

5 DAYS SHORT STAY PACKAGES

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Our short stay packages are ideal for those looking to experience the Maldives on a budget or for travelers who also wish to experience resort life in the Maldives or are planning a vacation in Sri Lanka or India. They offer an excellent way to combine both styles of vacation, particularly as all packages start and finish at Male International Airport and should a package not entirely suit we are able to customize.

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. Our short stay packages are based on the local island of Maafushi.

Maafushi is a very typical Maldivian local island, and since the introduction of local tourism Maafushi is proving a popular destination for those wishing to experience the Maldives without paying resort prices. Maafushi is located in South Male Atoll, which has been inhabited for a very long time and is a well-known fishing island. Only 90 minutes away from Male by ferry boat or 30 minutes by speedboat. There are two beaches on opposite sides of the island, one of which is a tourist bikini beach and you can see the ocean from almost any spot on the island. With a variety of local cafes and guesthouse restaurants, some situated on the harbour, Maafushi provides the ideal destination to discover the Maldives on a budget.

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.

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Day One:

Arrive Male International Airport where you will be greeted by our representative or your guide, 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 90 minutes to journey across the Indian Ocean to Maafushi. 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 and chat with the locals.

Upon arrival at your guesthouse you will have time to settle in before exploring the island with your local guide to get yourself acquainted with the layout and to observe Maldives local life. Experience traditional 'hedika' - Maldivian savoury and sweet snacks served with black tea at a local cafe. Dinner will be served at your guesthouse.

Day Two:

Breakfast this morning is served at your guesthouse 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 surfing and diving. This evening enjoy the unique experience of eating dinner with a local family allowing you to true access to Maldives home life.

Day Three:

Following breakfast you have a free morning before being taken by speedboat to an idyllic sandbank just a short distance from Maafushi. Here you have the opportunity to swim, snorkel or just lie back and relax. A picnic lunch will be served before we head off to snorkel in search of turtles. The soft corals available on this reef usually mean its lunchtime all the time for turtles and! On the return journey to Maafushi cruise the Indian Ocean, enjoy sunset and hopefully spot dolphins. This evening subject to weather conditions dinner will be served alfresco!

Day Four:

Today is yours to enjoy as you please. Relax on the beach or for those feeling energetic participate in the various optional watersport activities on offer. Optional diving trips can be organised for certified divers and day visits to resorts are also available. All optional activities can be arranged prior to or during your stay.

Day Five:

Following an early breakfast you will transfer on the 7:00 early morning public ferry to Male and accompanied by a local guide you will discover the history of the capital city and visit places including The Friday Mosque, The National Museum (entrance fee not included) and Sultan Park.

The remainder of the day is free for you to explore Male, enjoy lunch, buy souvenirs or just watch the world go by from a local coffee house. Transfer to Male International Airport or your onward destination.

INCLUDED

- ✓ 4 Night 2* Guesthouse Standard room accommodation based on double/twin share
- ✓ 3 Dinners including local dinner and cultural dinner
- ✓ 1 Picnic Lunch
- ✓ Airport and domestic transfer assistance
- ✓ Return transfer by public ferry
- ✓ Hedika Experience
- ✓ Sunset Cruise
- ✓ Snorkeling Trip
- ✓ Sandbank visit and snorkeling
- ✓ Male City Tour
- ✓ 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
SHORT BREAKS	4	749	549

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	
SHORT BREAKS	4	1399	899	275

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