

Best of Maldives 5 Days Private Tour

Trip overview

Embark on an ultimate 5-day escape to the heart of the Indian Ocean. This meticulously curated private tour takes you from the cultural charm of Malé to the pristine sands of secluded luxury resorts. Immerse yourself in crystal-clear turquoise waters for world-class snorkeling or sail into the horizon on a breathtaking sunset cruise. It's more than a vacation; it's your personal slice of paradise, redefined.

- **Durations:** 5 Days
- **Destinations:** Male - Maafushi - Gulhi - Maafushi - Male
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://www.asiachinatour.com/best-of-maldives-5-days-private-tour/>

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Paradise – Male to Maafushi Island

Morning: Scenic Transfer across the South Male Atoll

Upon your arrival at **Velana International Airport (MLE)**, our representative will greet you and escort you to the jetty for your boat transfer to the South Male Atoll.

- **The Blue Journey:** Enjoy a scenic **90-minute speedboat ride** across crystal-clear turquoise waters. This is a perfect time to soak in the archipelagic views or strike up a conversation with the friendly locals.
- **Marine Life Spotting:** Keep your camera ready and eyes peeled! The waters around Male are famous for playful **wild dolphins** that often leap alongside passing boats.

Afternoon: Island Immersion & Traditional High Tea

After checking into your hotel in **Maafushi**, take some time to settle in before exploring the island's unique charm.

- **Local Exploration:** Maafushi is the most popular local island in the Maldives, offering a perfect blend of pristine "Bikini Beaches" and authentic island life. Stroll through the sandy streets and admire the colorful local architecture.
- **Maldivian Afternoon Tea:** Join your guide at a cozy local coffee for a taste of "**Hedikaa**" —the traditional Maldivian short eats. These savory and sweet snacks are perfectly paired with a warm cup of classic black tea, offering a true taste of island hospitality.

Evening: Relaxation & Welcome Dinner

As the sun begins to set over the Indian Ocean, head back to your accommodation to unwind.

- **Dinner at the Inn:** Enjoy a specially prepared welcome dinner at the hotel restaurant, featuring a mix of local flavors and international favorites.

Expert Visit Tips:

- **Currency Info:** *While US Dollars are widely accepted in Maafushi, having some **Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR)** is helpful for small purchases at local tea shops.*
- **Dress Code:** *As Maafushi is an inhabited local island, please remember to dress modestly (covering shoulders and knees) when walking through the village, out of respect for local culture.*
- **Hydration:** *The tropical sun is strong! Always carry a bottle of water and apply reef-safe sunscreen during the boat ride and your afternoon stroll.*

Service Details (Day 1)

- **Meals: Welcome Dinner** included at the hotel.
- **Accommodation:** Overnight at **Stingray Beach Inn** (or similar).
- **Transport:** Speedboat transfer from Velana International Airport to Maafushi.
- **Guide:** Representative for airport pickup and local guide for the afternoon tea experience.

Day 2: Marine Adventure – Snorkeling Safari & Local Life Immersion

Today, dive into the turquoise heart of the Maldives. From vibrant coral gardens to authentic home-cooked flavors, you will experience the best of Maafushi's natural and cultural heritage.

Morning: Snorkeling Expedition in the Indian Ocean After a fresh island breakfast, your guide will escort you on a **90-minute scenic boat ride** to a nearby pristine reef, far from the bustling crowds.

- **Underwater Wonders:** Once you arrive at the snorkeling site, your professional guide will assist you into the water. Prepare to be amazed by the **vibrant coral reefs** and an array of marine life, including colorful reef fish, sea turtles, and perhaps even reef sharks or rays.
- **Expert Guidance:** Whether you are a beginner or an experienced snorkeler, your guide will ensure your safety and point out hidden marine treasures beneath the waves.

Afternoon: Tropical Leisure & Watersports The afternoon is yours to enjoy at your own pace. Maafushi offers a variety of ways to soak up the sun and sea.

- **Relaxation:** Head to the island's famous "**Bikini Beach**" to lounge under the palms and enjoy the stunning view of the horizon.
- **Optional Activities:** For those seeking more thrills, we recommend renting a **canoe** to paddle around the turquoise lagoon or booking an introductory **scuba dive** to explore deeper waters.

Evening: An Authentic Maldivian Family Dinner This evening offers a rare opportunity to step inside a local home and experience true Maldivian hospitality.

