

# Maldives Islands

10<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017



Join us for the Dive Holiday of a lifetime as we cruise the **Best of the Maldives** onboard the **MV Emperor Leo** for 7 days and then chill out on the spectacularly beautiful Island of **Vilamandhoo** for an extra 4 nights of luxury and relaxation.



The richness and variety of Marine life in the Maldives has to be seen to be believed. There are over 700 varieties of fish and frequent encounters with Manta and turtles. You should see sharks on almost every dive with the occasional Whale Shark if we are lucky!

## Come with us to the Maldives in November

Although Oceandivers has had many memorable holidays to the Maldives over the years, this will be the first time that we have incorporated a Liveaboard as a central part of the trip. The itinerary will give us access to some of the best dive sites in the world with spectacular wall diving and breathtaking drift dives. We will be working with Emperor Divers who are one of the top dive charter companies in the business.

The MV Emperor Leo is very well suited to large dive groups. You don't need a minimum number of dives but you should be Advanced level or higher and comfortable with drift dives. Experienced divers can dive in a buddy pair unguided. There is accommodation for 24 divers. The Upper deck has 1 executive suite, 3 double/twins. Lower deck has 2 doubles, 2 twin/double and 4 twins. All cabins: Ensuite, DVD, hair dryer, air con. It has a well stocked international bar, Sundecks and Jacuzzi.

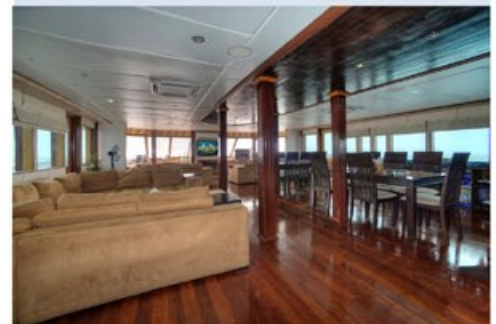


Emperor Leo is **Length: 35m - Beam: 9.4m** and equipped with 2 Coltri compressors Nitrox is free. Large diving dhoni, fully equipped with cylinders & oxygen kits.

## The Best of the Maldives Cruise



This is where you dive the best and most famous dive sites of the Maldives in a week of wonderful liveaboard diving across Male and Ari atolls - **Rasdho Atoll**: Hammerhead Dive, Beautiful Reef with Pelagics - **North Ari Atoll**: Grey Reef Sharks, - **Maaya Thila Night Dive**, Multiple Manta Cleaning Stations - **South Ari Atoll**: Whale Sharks, Beautiful Pinnacles - **South Male Atoll**: Grey Reef Sharks, Eagle Rays, Other Pelagics, Beautiful Macro Wreck. - **Vaavu Atoll**: Beautiful channels with magical soft corals and pelagic delights. Action packed night dive with Nurse Sharks and others. - **North Male Atoll**: Beautiful Pinnacles. This is the Best of the Maldives - and it delivers exactly that.



There will be plenty of opportunity for stunning photos of the large and small marine life.





Following our week at sea it's time to chill out after our ocean voyage and there are few better places than the magical island of **Vilamendhoo**.

## Four extra days to relax on the Island of Vilamandhoo



## Just when you thought life couldn't get much better ...

Because it seems a pity to come all the way to the Maldives for just 1 week on a liveaboard, we built this trip with a shore based add so we don't have to step on a plane when we step off the boat. We sifted through the hundreds of Maldivian options and we now believe that the magical island of **Vilamendhoo** certainly ticks all the boxes! It gets a 4.5/5 rating on Tripadvisor with over 2,846 reviews! It's peaceful with an excellent house reef along with high quality facilities at an affordable price.

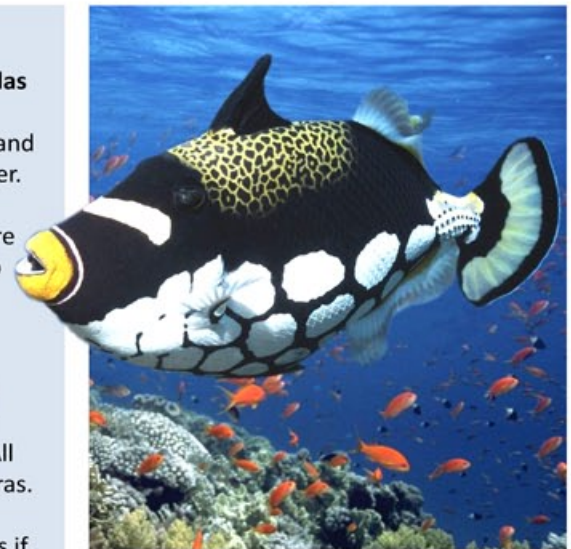
There are a range of room options from **Garden Bungalows**, **Beach Villas** and even **Jacuzzi Water Villas**! All rooms are ensuite, air conditioned and all have free WIFI, TV and DVD player.

