

FOUR SEASONS RESORTS MALDIVES

THE MALDIVES ISSUE



Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru



Four Seasons Explorer



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WELCOME ONBOARD

FOUR SEASONS EXPLORER

Cruise between Kuda Huraa and Landaa Giraavaru on 3-, 4- and 7-night itineraries and private customised charter

Four Seasons Explorer is the world's most intimate Four Seasons resort. Sailing between Kuda Huraa and Landaa Giraavaru, and on private, customised charters the 39m/128ft three-deck luxury liveaboard takes a maximum of 22 guests on a marine odyssey into the undiscovered Maldives.

The Explorer Experience

The fastest and most luxurious liveaboard in the Maldives, Four Seasons Explorer offers scuba divers effortless access to a large range of exceptional dive sites. All-inclusive 3-, 4- and 7-night itineraries feature a minimum of three dives a day in some of the Maldives' most sought after locations: untouched reefs, vibrant thilas, exciting channels and wrecks, prime sunrise and night sites plus seasonal manta ray and whale shark hotspots.

But that's not all ... guests can: snorkel, water-ski, fish, kayak and sail in virtually untouched waters; savour gourmet cuisine, spend time with the marine biologist and visit secluded islands for cultural and castaway experiences; discover historic monuments and isolated arts and crafts villages or relax with on-board massages and sandbank barbecues.





DIVING

Effortless access to secluded hotspots in superlative style

As the country's fastest cruising liveboard, Four Seasons Explorer gives guests effortless access to a larger range of secluded hotspots: exciting channel dives with sharks and rays, vibrant *thilas*, cleaning stations, wrecks, and the myriad coral-lined overhangs between the island chains.

Dive Itineraries

Guests can typically expect two dives in the morning and one in the afternoon, with the option of additional sunrise, night and wreck excursions. From May to November, the currents move large quantities of plankton through the atolls, attracting large pelagics (manta rays and whale sharks) to the eastern side of the country. During December to April the wind reverses, resulting in incredible 30-40m visibility and consistently near-perfect conditions.

Dive itineraries adapt to currents and conditions, seasonal marine visitors and the diving requirements of divers onboard. As such, each cruise aboard Four Seasons Explorer is never the same trip twice. Dive groups involve a maximum ratio of 6:1 divers to dive guide, with experience levels separated as much as possible.

Courses

Four Seasons Explorer is geared towards qualified divers. It is the ideal vessel on which to hone dive skills, increase underwater confidence and develop specialty skills in thrilling new areas. Development courses offered on board range from Advanced Open Water

Diver to over 12 specialties including Enriched Air Nitrox, Deep, Peak Performance Buoyancy, Drift and Underwater Naturalist.

Dive facilities:

- Multilingual dive staff and experienced crew, including a marine biologist (maximum 6:1 guest to dive guide ratio)
- Separate nitrox and air compressor systems
- Diving conducted from a traditional 16.7-metre (55-foot) support vessel, *Aseykara II*, a custom-designed dive dhoni with full safety and navigation equipment
- Full equipment available for all onboard guests, including SCUBAPRO BCDs and regulators, Suunto computers and Cressi fins
- All divers are equipped with a surface marker buoy and Sea Marshall personal locator radio beacon
- Hot and cold showers available on two sea-level platforms
- Dedicated fresh-water rinse tank for camera equipment
- Coffee- and tea-making facilities and post-dive refreshments
- Underwater photography services available (fees apply)



FACILITIES & ACTIVITIES

with service so seamless you'll forget you're at sea ...

An extensive dive deck, two sun decks, restaurant with indoor and outdoor dining, two bars, lounge and library, onboard spa therapist and extensive castaway programme ensure contemporary cruising in comfort and style.

Dining – The air-conditioned indoor and outdoor restaurant serves a wide range of Indian, Maldivian, Asian and European dishes plus Lobster Dinner and theme nights. Meals are all-inclusive – with the exception of alcoholic beverages – and vary between buffet and table service, shared in the company of other passengers.

Spa – Four Seasons Explorer's resident spa therapist offers natural therapies inspired by Asia's ancient healing principles. Retreat to the private treatment area on the upper deck – curtained for privacy yet open to the refreshing sea air – or indulge in a massage at one of the secluded beach locations visited during the cruise.

Lounge – The indoor lounge is a relaxing venue to swop stories, listen to a marine biology briefing, or review the day's videos; it also incorporates a library of books, magazines and board games plus a large CD and DVD collection for use in the lounge or in individual cabins. Drinks and refreshments are available throughout the day.

Castaway activities include:

Snorkelling – Embark on daily snorkelling excursions with the marine biologist or snorkel off the beach at any of the numerous island stop-offs along the way.

Water sports – Take to the waves with waterskiing, wakeboarding, windsurfing, fun tubes and kayaking.

