

Maldives Island Hopping: Two Resorts and Local Island Tour

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Destination
Maldives

Duration
4 Nights 5 Days

Starting from
Rs. 72,000 / person

ITINERARY ROUTE

✓ Resort A → North Atoll Luxury Resort · 2N

✓ Maafushi Local Island · 1N

✓ Resort B → South Atoll Family Resort · 1N

Overview

an immersive 4 nights / 5 days Maldives tour package crafted for families and couples seeking both luxury and authentic local island life. This Maldives Family tour package blends relaxation at two pristine resorts with a cultural visit to a vibrant local island. Ideal as a 4 and 5 Maldives Family tour package alternative, this itinerary balances resort comforts, family-friendly activities, and easy island-hopping adventures.

Highlights:

- Stay at two distinct resorts (North Atoll Luxury Resort & South Atoll Family Resort)
- Guided local island tour of Maafushi with community experiences
- Snorkeling at house reefs, dolphin cruise, and sandbank picnic
- Family-friendly amenities: Kids Club, family excursions, and safety-focused transfers

Note: Transfers are by speedboat; seaplane upgrades and domestic flights can be arranged on request.

✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation for 4 nights (as specified: 2 nights at Resort A, 1 night on Maafushi local guesthouse, 1 night at Resort B)
- ✓ Daily breakfast (meal plans can be upgraded to half board/full board on request)
- ✓ All transfers mentioned (speedboat transfers between airport, resorts, and Maafushi)
- ✓ Guided local island tour of Maafushi
- ✓ Snorkeling trip to house reefs, sandbank picnic, and dolphin cruise (as per itinerary)
- ✓ Government taxes and service charges
- ✓ Complimentary Wi-Fi at resorts and family amenity kit on arrival
- ✓ Family-friendly inclusions: Kids Club access, children's life jackets, and select kids' menus.

✗ Not Included

- ✗ International flights to/from Malé (Velana International Airport)
- ✗ Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- ✗ Seaplane transfers or domestic flight upgrades (available at additional cost)
- ✗ Optional activities not listed in inclusions (scuba diving certification courses, private excursions, specialty dining)
- ✗ Visa fees (if applicable), personal expenses, and gratuities
- ✗ High-season surcharges or blackout date supplements
- ✗ Note: Any extras charged directly by resorts or local suppliers are not covered unless pre-booked and paid for in advance.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day

1

Arrival, Speedboat Transfer & Check-in at Resort A

Arrive at Velana International Airport where you'll be greeted and transferred by speedboat to Resort A – North Atoll Luxury Resort. Complete check-in formalities and enjoy a welcome drink. Spend the afternoon unwinding on the beach or exploring the resort's house reef. Families can visit the Kids Club for supervised activities while adults relax at the spa or pool.

Tip: Keep swimwear and reef-safe sunscreen handy for your first snorkel exploration later today.

Day

2

Snorkeling, Dolphin Cruise & Family Time at Resort A

After breakfast, join a guided snorkeling excursion to the resort's best reef sites—ideal for spotting tropical fish and colorful corals. In the afternoon, take a family-friendly dolphin cruise to watch wild spinner dolphins at sunset. Evening options include a themed family beach BBQ or a relaxed dinner at the resort's main restaurant.

Important: Snorkeling gear is provided; kids' life jackets are available for families on request.

Day

3

Island Hopping: Local Island Tour & Cultural Immersion (Maafushi)

Check out from Resort A and embark on a speedboat transfer to Maafushi Local Island. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the island—visit the local market, community center, mosque surroundings, and sample authentic Maldivian snacks at a cafe. After the cultural walk, relax with a sandbank picnic and short snorkeling session. Overnight at a comfortable local guesthouse to experience island life.

Note: Dress respectfully while visiting local communities; remove hats and wear modest clothing when entering religious sites.

Day

4

Transfer to Resort B & Leisure Activities

After breakfast, transfer to Resort B – South Atoll Family Resort by scheduled boat. Check in and spend the day choosing from family-friendly activities: kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, or an introductory family dive/snorkel trip. Parents can opt for a spa treatment while kids enjoy the resort's supervised programs. In the evening, participate in a cultural show or sunset fishing experience arranged by the resort.

Tip: Pre-book any specialty excursions (diving, fishing) to guarantee slots, especially during high season.

Day

5

Relaxed Morning & Departure

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and a final swim or beach stroll. Check out by mid-morning and transfer back to Velana International Airport via speedboat for your onward flight. Receive assistance with luggage and any last-minute purchases at the airport. Farewell to the Maldives with memories of both luxury resort time and authentic local island experiences.

Important: Confirm your international flight time and allow recommended transfer windows—your resort team will advise the best departure schedule.