- **Cultural Connection:** Your guide will pick you up and escort you to a **local family's home**. This is the perfect time to "fit in" to the Maldivian lifestyle, learn about their daily traditions, and hear stories of island life.
- **Home-Cooked Feast:** Enjoy a traditional dinner prepared with love, likely featuring fresh fish, coconut-infused dishes, and local spices that you won't find in standard tourist restaurants.

Expert Visit Tips:

- **Reef Safety:** *To protect the delicate ecosystem, please use **reef-safe sunscreen** and avoid touching or stepping on the coral while snorkeling.*
- **Stay Prepared:** *Bring your own swimwear and a waterproof bag for your belongings. High-quality snorkeling gear is provided, but you are welcome to bring your own mask for a perfect fit.*

- **Cultural Respect:** *When visiting a local family home, it is customary to remove your shoes at the entrance. A small gift isn't required, but a polite "Shukuriyyaa" (Thank you) goes a long way!*

Service Details (Day 2)

- **Meals:** **Breakfast** at the hotel and a **Traditional Family Dinner** included.
- **Accommodation:** Overnight at **Stingray Beach Inn** (or similar).
- **Transport:** Speedboat for the snorkeling excursion.
- **Equipment:** Snorkeling gear (mask, snorkel, and fins) provided.

Day 3: Speedboat Adventure – Sandbanks, Sea Turtles & Starlit Dining

Morning: Sun, Sand & Serenity on a Deserted Beach After breakfast, board a private **speedboat** for a swift ride to a secluded nearby beach or sandbank, where the white sands meet the infinite blue.

- **Island Bliss:** The entire morning is yours to spend in tropical bliss. Whether you choose to **swim** in the shallow turquoise lagoons, try an introductory **scuba dive**, or simply **sunbathe** with a book, this is the perfect escape from the modern world.
- **Picnic Lunch:** Enjoy a delicious **bento box lunch** served right on the beach, allowing you to dine with your toes in the sand and a view of the Indian Ocean.

Afternoon: Sea Turtle Quest & Dolphin Watching After lunch, your marine adventure continues as we head to a known **Sea Turtle hotspot**.

- **Underwater Encounter:** Slip into the water with your guide to find these graceful ancient mariners. Swimming alongside **Hawksbill or Green Sea Turtles** in their natural habitat is a truly humbling experience.
- **Dolphin Cruise:** As we make our way back to Maafushi, keep a sharp eye on the horizon. The surrounding waters are a playground for **Spinner Dolphins**, and we often see them jumping and spinning in the boat's wake.

Evening: Romantic Starry Night Dinner Tonight, we celebrate your final evening on the island with a magical dining experience (weather permitting).

- **Beachfront Banquet:** We will set your table directly on the **sandy beach** under a canopy of stars. Enjoy a multi-course dinner accompanied by the gentle sound of the waves—the perfect conclusion to your Maafushi adventure.

Expert Visit Tips:

- **Skin Protection:** *There is very little shade on sandbanks and open beaches. We highly recommend wearing a **UV-protection rash guard** and re-applying sunscreen every two hours.*
- **Eye Safety:** *The reflection of the sun off the white sand and turquoise water can be very bright; polarized sunglasses are a must for this excursion.*
- **Capture the Moment:** *If you have a **GoPro or waterproof camera**, today is the day to use it! The clarity of the water during the turtle quest provides world-class photo opportunities.*

Service Details (Day 3)

- **Meals:** Breakfast, **Bento Lunch**, and **Private Beach Dinner** included.
- **Accommodation:** Overnight at **Stingray Beach Inn** (or similar).
- **Transport:** Speedboat for the beach excursion and turtle quest.
- **Inclusions:** Professional guide, snorkeling equipment, and beach setup for dinner.

Day 4: Gulhi Island Exploration – Shipyards, Local Traditions & Pristine Reefs

Morning: A Cultural Journey to Gulhi Island After breakfast, enjoy a short and scenic **20-minute boat ride** to Gulhi. This peaceful island offers a slower pace of life and a deeper look into the traditional Maldivian way of living.

- **Heritage & Shipyards:** Visit the island's active **shipyard**, where you can see local craftsmen building and repairing traditional Maldivian boats. It is a fascinating glimpse into the seafaring skills passed down through generations.
- **Local Interaction:** If you are curious about island life, your guide will facilitate a **chat with the locals**. Gain unique insights into their culture, traditions, and the history of this quiet fishing village.

