

Zitahli Experience

In this guide, we will provide you with information on the excursions organized by The Team of Zitahli Resorts & Spa, Kuda-Funafaru. In fact, one of the most interesting things to do in Maldives is to indulge in the many excursions offered by us in the zone of Noonu Atoll.

It will be an ultimate experience to catch a glimpse of the daily life of Maldivians in one of the fishing villages, where we organize as a half day or a full day trip to number of our neighboring islands as well for those who wish to test their skills at fishing, a variety of fishing expeditions is organized.

You don't need to ponder as to how to enjoy in Kuda-Funafaru, because there are other different kinds of excursions available here consisting of diving, snorkeling, full moon Cruises, discovering the beauty of uninhabited islands etc. If you want to have some thrill, then you can choose to opt for aerial excursions by seaplane. It will also give you a great opportunity to view the beauty of Maldives from aerial shots, to view the wonderful array of colors of the numerous reefs and lagoons and experiencing the amazing scenery of the atolls formation from the sky.

Glance through our "*Zitahli Experience*" for a range of exciting trips and excursions.

Snorkeling Safari



Discover the beauty of the underwater world and allow us to take you to a world many of you have yet to visit. Take the plunge and experience the diversity of marine life and impressive reef structures that the Maldives is renowned for.

Exceptional and easily accessible, you don't need to be a seasoned scuba diver to thrill at this majestic undersea kingdom.

Our experienced instructors will be on hand to ensure a safe and remarkable adventure.

Time: 14:00hrs to 16:30 hrs
Minimum: 06 guests
Maximum: 12 guests
Price: \$65 per person
Excursion days: Sundays & Thursdays

All excursions have an advance notice on cancellation, for this excursion we will apply a 25% cancellation fee.

Excursion will be cancelled if we do not have the minimum amount of Guests

These rates are subject to a 50% discount for children under 12 years, children below 5 years free of charge.

Prices are subject to a 10% Service Charge

Please register your bookings 24 hours prior to the Excursion

Sunset Dolphin Cruise



Cruise the surrounding waters by traditional Maldivian “Dhoni” and be fortunate enough to witness a school of dolphins basking in the evening sun as you sail through calm waters and a sky painted by the setting sun. What an idyllic way to end the day and unwind while enjoying chilled champagne and canapés, setting the perfect mood for the rest of the evening.

Time: 17:30hrs to 19:30hrs
Minimum: 04 guests
Maximum: 10 guests
Price: \$120 per person
Excursion days: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

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Moonlight Cruise



Moonrise in the Maldives is truly a spectacle that will leave you speechless. Watch in awe as the moon rises from the Indian Ocean and embarks on its nightly sojourn across the heavens. Chilled champagne and canapés set the scene for a truly romantic moment for you and your loved one.

Time: 21:30hrs to 23:30hrs (times can change, depending on moon rise)
Minimum: 04 guests
Maximum: 08 guests
Price: \$155 per person
Excursion days: Saturdays & Wednesdays

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Half Day Island Discovery



The half day island discovery takes you on a dhoni cruise to a nearby inhabited island where you get an opportunity to visit a typical Maldivian village and see firsthand how life in the atolls has gone on, almost unchanged, for hundreds of years. The islanders are very hospitable and welcome visitors with open arms, proudly showing off their way of life. See traditional houses made from coral and shells, visit the mosque and shop for island handicrafts and souvenirs.

Time: 10:30hrs to 14:00hrs
Minimum: 08 guests
Maximum: 14 guests
Price: \$75 per person
Excursion days: Saturdays, Tuesdays & Thursdays

All excursions have an advance notice on cancellation, for this excursion we will apply a 25% cancellation fee.

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Full Day Island Discovery



The full day island discovery includes the above and also a trip to an uninhabited island where you will enjoy a lunch of cold meats, salads, soft drinks and mineral waters. Sun bathing, swimming and snorkeling the island's languid lagoon are activities for you to consider that will make the excursion a memorable one.

Time: 10:30hrs to 17:30hrs
Minimum: 08 guests
Maximum: 14 guests
Price: \$125 per person
Excursion day: Mondays

All excursions have an advance notice on cancellation, for this excursion we will apply a 50% cancellation fee.

Excursion will be cancelled if we do not have the minimum amount of Guests

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Sunset Fishing



The ocean surrounding Kuda-Funafaru abounds with fish, presenting a unique and unforgettable opportunity for the anglers amongst you. The adventure commences at 1730 when the dhoni sails for a favorable fishing ground chosen by the knowledgeable captain. Experienced crew are on hand to instruct you should the need be there. Accompanied by the setting Sun, this is an experience not to be missed. For an additional charge why not have the kitchen prepare your catch the way you want it, and serve it to you at our Breeze restaurant?

