

Maafushi Island

MALDIVES



About Maafushi

Maafushi is one of the most popular local islands in Maldives. It is located in Kaafu Atoll, just 25 km away from Male' and the Velana International Airport. It is one of the three local islands in the South Male' Atoll, and has a local population of about 2,700.



Prior to 2010, no tourists were permitted on the local islands in the Maldives, only in separate Island Resorts. Naturally, the residents of Maafushi, or any local island in the country did not get the direct benefits of the country's tourism industry. After 2010 the government allowed the local islands to open guesthouses & hotels to help boost the economy.



Currency

The local currency is Maldivian Rufiyaa(MVR) which is only available in the Maldives and ATMs only dispense cash in MVR.

The accepted mode of transactions all over the Maldives is USD/MVR.

Make sure you carry enough USD since many places don't accept credit cards.

You might receive a change back in MVR at times.

Accessing the internet shouldn't be a problem. Most of the hotels, restaurants, or dive centers have password protected wifi.

They are happy to provide you with wifi when you are using their services.

How to get there

SHARED SPEEDBOAT

- Scheduled departure times
- Duration +- 45 minutes
- Stops at other islands en route

PRIVATE SPEEDBOAT

- Ideal for groups of maximum 8 people
- Duration +- 35 minutes
- Direct from Male - Maafushi no stops



Cultural need to know

The Maldives is an Islamic country, and if you are not staying on a resort island, you should be aware of local laws and etiquette.

Alcohol is prohibited under Islamic law, and therefore, because Maafushi is a local island, the consumption of alcohol is prohibited.

There is a floating bar just off the island that guests can catch a 2 min speedboat ride to in order to consume alcohol.

Islamic law encourages modesty of dress so, nude or topless sunbathing is prohibited.

Bikinis are permitted ONLY on Bikini Beach in Maafushi - this is a main tourist beach. Dress conservatively when not on Bikini beach - Women shoulders to be covered, no bum shorts/ Men shouldnt walk around without a shirt on.

Bikini Beach



The Bikini Beach Maafushi is located in the north end of the island.

As the name implies, bikini beach a place where you are allowed to wear a bikini at Maafushi.

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Top Beach

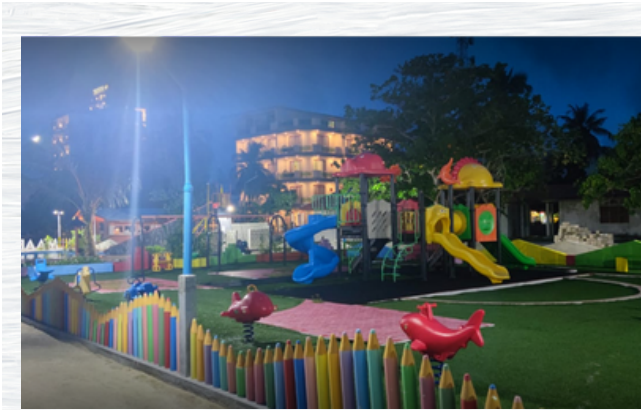
PUBLIC BEACH

Located next to Bikini Beach, the public beach.

It has a childrens playground and is less crowded than Bikini Beach.

Beautiful sunrises can be viewed from this beach.

Tourists are permitted but must swim in shorts & a tshirt (no bum shorts)



Top Beaches



Local Restaurants

Mr Octopus

- Multi-cuisine Restaurant | Café
- Serves Asian, European food
- Famous for their variety of fresh juices & moctails
- Dont forget to try their homemade ice- cream!



Moonlight – Good, drinks, Shisha

- Multi-cuisine Restaurant | Café
- Serves burgers, mediteranean cuisine etc
- Live band/DJ nightly



Local Restaurants....

Fine Bake by Suzy

- Bakery
- Serves sweet and savory snacks, as well as freshly baked bread and sandwiches
- Also serves traditional local food
- Dont forget to try their donuts & banana bread!!



Hotel Restaurants

Kaani Beach Restaurant

- Restaurant located at Kaani Beach Hotel
- Maldivian and Continental cuisine
- A wide variety of vegetarian options available



Hotel Restaurants....

