



# Manthiri, Maldives Trip Information

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**Manthiri Liveboard:** The 85 feet long by 25 feet wide Manthiri is custom designed for the optimal dive experience but also for comfort. The vessel's exceptionally wide beam minimizes rocking motion and spacious cabins for twelve guests. Cabin configurations consist of four cabins with two twin beds and two cabins with one queen-size bed.

All cabins have private bathrooms with hot water showers, convenient hair dryers, individually controlled air-conditioning, and minibars. There's plenty of storage in every cabin including a locker and drawers for clothes and luggage stowage.

Manthiri's teak paneled salon is one of the largest found on any vessel of this size. This lounge area is furnished with six sofas, a music system, DVD player, and multi-system TV/VCR with video camera viewing capabilities. The camera salon is equipped with a well-lit workstation, spacious tables to store cameras, and ample 230V and 110V power outlets. Manthiri has been outfitted by professionals with underwater photographers in mind.

Manthiri's top deck is arranged to accommodate both sun worshippers and shade seekers. Deck chairs are ideally placed for soaking in the rays, icy drink in hand, or stargazing in the evening. For full details and pictures of the boat visit their website at [www.manthiriliveboard.com](http://www.manthiriliveboard.com).

The Manthiri has a separate, specially outfitted dive boat, called a dhoni. The 54-foot dhoni provides a home for compressors, Nitrox system and dive gear. It also has a full bathroom with shower and one outside shower. Four people can giant stride into the water at one time and there is a very stable ladder to get back on the boat. The dive crew does a great job ensuring a fun and safe dream dive vacation.

**Food:** Meals are provided on the boat. Water, juices, coffee, and tea are included. Alcoholic and soft drinks are for sale. If you need special meals or have allergies, please contact us ahead of time so they can accommodate you. Soft drinks and beer are \$4 + 16% tax; bottle of wine is \$30 + 16% tax.

**Electricity:** British Standard 220VAC outlets requiring rectangular blade plug type G and American Standard 110VAC outlets requiring flat blade plug type A & B. At the hotels you will need an adapter/converter.

**Money:** Local currency is Rufiyaa. In the Maldives, the U.S. Dollar is accepted as well as credit cards. The boat accepts only **MasterCard and Visa** 3.5% will be added to all credit card transactions. Tipping needs to be in cash. Everything else you are welcome to put on your credit cards for example in transit meals, nitrox, soda, beer, wine, and personal purchases. **Please bring new clean money. They cannot accept torn, written on, or tattered money. Must be newer bills. \$1 bills no longer accepted.**

**Fuel Surcharge:** "Due to the huge increase in fuel prices in recent months In the wake of the Ukraine war and substantial increase in food costs as well, we are compelled to levy a fuel surcharge of US\$ 175/person/tour effective 1st January 2023. The surcharge will be collected at the end of each tour. However, the fuel surcharge shall be withdrawn when fuel prices return to pre-war levels."

**Climate:** Mid 80's to 90 degrees F

**Internet Access:** If you want internet access you will need to purchase a SIM card 14-day plan at the Male airport Teleshop store. Go to the right as you walk out of baggage claim. Estimated \$32 for 17GB, \$50 for 30GB. Note prices are subject to change. **Note your phone must be unlocked.**

**Phones on the Boat:** There is a phone available on the boat if you need to make calls to the U.S. Cost is \$0.35 per minute, and you can settle up with them at the end of the trip. Note price subject to change.

**Time Zone:** 9 to 10 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time depending on Daylight Savings Time.

**Laundry Service:** Daily laundry service is provided on the boat free of charge.

**Dress:** Casual light cotton clothes, polo shirts, t-shirts, and shorts. A sweatshirt or light jacket if you are one to get cold. Climate tends to be hot. Ladies this is a Muslim country so covering your shoulders and thighs is recommended when traveling on land. You will not need a lot of clothes on the boat, mostly bathing suits and t-shirts. There is laundry service on the boat so you can pack light.

**You cannot bring:** Liqueur, narcotics, firearms, idols of worship, and porn to the Maldives. You can purchase liqueur in the Maldives and on the boat.

**Departure Tax:** Included in ticket.

**Proof of Citizenship:** Must have a valid Passport with at least 6 months remaining before expiration. Bring a copy of your passport with you. You will get a 30-day Visa at the airport. Make sure your first and last names are the same on your tickets and Passport.

**Medicine:** If you need medication, bring it. Make your own first aid kit: aspirins, decongestants, cough drops, Band-Aids, motion sickness pills, suntan lotion, Pepto-Bismol, Imodium AD, contact lens solutions, and anything else you will need. Do not expect to find it on the boat.

**Covid Travel Requirements:** Current information is on our website [www.massdiving.com/manthiri](http://www.massdiving.com/manthiri). No Covid test or vaccination required.

**Travel Clinic Information:** No malaria, yellow or dengue fever or any other plague. Check the CDC's website for recommended shots at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

**Traveler Health Declaration Form:** [www.imuga.immigration.gov.mv](http://www.imuga.immigration.gov.mv) Must be filled out starting 96 hours prior to USA departure.