Time: 17:30hrs to 19:30hrs
Minimum: 06 guests
Maximum: 12 guests
Price: \$75 per person
Excursion days: Sundays, Tuesdays & Fridays

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Excursion will be cancelled if we do not have the minimum amount of Guests

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Robinson Crusoe Experience



Have you ever dreamed of emulating Daniel Defoe's fictional hero, Robinson Crusoe, being left alone on a tropical island, with only the sound of the breeze rustling the coconut palms, and the waves breaking over the reef for company? Your adventure begins after breakfast with a speedboat journey over the azure waters of the Indian Ocean, when we take you to a nearby uninhabited island. Once there, we will drop you off and leave you to explore the island at your own leisure and while away the day. Our Chefs will prepare you a cold lunch of steamed lobster, roast beef tenderloin, a selection of salads, fresh fruit, dessert and cheese. We will also include a bottle of champagne and a selection of soft drinks and mineral waters, something even Robinson Crusoe did not have!

A mobile phone will be provided so you can call the resort and tell us when you would like to be picked up.

Time: 10:30hrs to 17:30hrs
Maximum: 2 guests
Price: \$325 per person
Excursion days: Sundays & Wednesdays

All excursions have an advance notice on cancellation, for this excursion we will apply a 100% cancellation fee.

Excursion will be cancelled if we do not have the minimum amount of Guests

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Private Island Lunch



A short speedboat trip across the Noonu atoll will take you to a deserted private island, where you can explore the island, taking leisurely strolls in the surf, sunbathe or snorkel the pristine lagoon and reef. Your personal Chef and waiter will have preceded you to the island and set up a table for two at an ideal and shady area of the island where they will cook and serve a gourmet lunch at your chosen time. Chilled champagne, soft drinks and mineral waters are also on hand to help quench your thirst and provide relief from the hot tropical sun.

Time: 10:30hrs to 17:30hrs
Maximum: 2 guests
Price: \$425 per person
Excursion days: Saturdays & Tuesdays

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Big Game Fishing



The ultimate thrill and challenge for the dedicated angler is to pit his skills and strength against those most majestic and sought after of angling trophies, the Marlin. There are also plenty of other big game fish such as Mahi-Mahi, Yellow Fin Tuna, Sailfish and Wahoo in the Maldives, and our experienced skipper whose intimate knowledge of the surrounding waters will take you to the best fishing grounds. Be the envy of your fellow anglers and have your photo taken with your prized catch rather than spin a tale of “the one that got away”.

Time: 6:00hrs to 12:00hrs & 12:00hrs to 18:00hrs
Minimum: 02 guests
Maximum: 06 guests
Price: \$600 per person
Excursion day: Advance bookings for any day

All excursions have an advance notice on cancellation, for this excursion we will apply a 25% cancellation fee.

Excursion will be cancelled if we do not have the minimum amount of Guests

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Private Dhoni Hire



If you want to discover Maldives in style and at your own pace, why not hiring a “Dhoni” or a speed boat?

Minimum: 02 guests
Maximum: 06 guests
Price: \$150 per hour

*Prices are subject to a 10% Service Charge
Please register your bookings 24 hours prior to the Excursion*

Excursions - Not to forget!!

RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION

Our Guest Relations & Reception team will be delighted to provide you with information and bookings for excursions of your choice. Please register your bookings 24 hour prior to the Excursion.

Kindly note that all excursion departures are from the main jetty and you must be there 10 minutes prior to the departure.

CANCELLATION

All excursions have an advance notice on cancellation fee which differs from one to another, kindly go through the flyers of each Excursion.

Excursion will be cancelled if we do not have the minimum amount of Guests.

Please note that if the weather does not permit, the excursion will be cancelled.

SAFETY

All our boats are equipped with life jackets and the crews are experienced sailors.



WHAT TO BRING???



- Bathing suit for excursions that include swimming.

- Snorkeling Equipments for excursions that include Snorkeling



- Some cash in US\$ for souvenirs when doing Island Hopping



- Camera



- Hat & Sunscreen (please be aware of the tropical sun)



DRESS CODE FOR EXCURSIONS

In respect of the Islamic faith of Maldives, please observe the following dress code when visiting other islands:

- Shorts or skirts must be worn at knee length
- Fabrics must not be transparent or translucent and shoulders must be covered



Language of the Maldives



Dhivehi is the spoken language throughout the Maldives. It has its roots in old South Asian languages, intermingling with Arabic, Hindi and English words. Maldives has a very high literacy rate - 98%, to be precise. English was introduced as the medium of instruction in most schools in the 1960s, while Dhivehi is still the language used for the overall administration.

THE SCRIPT

After the Portuguese were vanquished, about 4 centuries ago, the Thaana script was introduced. It consists of Arabic-style letters written from right to left and the vowels are indicated below and above the letters in the form of dashes. There is no precise relation between the Thaana and Roman script, which leads to the same word or name being spelt in many different ways.

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dh	f	m	v	a	k	lh	b	r	n	sh	h
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chaviyani	javiyani	paviyani	yaa	taviyani	zaviyani	daviyani	seenu	gnaviyani	gaafu	laamu	thaa
ch	j	p	y	t	z	d	s	gn	g	l	th

DIFFERENT DIALECTS

Owing to the distance between the islands, differences in pronunciation and vocabulary have cropped up, especially between the north and south atolls, so much so that people in Malé cannot understand the dialect used by the people of Seenu Atoll.

THE THREE CLASSES IN DHIVEHI

A peculiar form of class distinction is inherent in the Dhivehi language and it is expressed through three levels.