Fishing – Venture out for a spot of bottom line fishing by *dhoni* twice a week or fish off the back of the vessel each night.

Excursions – Savour gourmet cuisine on uninhabited islands. Castaway in isolation on a secluded sandbank. Visit remote villages for cultural experiences and souvenir shopping. Or enjoy a spot of football or rugby on a beach in the middle of nowhere ...





ACCOMMODATIONS

Wake up to a different view every morning ...

Onboard accommodation is spacious, bright and airy with large windows. The 10 **Staterooms** (215ft² / 20m²) have a king-size bed that can be converted into two twin beds.

The Explorer Suite (484ft² / 45m²) has a king-size bed, day bed, indoor dining area and walk-in wardrobe; a 'wall' of windows overlooks the suite's private sundeck with panoramic views over the bow and the ocean beyond.

All rooms are air-conditioned and include en-suite bathroom with bathtub/shower, plus a sofa, writing desk, telephone, mini-bar, safe, LCD flat screen TV and DVD/CD player with MP3 cable and wireless internet access.





PRIVATE CHARTERS

SURFING TOURS

Dedicated seven-day surf safaris

Four Seasons Explorer runs a selection of seven-day 'surfaris' each year under the expert guidance of the pros from Tropicsurf, Noosa, Australia. The Tropicsurf tours lead surfers of all abilities to new frontiers and uncrowded, rarely surfed breaks. The vessel's exemplary facilities combine with consistent year-round swells, passionate instructors and sophisticated web-forecasting equipment for all but guaranteed surfing nirvana.

Surf tour highlights:

- Easy access to excellent uncrowded breaks
- Experienced surf guides and coaches
- Learn to surf programmes
- Surfboards provided for beginners
- Surf photographers and videographers both in-water and filming from tenders
- Access to the latest meteorology information for wind, wave and swell forecasts
- Tenders and crew on stand-by at each surf location
- Tenders to ferry surfers to and from the boat for gourmet lunches

EXCLUSIVE CHARTERS

Design the ultimate Maldivian adventure ...

Charter Four Seasons Explorer for a private cruise of three or more nights ... or combine a few days onboard with a stay at Kuda Huraa and/or Landaa Giraavaru.

Charter guests can customise every aspect of their experience: focusing on diving, surfing or an in-depth cultural tour; pre-ordering a preferred selection of spirits, wines and champagne and tailoring menus for each and every meal. The charter rate includes all food and non-alcoholic beverages, diving gear and escorted dives, water sports, activities and excursions to private islands. Laundry services, personal communications services (internet access, faxes and phone calls) and alcoholic beverages are extra.





THE VESSEL

Four Seasons Explorer is a light boat that cruises fast at 17 knots. Designed for extending cruising without the need to re-fuel or re-supply, the boat is also fitted with the latest navigation and safety features and a Sea State Motion Control System to provide an exceptional sea-faring experience. A draft of 1.9 metres means the boat can access locations that larger vessels cannot reach – adding to the sense of discovery that a Four Seasons Explorer cruise brings.

Specifications:

- Length – 39 metres (128 feet)
- Beam – 12 metres (39 feet)
- Draught – 1.9 metres (6.2 feet)
- Builder – Image Marine Australia
- Year – 2002
- Engines – 2 x 1000hp 12V2000 M70 MTU
- Speed – 17 knots

A TYPICAL DAY...

- 07:00 Optional sunrise dive
- 08:00 Breakfast on board
- 09:00 Morning two tank dive: explore a vibrant *thila* and an overhang full of soft corals
Non-diving explorers: snorkel with the marine biologist or relax onboard
- 12:30 Cruising / lunch on board
- 15:00 Set anchor at a virgin island
Afternoon dive: join the pelagics on a channel dive
Non-diving explorers: waterskiing and fun-tubes in the lagoon plus beach massages
- 18:00 Sunset fishing trip on local *dhoni* boat
- 20:00 Cocktails on upper deck followed by sandbank barbecue dinner
- 22:00 Review daily video highlights with after-dinner drinks in the Lounge



VESSEL FACT SHEET

VESSEL	Four Seasons Explorer
HOME PORT	Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Kuda Huraa North Malé Atoll, Republic of Maldives
LAUNCH DATE	December 2002
MANAGEMENT	Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts, Ltd., Toronto, Ontario, Canada Hotel Properties Limited, Singapore
INVESTORS	Maldives
SHIP REGISTRATION YACHT	Image Marine, Perth, Australia
BUILDER	Katherine Kng, Singapore
INTERIOR DESIGNER	Northward Cruise
ITINERARIES	(Kuda Huraa to Landaa Giraavaru: three-night cruise, Monday to Thursday) Southward Cruise (Landaa Giraavaru to Kuda Huraa: four-night cruise, Thursday to Monday) Circuit Cruise (Kuda Huraa to Landaa Giraavaru to Kuda Huraa: seven-night cruise, Monday to Monday)