



YOGA - DIVING - SNORKELING LIVEABOARD MALDIVES RETREAT

I'm so thrilled to share with you the SPECIAL Maldives Liveaboard Yoga Retreat!



Embark on your ultimate oceanic Yoga Retreat with me and Lorenzo!

The Maldivian Archipelago is composed of 1200 islands of secluded beaches and incredibly beautiful landscapes. Why choose to see only one of them, when you can enjoy a different one everyday?

The Maldives are world known for their incredible clear waters and abundant marine life. From the smallest creature to huge mantas and whale sharks, Maldives can satisfy any diver and snorkeler.

The cruise offers the perfect place to practice your Yoga Class moments of relax and you will find that doing absolutely nothing has its charm regenerating your energy to enjoy your holiday to its best. The magic of the Indian Ocean has, however, an irresistible call and the desire to swim in the lagoons' turquoise waters or sit under a palm tree can't be ignored. Waking up in the morning and being captured by the sun rays which are still low in the sky, reflecting on the calm sea creating reflexes like millions of diamonds is unique. A YOGA CLASS, to wake up, before breakfast and then the day begins. A short navigation brings the boat next to a deserted island, a beautiful reef or a sandbank surrounded by turquoise waters. A short transfer onto a Dhony (the Maldivian Boat) to reach the diving point or snorkeling and then in the water..... to discover the seabed! For those who really don't want to do anything then the tender will take them to one of the white coral sandy beaches.

At this point the choice is between being cradled by the seas movements on the shore under the sun, going for an exploration of the island or observing hermit crabs and sea birds which live there. The group will meet on land after diving or snorkeling to dedicate one hour of their time to complete relax or wander amongst the palm trees and mangroves in search of a few rare colored shells. After the return to the boat and a lavish lunch, the boat moves anchor next to one of the sandbanks. Along the shore shells draw imaginary waves leaving traces with the change of the tides. Red, yellow and white shells tell us of the tides movements, the waves and the high tides..... Some of these sand banks disappear with the high tide, others are more stable or larger and are home to seabird colonies. Occasionally some seeds or coconuts are carried by these birds and are able to germinate forming the life of a new island.

Some of these islands have bowed to the existence of man and today the Maldives population live here. In the past they were a completely self-sufficient fishing population and the islands still demonstrate this antique tradition. Today the boats anchored in the lagoon once used for fishing are now used for tourism. Each island has a small boatyard where wooden boats are made. Each island has a school with children wearing their neat and trim English style uniforms smiling in front of the camera. The mosque is still the most beautifully decorated building on the island with gardens and multi-colored flowers surrounding it. Some of the islands further away from the areas more frequented by tourist and holiday villages have retained their genuineness and kept their local culture. Those nearer the tourist areas have completely modified, or partly, their style of life and the fishermen have turned into gentle and careful shopkeepers selling multi-color pareos, t-shirts and other souvenirs. The evenings on the boat are dedicated above all to relax..... a glass of something on deck under a starry sky chatting with friends. Now and again, a film is shown on board or there is some good music to enlighten the evening. Occasionally, depending on the itinerary, an evening out to the local holiday village disco will be proposed.

Onboard lifestyle... in Maldives

Sea, sun, Yoga and ...

Life on board is characterized by relax and marked by moments dedicated to true marine sports. Days are passed pleurably between scuba diving in some of the most beautiful areas of the Maldives, swimming with mask and fins discovering the incredible coral barrier and sun-bathing on desert islands.

Three expert European diving instructors collaborate with the Maldivian crew to make your journey unforgettable with respect for the sea and its harmony.

Every day for the divers, two underwater accompanied dives are organized and one night-dive during the week. The instructors have many years of experience in the Maldives and a profound knowledge of the sea bed and the local biology and they will lead you through the multicolor coral where manta rays, whale sharks, turtles and barrier sharks swim. All of this is not limited to scuba-diving and can be enjoyed by those with masks and fins together with our expert snorkeling guides in the discovery of the marine fauna.



The Dhony

Cuisine

The cuisine celebrates the unique Italian style mixed with local spices and fresh fish. On board, two chefs present an everyday different menu based on seafood, pasta, pizza, rice dishes (some truly Italian as Risotto and some typical Asian as fried rice), vegetables, tropical fruits and home made desserts are always available.

Scuba Diving in Maldives

Diving in the Maldives is like nowhere else.

Maldives is one of the most desired and dreamed destination among the scuba diving community. Colorful reef, big pelagic fish and tiny brilliant sea life render this destination unique and inviting. If you have never been here, well, that's a must! Diving in Maldives is comfortable, some time a little bit challenging, and definitely stunning.

In the same dive you can encounter big grey reef sharks and small colorful reef fish. If you want a preview of the interesting creatures that you may find during your dives, here you are: grey reef sharks, white-tip sharks, nurse sharks, leopard sharks, mantas, eagle rays, devil rays, sting rays, swarms of trevally and barracuda, frogfish, leaf fish, schools of snappers, batfish and doctor fish, crabs, nudibranchs, sea worms and many different types of colorful soft and hard corals and sponges.



Classic Tour

Atolls: Rasdhoo, North Ari, South Ari, North Felidu, South Male

Start: Male – Hulule Airport

End: Male – Hulule Airport

Strengths: whale sharks, manta rays, Grey sharks, eagle rays, sting rays, nurse sharks, reef fishes, corals, deserted islands, sand banks, fishermen islands, Male visit.

Diving and snorkeling: Oceanic channel (pass), coral banks (thila), in and out reefs.

Price per person in Double Room: €1890

Single Room: €2660

Supplement Double cabin upper deck: Euro 300 per cabin (2 cabins)



WHAT IS INCLUDED

2 YOGA Class per day

Maldivian GST 12% tax ,Green Tax, transfer to Dhony airport/boat/ airport, accommodation on board in double / twin cabin in full board with mineral/natural water, tea and American coffee, trolling and bottom fishing, excursions on deserted and inhabited islands.

FOR CERTIFIED DIVERS (OWD minimum or equivalent): 2 accompanied dives per day of which one night per week, tanks and weight (total 14 weekly dives)

FOR SNORKELISTS: 2 accompanied Snorkeling per day

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

Flight (we can help to book your flight, just let me know!)

Airport taxes.

Medical Insurance - Baggage and Cancellation up to the last day (from Euro 65)

Percentage of on-board service (50,- \$ per person per week)

Additional dives, all drinks not indicated, Diving courses with PADI, Diving equipment rental (to be requested upon booking), Nitrox diving

Optional weekly Dan underwater insurance (€ 15 per person)

Entry to the islands ca. \$15 per week (where required)

GST 12% for extras purchased on board

Internet \$10 per person per week

Extra generally Information:

Passport: Electronic (issue after 01/11/2006) with a residual validity of at least 6 months

Boarding: Saturday 26th April 2020 morning between 11:00am and 1:00pm. For arrivals after 1:00pm there is a supplement of € 50 per person for a private transfer.

Landing: Saturday 03rd May 2020 morning before 07.00 am, transfer to the airport.

Mandatory: Underwater Insurance (DAN or similar). Possibility of stipulating WEEKLY DAN INSURANCE before departure, at a cost of € 15.

Itineraries: they could change in case of adverse weather conditions. This decision will be taken at the sole discretion of the captain and guides to protect the safety of passengers at sea and to guarantee the best possible result.

Lorenzo will do a photography workshop with a small supplement if someone is intrested!