

MALDIVES

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A CULTURAL & HISTORICAL TOUR OF MALDIVES

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
HUMMINGBIRD TRAVEL

North Male Atol,
Shaviyani Atoll, &
Haa Alif Atoll
8 nights



Price:
On Request

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

2 nights | Gili Lankanfushi

3 nights | Fairmont Maldives Sirru Fen Fushi

3 nights | Hideaway Beach Resort & Spa

During this 8-night itinerary, you will get to experience three magnificent luxurious resorts. Starting off in the beautiful North Male Atoll, guests can enjoy the rich marine wildlife and natural beauty and a variety of wonderful activities plus a day visit to Male city. Following this you will enjoy three nights at the luxury all-villa resort located in the Shaviyani Atoll, featuring one of the largest lagoons in the Maldives and the opportunity to visit the Coralarium at Fairmont and Maroshi Island. After this, guests will experience the lush vegetation and tropical waters of Haa Alif Atoll at the Hideaway Beach Resort and Spa. Mesmerizing sunsets and bespoke hospitality awaits guests as they end their Maldivian experience visiting Kanditheemu Island and Utheema Island as well as embarking on local traditions such a longline fishing, Maldivian style!

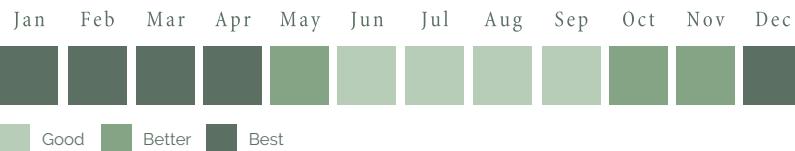
WHO?

Families | Couples | Active Individuals | Photographers, Birders & Naturalists | Outdoor Enthusiasts | Watersport Enthusiasts | Marine Life Enthusiasts

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the Maldivian capital Male, immersing yourself in the diverse artefacts & antiquities of the National Museum of Maldives and the unique dry coral architecture of the Friday Mosque.
- Enjoy a variety of underwater adventures including lazing on white-sand beaches, snorkelling through the rich marine wildlife of the turquoise waters and swimming in blue lagoons.
- Discover the ancient woods & 500-year-old wooden interiors of Gandavaru Palace, the birthplace of one of the most revered heroes in Maldivian history.
- Revel in some seaside activities such as fly fishing, surfing and diving tours of coral art exhibition at the Coralarium at Fairmont.

WHEN TO GO?



DAY 1

Arrive: Velana International Airport

Transfer: By speedboat from Malé

Depart: Velana International Airport | **Arrive:** Gili Lankanfushi

2 nights at Gili Lankanfushi

Inclusions: Bed and breakfast



Located 20 minutes away by speedboat, Gili Lankanfushi is a stone throw away from Velana International Airport and 25 minutes away by speedboat from Male City. On arrival, you will be greeted by our airport representative who will escort you to our jetty for that speedboat transfer.

Gili Lankanfushi Maldives is an eco-resort located on Lankanfushi Islands, North Malé Atoll. The resort is surrounded by natural beauty and rich marine wildlife. Guests may enjoy activities in the surrounding area such as diving, snorkelling and surfing. Accommodation features 45 rustic-chic thatched villas, many of which include wooden jetties. Each is equipped with modern amenities such as a TV, a minibar and air conditioning. Guests may enjoy tasty meals at any of the on-site restaurants and refreshing drinks at the hotel bar. Leisure facilities include a spa and wellness centre.

Welcome to North Malé Atoll... Situated in the beautiful Maldives, North Male Atoll makes up the northern part of the larger natural Male Atoll. It is home to the city of Male which serves as the national capital of the Maldives and the transport hub of the islands. The well-developed North Male Atoll is known for its many resorts, hotels and guesthouses. Visitors can look forward to a variety of wonderful activities including: swimming in blue lagoons, diving and snorkelling through abundant coral reefs, lazing on pristine white-sand beaches and enjoying excellent surfing along its eastern coast which is said to have the best waves in the Maldives.

Gili Lankanfushi Fast Facts:

- 45 rustic-chic thatched villas located on the Lankanfushi Islands, North Malé Atoll.
- Each equipped with modern amenities such as a TV, minibar and air conditioning, many of which include wooden jetties.
- Surrounded by natural beauty and rich marine wildlife, guests can enjoy many activities as well as leisure and spa facilities.
- Guests avail of bed and breakfast while meals and refreshing drinks are provided by the on-site restaurants and the hotel bar.

DAY 2

Day Visit to Male City. A tour of Male includes a visit for the National Museum of Maldives, Friday Mosque, The tomb of Al Babary and Mohamed Thakarfaanu, Fish market, and lunch at the seagull cafe.



