

4 DAYS BACKPACKER BREAKS PACKAGE

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OVERVIEW

For a long time the Maldives has not been considered a destination suitable for back packers, yet alone affordable. But now with the introduction of local island guesthouses and budget airlines flying from Sri Lanka and India, the Maldives is beginning to find itself on the backpacker map. Our backpacker breaks are designed to either work as a self- contained budget Maldives experience or as a start to an independent stay in the archipelago.

Our backpacker packages are based on the local island of Guraidhoo.

Guraidhoo in South Male Atoll, it is a typical fishing island with about 2,300 inhabitants, sandy roads and palm trees. A 30 minute walk around the island highlights locals going about their daily routine and the carpenters at the local shipyard traditionally constructing typical local dhoni boats. Guraidhoo is a regular stopping point for safari boats and local shops have quickly adapted by offering all kind of souvenirs and a handful of local restaurants and coffee shops. Scuba diving is interesting in this area of Maldives Islands and during the season surfing, kiting and windsurfing here is excellent.

Note: The Maldives is a Muslim country and therefore alcohol is not available on local islands. Subject to availability day/evening visits to resorts can be arranged. Bikinis are also not allowed to be worn on local island beaches; however most of our guesthouses offer private gardens or private beach areas for guests.

All of our guesthouse accommodation is handpicked to provide a balance of comfort, good service, local atmosphere and value for money. We have chosen a selection of locally operated guesthouses that provide comfortable clean rooms, friendly service and good food. All rooms have en-suite bathrooms, AC, ceiling fans and complimentary WiFi, whilst water, tea and coffee is always available. Most of the guesthouses are single or double story comprised of a maximum of 10 rooms. Some are set facing out to the ocean with a terrace or balcony. Others are built around a private garden or beach area, but in each you can be assured of a warm welcome.

ITINERARY

Day One:

Arrive Male International Airport where you will be greeted by our representative who will assist you with your public ferry transfer to your local island in South Male Atoll. The ferry operates every day excluding FRIDAY and leaves Male at

14:30 taking 120 minutes to journey across the Indian Ocean to Guraidhoo. You can choose to sit up top and

view the beauty of the many Maldives islands that pass you by, keeping your eyes open for dolphins or sit inside, amongst the fruit and vegetables, mattresses and electrical items that have been purchased that day and chat with the locals. Upon arrival at your guesthouse you will have time to settle in before having a guided tour of the island and experiencing traditional 'hedika' - Maldivian savoury and sweet short eats served with black tea at a local cafe.

Day Two:

A traditional Maldives breakfast is taken at the home of a local family before being taken out by boat to enjoy a 90 minute guided snorkeling trip to nearby reefs to discover the underwater world of the Maldives. The afternoon is yours to relax or for those feeling a little more energetic take advantage of the many water sport options available including snorkeling, surfing in season and diving. Dinner this evening will be taken Robinson Crusoe style on a sandbank (subject to weather conditions).

Day Three:

Following breakfast you will be taken by speedboat to an uninhabited island. Here you have the opportunity to swim, snorkel or just lie back and relax before eating a BBQ lunch and then enjoying more of the same! Timing approx. 10.00- 16.00 – shade available from vegetation. This evening enjoy dinner with a local family at their home allowing you to true access to Maldives local life.

Day Four:

Following an early breakfast you will transfer by 7:00 early morning public ferry to Male and on to Male International Airport or your onward destination.

Activities include:

Discover SCUBA diving, diving, snorkeling, windsurfing, surfing, kite surfing, sunset cruises, evening fishing trips, sandbank visits, resort day visits, beach BBQs, just sitting back and chilling!

INCLUDED

- ✓ 3 Night Standard room accommodation based on double/twin share
- ✓ 1 local dinner
- ✓ 1 sandbank dinner
- ✓ 1 BBQ Lunch
- ✓ Airport and domestic transfer assistance
- ✓ Return transfer by public ferry
- ✓ Hedika Experience
- ✓ Snorkeling Trip
- ✓ Uninhabited Island visit
- ✓ Local Tax

2016 RACK RATES		DOUBLE SHARE PER PERSON	
PACKAGE	Nights	Jan/Feb/March/Apr	May/June/July
		11th Jan - 30th Apr 2016	1st May - 31st July 2016
BACKPACKER	3	375	349

2016 RACK RATES		SINGLE PER PERSON		CHILD 2-12 Years
PACKAGE	Nights	Jan/Feb/March/Apr	May/June/July	All Year
		11th Jan - 30th Apr 2016	1st May - 31st July 2016	
BACKPACKER	3	575	549	NA

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