat (before noon on arrival and departure days only)
- Accommodation in air-conditioned cabins with en-suite bathroom (hot water) towels and room service
- Full board meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner served buffet style)
- Tea, coffee and chilled water (from water dispenser) are available at all times
- 17 dives per week (including check dive and one night dive)
- Tanks: 12lt aluminium DIN/INT, lead belts, security balloon, extra diving boat, and dive guide (Padi)
- Local-style fishing gear and escorted snorkelling
- 1 island visit + 1 beach dinner depending on availability and weather conditions
- Sightseeing and shopping in the capital city Male on last evening (at request)
- Maldivian taxes (GST tax, Greentax)

Price does not include:

Dive gear, Alcohol and softdrinks

other services that are not listed here or above and might be requested by the guest

Once ready to book, please, let us know the following details:

- full names
- flight details
- if the night before the cruise is spent in some resort, name of the resort and transfer time so we can arrange the meeting in the airport
- dive gear for rent (items and sizes if any)
- diet requirements if any
- dive certificates level and number of dives
- your nationality



CHECK IN/OUT TIME

- Check-in** starts at 10.00 AM until early afternoon on safari start day
transfer from Male airport to the boat
- Check-out** until 09:00 AM on departure day and transfer back to Male airport

TRANSFERS

Transfer is included only on safari start and end days from Male' Airport to the boat and from the boat back to Male' airport

In case your flight arrives later on cruise start day, please contact us for individual transfer arrangements.

Take these times into account when booking flights to and from the Maldives. If necessary we provide free airport transfers for early departures on night flights during the last night of the cruise.

If guests continue their vacation in the Maldives at a resort hotel after the liveaboard safari, their ongoing transfers will be arranged from the airport. We will not be able to arrange direct transfers from the boat to resorts.

Proposed Dive schedule on a seven night safari:

(subject to change! Depending on weather conditions)

- Day 1 guests check in before noon, first dive in the afternoon: compulsory check dive followed by a gentle reef dive (same dive)
- Day 2 to 6 3 guided dives per day (including 1 night dive)
- Day 7 last dive early morning - 24h no diving before flight back or transfer flight to an island resort
- Day 8 check out in the morning until 09:00 AM

Whale Shark watching is counted as one dive.

Dives missed due to bad weather conditions /security reasons are not subject to compensation.

Change of routing is decided by captain and cruise leader, no subject to compensation.

Dive Insurance

Diving-insurance is compulsory and we highly recommend that all guests purchase comprehensive international travel insurance that includes also medical treatment and baggage protection, as well as the costs of cancellation or interruption of the cruise, airfare costs and/or other expenses.

Guests can purchase short-term dive insurance onboard.

Required dive certification

The minimum requirement is a Open Water Diver certificate or equivalent, which will allow you to dive to a maximum of 18m. This is the depth when a lot of the best dive sites begin to be really interesting, which is why we encourage our guests to obtain a Advanced Open Water Diver certificate or equivalent before or during the cruise. This will allow you to dive to a maximum of 30m and fully explore the Maldives best dive spots.

Divers who have not dived for a while can do a PADI Scuba Review course to refresh their skills. The initial check dive does not only serve as an opportunity to check your gear, but also for the dive guides to assess everybody's abilities. Should the dive guide or a guest feel that extra support is needed, special guided dives can be arranged at an extra cost.

Internet

WiFi internet is available onboard, though the availability and signal strength depends on the area. Internet may be not available at some places while cruising. Wifi access is USD 20 per week. Please, ask crew for details while onboard. Please note that laptops/computers/other devices to use internet onboard are not provided, you should have your own computer to use our internet facility.

Important information for our diving guests:

- Please bring your log book and diving certificate
- A medical check before departure is recommended but not compulsory
- The first dive is a check-dive and compulsory for all divers. Experienced divers can dive on their own only if they have taken part in the check-dive and have the approval of the dive guides
- Dives are performed according to Maldivian and Padi regulations: no decompression dives, buddy system, maximum depth is 33m (for AOWD or equivalent), maximum depth of 18m for OWD or equivalent, use of diving computer is compulsory for every diver
- The currents in the Maldives can be very strong and unpredictable. Please note that our dive guides are authorised to exclude divers from drift dives if they think that they are insufficiently skilled/experienced or not physically fit to participate in the dive
- First aid box and medical oxygen are on board of the dive boat (Dhoni)
- Last dive 24h before return flight

General information for all guests:

Route:

Our liveboards do not follow fixed itineraries. It is our goal to show you the most beautiful dive sites of the Maldives. To achieve it, we have to adapt the routing to seasonal conditions, available time and weather forecasts. Please trust our experienced crew to choose the best possible route and fully utilize the ship's mobility. Fixed routes would mean to ignore the insider knowledge of our crews. At the beginning of every safari a rough route will be announced, followed by daily, more detailed briefings. Before every dive you will be thoroughly briefed and shown a map of the dive spot

We ask all our guests to help protect the environment by saving water and electricity, not throwing rubbish over board and taking care not to touch corals or reef animals during dives

The Republic of Maldives is a Muslim country and it is important to us that our guests respect local culture and legislation. Topless sunbathing, for example, is not allowed. It is illegal to bring alcohol, pork or pornographic material into the country. The use of drugs is strictly prohibited and punished by harsh prison sentences

The consumption of drinks (especially alcoholic drinks) that have not been purchased on board is not permitted

IMPORTANT: your passport must be valid for at least 6 months beyond your departure date

Maldives Scuba Diving act as booking agent in the name of the local operator: Maldives Boat Club Pvt. Ltd., M.Narugismaage-aage, Alhivila Magu, Male' 20292 , Republic of Maldives.

Cancellation fees:

20 % deposit is not refundable

30 days before departure: 50%

15 days before departure: 100%

Minimum number of guests to start a cruise:

Minimum 8 guests



For bookings and more information please contact:

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