Male City - One of the most densely populated cities in the world. Traditionally the Kings island Home to 227 000 Maldivians - where most Maldivians live and work and where politics takes place.

National Museum of Maldives (designed and built by the Chinese government - Pre Islamic artefacts including a Coral stone Buddhas head from the 11th century, the skeleton of a now extinct species of Whale - Diverse artefacts and Royal antiquities.

The Friday Mosque - one of the oldest Mosques in Maldives and on the Unesco World Heritage list as an example of sea culture architecture being built from dry coral.



The Tomb of Al Babary - The Hafiz, Islamic Scholar responsible for converting Maldives to Islam in 12th Century

The Tomb of Mohammed Thakarfaanu - In the 16th century Mohamed Thakurfaanu, along with his brothers fought an eight-year-long war to drive out Portuguese invaders and remove their regent Puppet on Male who was trying to convert the Maldives to Christianity. Along with his 3 brothers he landed on a different island every night to drum up support on his way to Male. The Utheema brothers along with the Maldivian people overwhelmed the Portuguese Garrison and gained independence for the Maldives nation. The Northern Alif Atoll houses Utheema Gandoivar which is his palace and he is regarded as a National hero.

The Fish Market - A hive of activity - Pick up some fresh fish and take it back to the resort to cook for you

Seagull Cafe - An Oases of calm in bustling Male - Great for a coffee, ice cream and a snack.

DAY 3

Transfer: by seaplane or domestic flight and speedboat

Depart: Gili Lankanfushi | **Arrive:** Fairmont Maldives Sirru Fen Fushi

3 nights at Fairmont Maldives Sirru Fen Fushi

Inclusions: Bed and breakfast



Today you will be transferred to your next home in the Maldives, the Fairmont Maldives, Sirru Fen Fushi.

Fairmont Maldives is a 120 luxury all-villa resort that offers exactly as its name translates – Secret Water Island. The island covers approximately 160,000 sqm (16 hectares) of land and features one of the largest lagoons in the Maldives, while the resort includes a 200-metre long swimming pool which traverses the length of the island, reinvigorating destination spa and an intricate open air bamboo bar created by Balinese artisans who did not use any man-made materials in the structure.

Fairmont Maldives Sirru Fen Fushi Fast Facts:

- This luxury 120 all-villa resort is located on the beautiful Shaviyani Atoll.
- Featuring one of the largest lagoons in the Maldives, guests can enjoy the amenities such as the open air bamboo bar, spa and swimming pool.
- Guests can enjoy exceptional dishes at the on-site bar and restaurants all the while availing of bed and breakfast.
- Guests can embark on underwater adventures such as snorkelling and diving tours that showcase the specially grown coral.

DAY 4

Explore The Coralarium at Fairmont - Unique to the Maldives - A coral art exhibition - they give snorkelling and diving tours around it - specially grown coral which can resist warmer sea temperatures and avoid coral bleaching - each piece of coral grown on the island with different sized holes for marine life to live in and thrive.

DAY 5

Visit Maroshi Island - Mangroves where Thakarufaanu hid his boat

Kalhuohfummi from the Portuguese on the journey south - Home to the oldest tree in Maldives the Thaani tree where Thakarufaanu rested. It's also a lovely local island and very different from the hustle and bustle of Male