**What you need to bring to the Airport:** QR Code from Traveler Health Declaration, Passport, Manthiri trip voucher. Vaccine card is recommended but not required.

**Flight Information:** Check your tickets for your flight information and baggage allowances.

**Oryx Hotel in Doha:** [www.oryxairporthotel.com](http://www.oryxairporthotel.com) +974(4010-8100) [reservation@oryxairporthotel.com](mailto:reservation@oryxairporthotel.com)

**Marhaba Lounge Locations in Dubai:** This is a great place to hang out during your long layover. Price is around \$60 and comes with food buffet, all drinks, free Wifi, lounge area, TV, and clean bathrooms. For a small fee you can take a shower or rent a tent to sleep. Here are the locations depending on what terminal in Dubai you fly into:

- **Dubai International Airport, Emirates Terminal 3, Concourse A Level 5 between Gates A3 and A2.** The entrance to the Lounge is via a dedicated elevator from duty free.
- **Dubai International Airport, Emirates Terminal 3, Concourse B:** Level 4 near Gate B21. The entrance to the Lounge is via a dedicated elevator from Level 3 departures.

- **Dubai International Airport, Terminal 1, Concourse C:** Between Gates C23 and C25 at the east end of the terminal.
- **Dubai International Airport, Terminal 2:** After immigration counters and opposite duty free

**Lost Luggage:** In case your luggage gets lost or delayed and you are bringing more than one suitcase, I would pack some clothes and dive gear in both, so you at least have some clothes and gear on the boat in case only one bag makes it.

**Pickup and Drop Off Times:** If you are flying in on the day of the charter, once you come out of baggage claim go left and Moosa or Manthiri staff will meet you by the information booth. If the entire group arrives a day or more before, we will meet you at the information booth at **9am**. If some arrive the same day and others arrive earlier, we will coordinate a time for everyone to meet for one pickup at the information booth. At the end of the charter, you will depart the boat at **9am**. If you have a morning flight, we can take you to the airport earlier.

**Certification Card:** A must to dive!!! **Need Nitrox Card for Nitrox Tanks**

**Water Temperature:** 82 to 86 degrees F

**Water Visibility:** Averages 60 to 100 + feet

**Water Movements:** Currents will vary; most dives will have current. Strong currents = more fish! **Everyone needs to bring a reef hook.**

**Dive Site Locations:** **December to May:** Southern Area **June to November:** Northern Area

**Note:** Moosa will determine the best route and dives based on weather conditions and currents.

**Diving:** Whale Sharks are seen 90% of the time. Mantas are very abundant. Also, there are large varieties of fish and pristine coral formations.

**Dive Package:** Average 3 to 4 dives per day. Night diving is also available on certain nights. Tanks/weights are supplied.

**Nitrox Tanks:** Nitrox is available for an additional \$10 for 32% per tank or 9 nights \$185.00 Note prices subject to change.

**Tipping:** Bring money for tipping the dive staff, excursion guides, luggage handlers and hotel staff. Note: Tipping is a personal preference, not a requirement. Usual tipping for a live-aboard is 10% to 15% of charter fee. The average tip is between \$400-\$500 +. **Cash needs to be newer bills, no writing on them and not torn.** Keep in mind the crew works 24 hours a day for us, they feed us, dive with us, clean our rooms and more. You are welcome to tip more or less depending on your evaluation of the level of service.

**Trip Insurance and DAN Insurance:** Highly recommended.

**Recompression Chambers:** There 3 hyperbaric chambers in the Maldives and are located at Bandos Island Resort in Kaafu Atoll, Kuramathi Island Resort in Ari Atoll and Kuredu Island Resort in Lhaviyani Atoll.

### Recommended things to bring:

Regulator with octopus and dive computer  
Exposure Suit: Rash Guard, Dive Skin, Shorty or 3mm Full  
Lightweight Gloves (not recommended)  
Buoyancy Compensator  
Mask, Snorkel, Fins, and Boots (if needed for fins)  
Tank Light (for night diving)  
Dive Light, backup light, and tank light for night dives  
Movies/DVDs, games  
Electric adapter for airport  
Camera Equipment, SD Card, batteries

**Safety Sausage with reel\*\***  
**Surface Sound - Dive Alert, Whistle\*\***  
**Reef Hook\*\***  
Knife (not required)  
Logbook  
Spare Parts Kit  
Sunglasses  
Plus, any other personal gear  
Face Covering for airports if required  
**\*\*Required**

**Recommended Wetsuit:** All depends on your tolerance for coldness. Divers have worn dive skins, rash guards, shorty or 3mm to 5mm full suit. You are better off bringing multiple combinations so if you need it, you have it.

**Tanks Onboard:** 80 and 100 cu. ft. DIN and Yoke

**Rental Reservations:** Rent from your local dive shop or contact us ahead of time to reserve your equipment on the boat. Rental prices are on our website. [Manthiriliveaboard.com](http://Manthiriliveaboard.com)



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