





Island Tourism

Holidays with the locals



@visitmaldives

Experience life on a local islands

You do not have to stay in a resort to enjoy the Maldives. Guesthouses on island towns offer a tremendously different experience to that of resorts. Staying in a guesthouse gives you the opportunity to mingle with the local population, experience their lifestyles and get a feel of the local cuisine and culture. There are over 600 registered guesthouses across the 198 inhabited islands in the Maldives





Island Tourism

Holidays with the locals



@visitmaldives

From tiny little cozy four-bedroom properties to large fifty room hotels, there are various sizes and styles of accommodation to choose from. No matter where you stay the atmosphere is relaxed, friendly and comfortable. You are free to explore the island at your leisure and choose the various activities on offer.

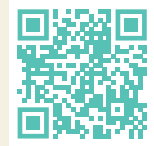
There is a wide range of food options on offer on most of the island, especially those that are well established as guesthouse destinations; from cafes offering local fare which consists of rice and local flat breads, curries, local sweet and savory snacks to classy little eateries offering international cuisine.





Island Tourism

Holidays with the locals



While some guesthouses may have their own watersports facilities and services, there is a choice of independent watersports and dive centers on most islands. Try out jet skiing, or kite surfing to get that rush of adrenalin, or choose parasailing to enjoy the view of the island or spend an afternoon canoeing around the island.

Excursions to sandbanks, other island towns and uninhabited islands are organized by guesthouses or watersports and excursion centers in the islands. Half-day and full-day excursions often include snorkeling at pristine reefs and barbeque lunches on the beach as part of the excursion packages.





Island Tourism

Holidays with the locals



With an abundance of reefs, the Maldives offers the best options for diving both for beginners and seasoned divers. Each guesthouse island would have well known dive sites on their daily dive excursion menus. Well-equipped dive centers in the islands organize day and night dives for beginners as well as advanced divers.

The beach is one of the key elements during any holiday in the Maldives. Not surprisingly all the islands have wonderful beaches that you can enjoy. Many have sections of the beach exclusively reserved for holidaymakers.

Guesthouse islands come in various sizes and some have their very own specialties. Some are quieter than others with just a couple of guesthouse properties. Some islands boast exquisite sandbanks while others may have mantas and whale sharks frequenting the waters nearby. Other islands may offer you the chance to experience nature reserves, mangroves or other features that are distinctly unique to those specific atolls or islands.



@visitmaldives