



Maldives : Diving into the Indian Ocean



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French version
English Version

A documentary of 52'

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With its perfect climate and magnificent landscapes, the Maldives is as a unique treasure lost in the middle of the Indian Ocean.

Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Maldives is home to one of the largest coral formations in the world.

So small that on a map they might be mistaken for a few dots of ink left by a conscientious cartographer, the Maldivian Islands spread across the Indian Ocean from the South-western tip of the Indian sub-continent right down to the Equator.

1190 islands, belonging to over 26 different coral reefs, spreading out over an area of 90 000 km².

In the Maldives it has to be said that the sea rules, statistically water makes up over 99.7% of the country's surface area!

Some of the Maldivian islands, no doubt those that caught the attention of the first deep-sea navigators, are idyllic paradise islands: elegant coconut palms lining clear-water lagoons, warm turquoise waters, sun, and an underwater seascape which is the pride of the whole nation.

A geological eccentricity lost in the middle of the Indian ocean, the country is made up of a series of coral reefs built up on the slopes of huge volcanoes.

The volcanoes disappeared into the Indian Ocean many years ago, leaving behind them these exquisite coral islands.