

# Maldives 2016

From **\$3,999 Diver**



## M/V Carpe Vita Explorer

Join Us in October 2016 and Lose yourself in the Beauty of the Maldives aboard First Class Accommodations on the Carpe Vita Explorer Live-Aboard.

### MALDIVES *Indian Ocean*

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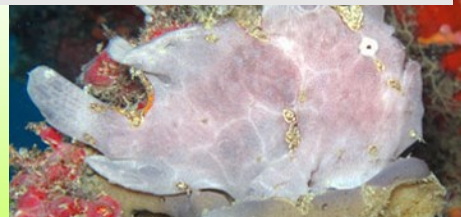
**Group Leaders: Jeff & Fred**

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**Oct 19—Oct 31, 2016**

#### Includes:

- **Round Trip Air Fare LAX to Dubai to Male**
- **(3) Nights Hotel in Dubai + (1) Night Male**
- **7 Nights - Carpe Vita Explorer Live Aboard**
- **(5.5) Days of up to (4) Dives per Day**
- **All Meals Included + (2) Drinks with dinner**
- **Day Room on Return Trip**
- **Hotel & Airport Transfers (Dubai & Male)**
- **Not Included: Tips (Figure \$250-\$400), \$6 Port Tax / Hotel Tax if Rates Increase**
- **(12) Spaces lower level @ \$3,999 each**
- **(4) Spaces Mid-Level @ \$4,199 each**
- **(4) Spaces Top-Level @ 4,399 each**



**AGENT: World of Diving**

# Maldives (Indian Ocean) 10/18-10/31, 2016

## Itinerary:

**10/18:** Emirates Airline EK 216 on LAX/DXB 4:45 pm departure / 7:35 pm (land on Oct 19)

**10/19-22:** (3) nights in Dubai at the Sheraton Deira Hotel, Standard Room  
<http://www.sheratondeiradubai.com/en/rooms>

**10/22:** Emirates Airline EK 652 DXB/MLE 9:50am Departure / 3:05pm landing

**10/22:** (1) night at the Fern Bouquete, standard room  
<http://www.fernboqueteinn.com/>

**10/23 to 10/30:** Live Aboard Diving (Maldives – Indian Ocean)

## About the Live Aboard

The *M/V Carpe Vita Explorer*, began service in February 2011 and is a very luxurious addition to the Explorer Ventures Fleet! This new 20-passenger, 125-foot wooden-hull safari yacht, along with her 61-foot custom matching dhoni (dive tender), was built by one of the Maldives most accomplished boat builders. It provides guests with an exceptional and luxurious yachting experience, large, hotel-style staterooms, hot tub and unmatched open-air comfort!

When you board the vessel you'll be on the main deck where you'll find an indoor salon/restaurant that includes a lounge and TV area. This inviting area features a large flat screen TV, DVD/MP3 player, sound system, sitting/library area including a buffet table and refrigerators. Just forward of the salon area there is an outdoor shaded sitting area complete with comfortable cushioned benches. This is a peaceful place where you can sip your afternoon tea while the vessel is cruising and take in the beautiful colors of the Indian Ocean. The main deck also includes a galley equipped with spacious commercial refrigerators/freezers, the office, common restroom, dive equipment rental/storage area and the swim platform at the back of the main deck (with two fresh water showers). There is also a specialized camera table in the outdoor area and a power charging station at the entrance. Staterooms 3 & 4 are found on this deck as well.



From the main deck, you can access the upper deck via indoor or outdoor staircases. The upper deck includes staterooms 1 & 2 (the VIP Suites), the bridge and an aft alfresco dining area with a fully equipped main bar offering you a wide variety of spirits, wines, liquors, cocktails and beer. In the restaurant you will be served semi-buffet meals prepared by our fine dining chef. There is a stairway from the upper deck to the beautiful Sun deck where you can choose a chaise in the sun or in the ample shaded area or to take a relaxing soak in the Jacuzzi.

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Also from the main deck, you can take a stairway downstairs to access the large lower deck staterooms (numbers 5-10).

All 10 cabins offer a private bath and shower, separately controlled air-conditioning and plenty of storage space. The 2 upper deck cabins are very large with a king bed or double beds and study area; the 2 main deck cabins can accommodate 2 individual with 2 double beds or a couple in 1 queen; the 6 lower deck cabins offer a queen bed and a twin bed.



The *Carpe Vita Explorer* is staffed by a crew of 13 and is ideally sized and equipped for divers. Four dives are conducted daily directly from a 61-foot dhoni, which is fully equipped with a bathroom, hot-water showers and air and nitrox compressors. The dhoni is well-stocked with quality diving gear for each guest for those passing through the area as part of a longer trip; nonetheless, the crew's experience and qualifications are well suited for those traveling specifically to experience one of the most amazing diving destinations in the world!

**Boat Pictures:** <http://www.explorerverventures.com/maldives/pdf/MaldivesGallery.pdf>

**Boat Layout Info:** [http://www.explorerverventures.com/maldives/vessel\\_layout.html](http://www.explorerverventures.com/maldives/vessel_layout.html)

## Boat Itinerary:

- **Sunday:** Male. Guests board vessel around 3 pm; Captain's briefing, document check; check out dive. Cross to North Male from port approximately 2 ½ hr. 1 dive. Nighttime crossing to Baa Atoll, approximately 4 hr (as weather permits).
- **Monday:** Baa, 4 dives daily. Night spent anchored
- **Tuesday:** Baa, 4 dives daily. Night spent anchored.
- **Wednesday:** Baa, 1 dive; Raa, 3 dives. Night spent anchored.
- **Thursday:** Raa, 1 dive; Baa, 3 dives. Night spent anchored.
- **Friday:** Baa, 2 dives; North Male, 2 dives. Cross from Baa to Male approx. 4 ½ hr. Night anchored.
- **Saturday:** North Male, 1 dive.
- **Sunday:** Depart the vessel by 8 am. Due to the necessity of readying the vessel for our next cruise, we must strictly enforce the 8 am departure.
  - **Water temp:** Expect 80-85
  - **Visibility:** 50 ft -100 ft. +

**10/30:** Emirates Airline EK 659 MLE/DXB 11:00am Departure / 2:00pm landing

**10/30-31:** (1) night in Dubai at the Dubai International Airport Terminal Hotel, standard room <http://www.dubaiintlhotels.com/>?

**10/31:** Emirates Airline EK 215 DXB/LAX 8:55am / 1:55pm (land on 31 Oct 2016)



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## About Maldives:

Your underwater adventures in the Maldives will encompass sea mounts filled with marine life species found few other places.



All dives in the Maldives are less than 100 feet in depth. A number of the dives are on sea mounts which rise from a bottom to a coral-encrusted, somewhat flat top which is usually between 10 and 50 feet. Dives, which are done from a large, well-equipped tender called a dhoni, are similar to wall dives as they are done around the circumference of the sea mount. All dives are led by a guide and often start between 70-80 feet. You then work your way up the wall of the sea mount until reaching the top. Often the safety stop is done at the top of these sea mounts, which allows the divers to continue diving during the safety stop.

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Join us for this unique opportunity to dive the Maldivian Islands, with over 26 atolls spread over 90,000 square kilometers in the Indian Ocean!

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