Afternoon: Tropical Relaxation & Reef Snorkeling Spend the rest of your day savoring the natural beauty that surrounds Gulhi.

- **Bikini Beach Bliss:** Head to the island's famous **Bikini Beach**, widely considered one of the best in the Maldives for its powdery white sand and shallow, crystal-clear water.
- **Underwater Discovery:** For those who want to explore beneath the surface, follow your guide to the nearby **vibrant coral reefs**. The waters here are teeming with colorful fish, making it a perfect spot for an afternoon snorkeling session.
- **The Taste of Paradise:** Relax by the shore with a refreshing **fresh coconut juice**. Sip on this tropical treat as you gaze out at the endless blue horizon—the ultimate way to enjoy your private island tour.

Evening: Return to Maafushi After a day of exploration and relaxation, we will board the boat for the quick return journey to Maafushi.

Expert Visit Tips:

- **Photography Spot:** *Gulhi is home to a famous **ocean swing** located in the shallow water—it's the perfect spot for an iconic Instagram photo!*
- **Respectful Exploration:** *While Gulhi is famous for its Bikini Beach, please remember to cover up with a sarong or T-shirt when walking through the village area to respect local customs.*
- **Sun Care:** *The white sands of Gulhi are particularly reflective. Even on cloudy days, the UV index remains high, so consistent sun protection is essential.*

Service Details (Day 4)

- **Meals:** Breakfast at the hotel included.
- **Accommodation:** Overnight at **Stingray Beach Inn** (or similar).
- **Transport:** Round-trip speedboat transfers between Maafushi and Gulhi.
- **Guide:** Private English-speaking guide provided for the island tour and snorkeling.

Day 5: Male City Heritage & Farewell to the Maldives

Morning: Journey to the Capital & Historic Walking Tour After a final island breakfast, join your guide for a scenic **public ferry ride** to Male. This local commute offers a great opportunity to see the daily rhythm of Maldivian life on the water.

- **Male Friday Mosque (Hukuru Miskiy):** Marvel at this stunning 17th-century structure built from intricately carved coral stone. It is a masterpiece of Islamic architecture and a testament to the archipelago's history.
- **National Museum & Sultan Park:** Walk through the lush greenery of **Sultan Park** to reach the **National Museum**. Here, you can explore a vast collection of royal artifacts, ancient weaponry, and historical treasures (entrance fee at own expense).
- **Cultural Insights:** Your guide will share stories of the Maldivian Sultanate and the city's transformation into a vibrant modern hub.

Afternoon: Urban Exploration & Souvenir Shopping The afternoon is yours to enjoy the unique atmosphere of **Male City** at your own pace.

- **Local Flavors:** We recommend visiting a local tea shop to enjoy one last "Short Eat" or heading to a rooftop café for a bird's-eye view of the colorful city harbor.
- **Gift Hunting:** Explore the bustling **Male Fish Market** and the nearby local markets—perfect for picking up authentic souvenirs like lacquerware, woven mats, or local spices.
- **Last-Minute Leisure:** Whether it's a final cup of Maldivian coffee or a stroll along the waterfront, soak in the sights and sounds of the capital before departure.

Departure: Airport Transfer & See-off When it is time for your departure, your guide will ensure a smooth transfer to **Velana International Airport (MLE)**.

- **Safe Travels:** We will assist you with the check-in process for your onward flight. Our services conclude here, leaving you with unforgettable memories of the Maldives.

Expert Visit Tips:

- **Dress Code in Male:** *As the capital is a more traditional area, please ensure your attire covers shoulders and knees during the city tour.*
- **Ferry Timing:** *The public ferry follows a fixed schedule. Your guide will ensure you arrive on time, but if you prefer a faster option, a private speedboat can be arranged upon request.*

- **Last Tastes:** *If you want a truly local snack to take home, look for "**Addu Bondi**" (sweet coconut sticks)—they are a traveler favorite!*

Service Details (Day 5)

- **Meals: Breakfast** at the hotel included.
- **Transport:** Public ferry from Maafushi to Male; Airport transfer for departure.
- **Guide:** Private English-speaking guide for the Male City heritage tour.
- **Note:** Entrance fees to museums or private attractions are not included.

Booking Policy

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation by Customer

- Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 20% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 40% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 70% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

Children Policy

The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults.

- For infant (<04 years old): Free of Charge
- 04 - 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate
- 04 - 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate
- Above 11 years old with extra bed: 100% adult rate

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