As well as great dining options, there are more than four different bars to choose from with pool and beach locations.

If you fancy more diving, the house reef is excellent and there are super reefs within an easy boat journey. All dives on the Island are optional extras.

There are other watersports options if you are still feeling energetic but if you would prefer to pamper yourself, the Island has an excellent SPA facility as well.

Transfer between Male and Vilamendhoo is by **Seaplane** and takes about 25 minutes. Cost for the return flight is included in the package price.



## Getting to the Maldives

We have a group booking with the World Travel Centre here in Dublin who we have worked with many times before, they are a 100% Irish company licence 0388 IATA. We will be flying to the Maldives on Etihad Airways via Abu Dhabi and then on to Male International Airport. Total flight time about 12 hours.

We will be met by the Dive Crew from Emperor at Male and transported by Diving Dhoni to the MV Emperor Leo.

At the end of our diving week, we will transfer from Male to the Island of Vilamandhoo by Seaplane. Total flight time about 35 minutes.

For the return home, we leave Vilamandhoo by Seaplane and return to Male International Airport then fly back to Dublin with Etihad.

## Itinerary for the trip

Date	Details	Depart	Arrive
Fri 10th Nov	Etihad Airways EY48 Dublin to Abu Dhabi	19:10	06:40
Sat 11th Nov	Etihad Airways EY278 Abu Dhabi to Male Airport	08:40	14:05
Sat 11th Nov	Transfer to MV Emperor Leo	16:30	17:30
Sun 12th Nov	Cruise and Dive the Best of the Maldives		
Mon 13th Nov	Cruise and Dive the Best of the Maldives		
Tue 14th Nov	Cruise and Dive the Best of the Maldives		
Wed 15th Nov	Cruise and Dive the Best of the Maldives		
Thur 16th Nov	Cruise and Dive the Best of the Maldives		
Fri 17th Nov	Cruise and Dive the Best of the Maldives		
Sat 18th Nov	Return to Male	09:30	
Sat 18th Nov	Seaplane transfer to Vilamandhoo Island resort and SPA	11:30	12:15
Sun 19th Nov	Relax and enjoy the island with options for Diving and SPA		
Mon 20th Nov	Relax and enjoy the island with options for Diving and SPA		
Tue 21st Nov	Relax and enjoy the island with options for Diving and SPA		
Wed 22nd Nov	Seaplane transfer to Male Airport	12:00	12:45
Wed 22nd Nov	Etihad Airways EY279 Male to Abu Dhabi	20:00	23:25
Thur 23rd Nov	Etihad Airways EY45 Abu Dhabi to Dublin	02:05	06:45

## Cost breakdown for the Maldives Holiday

### Cost of Flights - Dublin to Male return with Etihad Airlines €855.00

**Included in the cost** - All in-flights meals. The baggage allowance is a very generous 2 bags per passenger in the hold of 24kg each (total 48kg) and in cabin bag of 10kg.

### Cost of 7 day Liveaboard trip on MV Emperor Leo €1,769.00

**Included in the cost** - All transfers to and from Male, all on board meals, drinking water, tea and coffee, 17/18 dives are included, cylinders and weights, WiFi (limited signal), 1 - BBQ on an Island (subject to weather), free Nitrox 32%, optional free guided tour of Male City.

### Cost of 4 nights on Vilamandhoo Island Resort and SPA €1,100.00

**Included in the cost** - All transfers to and from Male by Seaplane, 4 nights twin accommodation in Beach Bungalow, full board package to include normal meals with drinking water, teas and coffee. Free wifi in all rooms

## Optional extras

**Executive Suite onboard the MV Emperor Leo** - There is one Executive Suite onboard the MV Emperor Leo which is on the upper deck and adds an superb level of comfort and space.

**Add on cost is €300 per person per week**

**Upper Deck cabins onboard the MV Emperor Leo** - There are three Upper Deck cabins onboard the MV Emperor Leo with an extra level of comfort and space.

**Add on cost is €200 per person per week**

**Beach Villa upgrade on Vilamandhoo** - Instead of a Garden Bungalow, you can upgrade to a Beach Villa which overlooks the sea on Vilamandhoo Island

**Add on cost is €125 per person per week**

**PLEASE NOTE** - Prices are based on the current ROE for the US Dollar of .95 to the Euro and we reserve the right to adjust prices accordingly if this rate should vary.

**PLEASE NOTE** - We are happy to accept payment by Debit Cards but all Credit Cards are subject to a surcharge of 3%