Nero Cafe

- Restaurant located at Salt Beach Hotel
- Italian pizzeria
- Nero Cafe offers a menu with the usual Italian popular dishes (generous portions), prepared according to Italian standards



Floating Bar

Grandeza Floating Bar

- Meeting point - Maafushi jetty
- Speedboat transfers depart every 15 min from the jetty to the floating bar Hours: 17h30 - 00h30
- **Only accept cash**, no cards

Approximately Pricing

SANDWICH +/- \$16
BURGER +/- \$16
PIZZA +/- \$18
BOTTLE OF WINE +/- \$50
CAN OF BEER +/- \$8
SOFT DRINK +/- \$3



Excursions

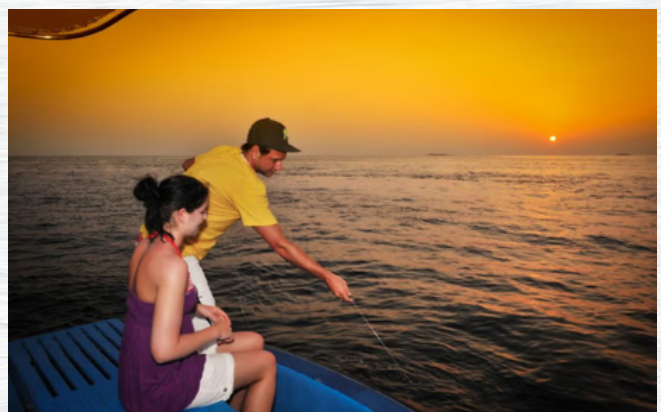
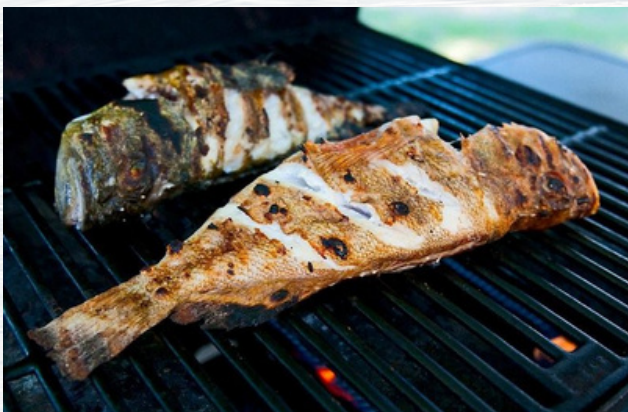
Full Day Adventure

- Your adventure to the sandbank starts with a cruise, snorkelling at 3 different reefs and a dolphin cruise.
- Snorkelling in the house reef is a must try experience!
- **BBQ Lunch on Sandbank**



Night Fishing Trip

- Enjoy the sunset while fishing the local way - reel them in your hand line and bait. It is a fun and unique fishing method in Maldives.
- Note: Water will be provided on the boat
- **Catch of the night will be served at the hotel (BBQ dinner)**



Excursions...

Real Break Tour

A MUST DO !

- A full day adventure trip to Vaavu Atoll to explore its beauty.
- Main highlight is snorkelling at the shipwreck.
- Famously known as "REAL BREAK" A semi-submerged wreck at Vaavu Atoll.
- The water is so clear that you can see the entire ship from the water above!
- **Includes lunch at picnic island consisting of a BBQ lunch.**



Whale Shark Tour

(Snorkeling with Whale Sharks & Manta Rays)

The pride of underwater Maldives! The whale shark. You can get a chance to see these gentle giants residing in their natural habitat.

Travel to the waters of South Ari Atoll, which takes about 2 hours from a speedboat.

The best time to see the whale shark is during its peak season from August to November, but there is a good chance of seeing these creatures all year round swimming beside dozens of Manta rays at South Ari Atoll.



Excursion for the Romantic

Candle Light Dinner on the Beach **A MUST DO!**

Fine dining set up on the beach
Meals according to the menu (Choice of 3)



MENU OPTIONS

- Seafood)
- Mixed Grill
- Vegetarian



****The Hotel cannot be held responsible for the facilities, services and amenities that cannot be used due to weather condition or due to circumstances beyond their control and no refund will be issued.****