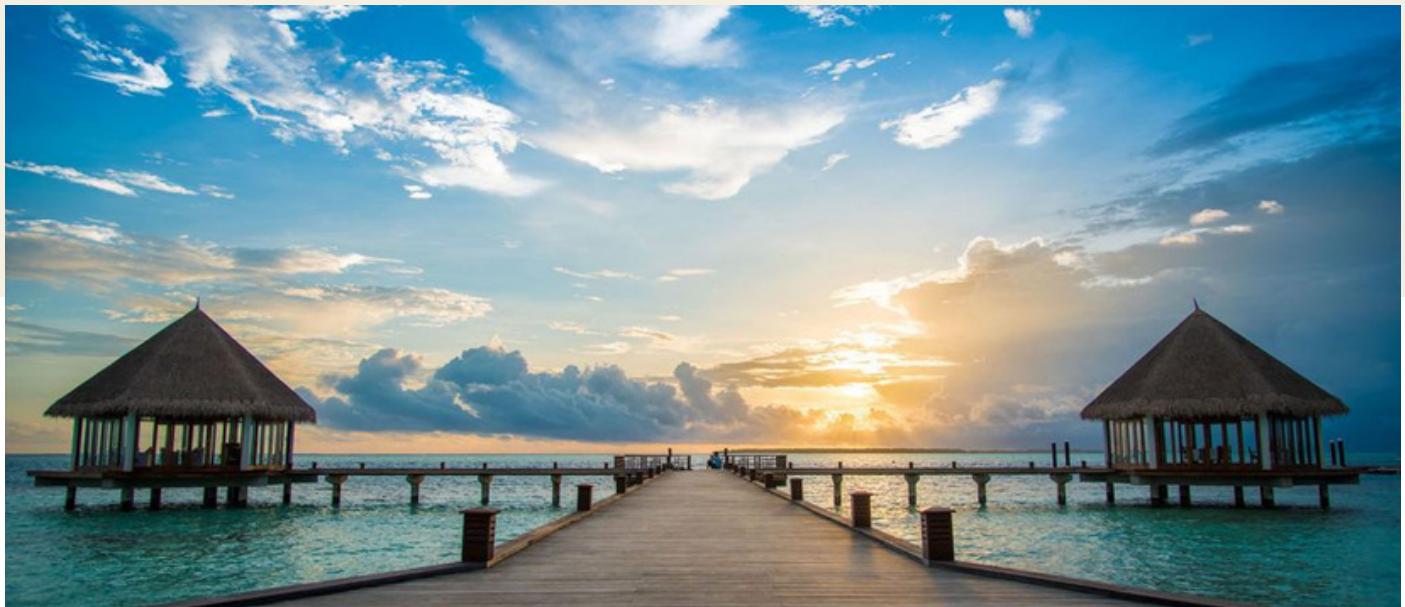
DAY 6

Transfer: by seaplane or domestic flight and speedboat

Depart: Fairmont Maldives Sirru Fen Fushi | **Arrive:** Hideaway Beach Resort & Spa

3 nights at Hideaway Beach Resort & Spa

Inclusions: Bed and breakfast



Today you will be transferred over to your final home here in the Maldives. On the way you will get to enjoy a few exciting excursions!

Visit Kanditheemu Island - Another beautiful local island and the supposed birthplace of the Maldivian language. It is a nice stop on the way to Hideaway Beach.

Discover the **Thaani script** - dating back to 1558 is found engraved on the door of the islands mosque.

Nestled in lush vegetation surrounded by crystal water, the spacious villas with unmatched privacy, mesmerizing sunset and a bespoke hospitality awaits you at Hideaway Beach Resort and Spa.

The Hideaway Beach Resort & Spa is located on the crescent-shaped island of Dhonakulhi in the north of the Maldives, 180 miles from the capital Malé and belongs to the Haa Alifu Atoll. The 103 spacious all villas and suite concept are scattered through the evergreen tropical vegetation and the turquoise blue lagoon. A personal butler is available 24/7 in almost all categories and fulfills all guests' wishes.

Characterized by its intimate ambiance and remote location, the Island resort stays true to its name and offers guests a "true Hideaway".

Hideaway Beach Resort & Spa Fast Facts:

- This resort features 103 spacious villas nestled in the tropical vegetation and surrounded by crystal clear water, located in the Haa Alifu Atoll.
- Guests can avail of a personal butler, matching the wishes of each guest to ensure the perfect getaway.
- This intimate and remote location offers guests bed and breakfast, mesmerising sunsets and enjoyable activities such as fly fishing.
- Guests can immerse themselves in the local history by visiting the Utheema Island, home to the most revered heroes in Maldivian history.

DAY 7

Try some Fly Fishing or longline fishing Maldivian Style!



DAY 8

Visit Utheema Island - Gandavaru Palace - Utheemu Ganduvaru is the birthplace and home of Sultan Mohamed Thakurufaanu, one of the most revered heroes in Maldivian history.

The wooden palace in which Sultan Mohamed Thakurufaanu lived and grew up is well preserved and evokes more than any other existing building in the Maldives, the lifestyle of the rich, centuries ago. The ancient woods used in the building date back from than 500 years and come from India. Visitors are escorted around the complex by a museum staff member to see the fascinating 500-year-old wooden interiors, including swing beds (used to keep cool in the heat), lamps that burn coconut palm oil and elaborate wooden carvings, plus a large palm-thatch shed used as a sleeping room for guests.



DAY 9

End of Itinerary... Today you will be transferred back to Velana International Airport in time to connect with your onward flight home.

Price from: ON REQUEST

Includes:

- Meet & greet at airport
- Bed & breakfast at Gili Lankanfushi, Fairmont Maldives Sirru Fen Fushi, Hideaway Beach Resort & Spa
- Transport between all resorts
- All tours as specified in the itinerary

Excludes:

- International Flights
- Visas
- COVID test cost
- Gratuity
- Additional meals and drinks not specified
- Extra activities not mentioned in itinerary

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