

INDEPENDENT TRIPS

Maldives Relaxed Island Hopping 8D/7N

Cultural

8 Days / 1 Country

Maldives

Departure city: **Velana, Maldives**

End city: **Velana, Maldives**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Island-hop around the breathtaking North Ari Atoll
- Tour each island along the way to see the highlights
- Enjoy each island to its fullest with plenty of free time

Discover the breathtaking natural beauty of the Maldives on this island-hopping tour around the North Ari Atoll. Enjoy island tours as well as lots of free time to enjoy tropical paradise to its fullest!

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What is included



Independent Trips

Include all of your accommodation, transport and experiences on a pre-set trip that you can customize to perfectly suit your travel needs.



Accommodation: 7

- Guesthouses



Transport: 6

- Airport transfers, ferries Ferry Rasdhoo - Ukulhas
- Velana International Airport pick-up & drop-off Ferry Ukulhas - Mathiveri
- Ferry Male - Rasdhoo Ferry Mathiveri - Male



Meals: 7

- 7 Breakfast(s),

What is not included

- *Local English-speaking guide
- *Other meals/drinks
- *Personal expenses
- *Optional activities/upgrades
- *Tips
- *Travel insurance

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Additional information

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Cultural Note: The Maldives is a Muslim country and therefore alcohol is not available on local islands. Bikinis are also not allowed to be worn on local island beaches; however all guesthouses offer either private gardens/balconies or private beach areas for guests. Please plan accordingly and bring attire appropriate for a more conservative culture. You'll be spending time among local families and as we are guests in their home, it's important to dress and behave with respect to local customs.

High Season: Please note that while they don't appear in the calendar, there are departures available December 23 - January 7. If you are interested in travelling on one of these dates, please contact us to check availability and pricing.

Itinerary

Day 1: Male - Hulhumale, Maldives

Velana International Airport Pick-Up & Transfer to Hulhumale

Welcome to the Maldives! Upon arrival at the airport, you will be met by a representative and transferred to your accommodation in Hulhumale Island. Check-in and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. You can take a walking tour to the island of Vilimale, on the west side of Male or just relax. Overnight in Hulhumale.

Day 2: Hulhumale - Rasdhoo, Maldives

Ferry to Rasdhoo and Island Tour (B)

In the morning, return to Male and catch a ferry to the island of Rasdhoo, in the North Ari Atoll. Settle in and have lunch, before going to explore the place accompanied by a guide. Visit the local Mosque, meet the locals, try local delights, and take in the sights.

If you are an avid diver, you can book an excursion to amazing Hammerhead Point for tomorrow morning. From November to April, you can have close encounters with majestic manta rays.

Overnight in Rasdhoo.

Day 3: Rasdhoo, Maldives

Snorkel tour and sunset kayak (B)

After breakfast, go on a snorkelling tour to discover the colourful marine life. Your guide will give you a safety briefing on responsible snorkelling, help you spot creatures you might have missed, and assist you if you are not very experienced.

Overnight in Rasdhoo.

Day 4: Rasdhoo - Ukulhas, Maldives

Ferry to Ukulhas (B)

Today you will transfer by public ferry to your next island getaway. Ukulhas is known for its pristinely beautiful beaches, and friendly local community. Arrive just in time for lunch!

Following a briefing about the island and the activities locally available, the rest of the day is yours to do as you please. Join a complimentary island tour and learn about the tradition of fishing in the Maldives or explore the place on your own.

Overnight in Ukulhas.

Day 5: Ukulhas, Maldives

Ukulhas Free Day (B)

After breakfast, spend the day as you wish! Choose from a variety of active excursions such as diving, snorkelling and a variety of water-sports. If you rather have a relaxing day, enjoy a picnic at the beach and work on your tan.

You can also go on a whale-shark day trip to the island of South Ari Atoll, famous for having a year-round population of these marine giants. Although its impossible to guarantee, you may encounter up to two whale sharks and have the chance to snorkel with them!

Day 6: Ukulhas - Mathiveri, Maldives

Free morning, ferry to Mathiveri, and dolphin cruise (B)

Enjoy a free morning today to spend how you wish! After lunch, you'll take the local ferry to head to the third island destination: Mathiveri. You will be provided with a briefing on the island and activities available.

There is an island tour included for those who wish to join. Spend the remainder of the afternoon exploring the island. Go shopping, stop for a refreshing drink at a local café or just relax by the ocean listening to the gentle lap of the waves on the shore.

Later in the afternoon you will head out for a dolphin cruise. Search for these beautiful creatures that can be seen between the waves as the sun goes down.

Day 7: Mathiveri, Maldives

Free day in Mathiveri (B)

After breakfast, the day is yours to do as you please. You can choose to go on a guided snorkelling tour or visit Mathiveri Finolhu, a private uninhabited island with a white sandy beach and sparkling water.

Overnight in Mathiveri.

Day 8: Mathiveri - Male, Maldives

Return to Male and Airport drop-off

Have an early breakfast, and catch the ferry for the return journey to Male, arriving by 14:00. Transfer to Velana International Airport, where your adventure ends.