? Frequently Asked Questions

? **When is the best time to visit the Maldives and what's the weather like?**

The best time to visit the Maldives is during the dry season from November to April, with peak conditions from December to March. During this period, expect clear skies, calm seas, and excellent underwater visibility for snorkeling and diving. Temperatures remain tropical year-round (26-32°C). The wet season (May-October) brings occasional tropical showers and livelier seas, but it's also the best time for surfing and manta ray encounters, especially in Baa Atoll. This period offers better value with fewer crowds. Note that the Maldives has no 'winter' or snow - it's tropical throughout the year. The country is 30 minutes behind Indian Standard Time, which is helpful for planning transfers and activities.

? **How do I reach the Maldives from India and what are the transportation options?**

The easiest way to reach the Maldives from India is by direct flights to Velana International Airport (MLE) near Malé. Multiple airlines operate direct flights from Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Kochi, Chennai, and Thiruvananthapuram, with flight times ranging from 2-3.5 hours. Once in the Maldives, transportation options include speedboats (10-120 minutes to resorts), scenic seaplanes (daytime only to distant atolls), domestic flights to regional airports followed by speedboat transfers, and budget-friendly public ferries for local islands. Within Malé and Hulhumalé, taxis are available. Most resort transfers are pre-arranged and included in packages, so confirm your transfer method when booking accommodation.

❓ **Do Indian citizens need a visa to visit the Maldives?**

Indian citizens receive a free 30-day visa on arrival in the Maldives - no advance application required. You'll need a valid passport with at least 6 months validity, confirmed accommodation booking, return flight tickets, and sufficient funds for your stay. The immigration process is straightforward at Velana International Airport. Ensure you have your hotel confirmation or guesthouse booking details readily available, as immigration may ask for these. If you plan to stay longer than 30 days, you'll need to apply for an extension through Maldivian immigration authorities. The visa allows for tourism purposes only, and you cannot work on a tourist visa.

❓ **What are the local transportation options within the Maldives?**

Transportation in the Maldives is primarily water-based due to its scattered island geography. Speedboats are the most common option for resort transfers and inter-island travel, taking 10 minutes to 2 hours depending on distance. Seaplanes offer scenic transfers to distant atolls but operate only during daylight hours. Domestic flights connect to regional airports like Gan, Maafaru, and Hanimaadhoo, followed by speedboat connections. Public ferries provide budget-friendly inter-island transport but are less frequent and slower. Within Malé and Hulhumalé, taxis and buses are available. On resort islands and local islands, walking and bicycles are common due to their small size. Most resort transfers are pre-arranged, so coordinate with your accommodation.

❓ **What accommodation options are available and which areas should I stay in?**

The Maldives offers accommodation for every budget. Luxury resorts feature overwater villas and beachfront suites on private islands, with options like Conrad Maldives, Baros, and Gili Lankanfushi. Mid-range resorts like Kurumba and Meeru offer excellent value with good facilities. Budget travelers can stay in guesthouses on local islands like Maafushi, Fulidhoo, or Ukulhas, which offer cultural experiences and are significantly cheaper. North and South Malé Atolls provide quick speedboat access from the airport. Baa Atoll is perfect for manta ray encounters, while South Ari Atoll offers whale shark experiences. Choose based on your priorities: quick transfers (Malé Atolls), marine life (Baa/Ari), or budget (local islands). Book early for peak season (December-March).

❓ What are the must-visit attractions and places in the Maldives?

Top attractions include Malé City with its Grand Friday Mosque, Islamic Centre, and vibrant local markets. Hulhumalé offers family-friendly beaches and a relaxed atmosphere. Baa Atoll's Hanifaru Bay is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve famous for seasonal manta ray aggregations (June–November). South Ari Atoll is renowned for year-round whale shark encounters. Addu Atoll lets you cross the Equator and explore WWII history. Vaadhoo Island occasionally displays bioluminescent 'Sea of Stars' phenomena. Don't miss house reef snorkeling, sunset dolphin cruises, private sandbank picnics, and island-hopping to experience local culture. Each resort typically has excellent house reefs for snorkeling, and many organize excursions to nearby attractions. The key is choosing your base atoll according to your interests.

❓ What local food and cuisine should I try in the Maldives?

Maldivian cuisine centers around fresh seafood, coconut, and rice. Must-try dishes include Mas Huni (shredded tuna with coconut and chili, served with roshi flatbread), Garudhiya (clear tuna broth with rice and condiments), and Rihaakuru (rich tuna paste). Sample hedhikaa snacks like gulha (tuna dumplings), bajiya (curried pastries), and bis keemiya (vegetable rolls). Coconut and seafood curries range from mild to spicy. Resorts offer extensive international menus with vegetarian and Jain-friendly options. In Malé, try Seagull Café House for local flavors or Sala Thai for excellent Thai cuisine. Local islands provide authentic Maldivian experiences at lower prices. Fresh tropical fruits, coconut water, and locally-made ice cream are perfect for the tropical climate.

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Vinayak Rao

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Dreamy Honeymoon

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Heena Verma

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Nitin Mathur

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Sandeep Kaur

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Reema Joshi

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