



5-day itinerary to the Maldives

Maldives is a little piece of paradise on Earth where any number of days here are less. While we are giving a sample 5-day itinerary below, if you are going for a romantic trip, our suggestion is to check into one of the exclusive water bungalow resorts in a far off island and just stay there for all the days.

For the ones who like constant action, here's a multi-island itinerary:



Day 1

Hulhumale

After your arrival at Maldives, you can spend the first day at Hulhumale Island. This is one of the islands that can be visited by road. Usually, you have to take a private or public ferry or seaplane to hop on to an island. Remember seaplanes don't take off in the evening, so if you are heading to another island, plan it accordingly.

Day 2

Hulhumale – Male – Maafushi

You have to go to the Hulhumale port to board a local boat for Male city. Roam about in Male, visit the largest mosque in Male and then visit the Villingili Ferry Terminal for onward journey towards Maafushi. It takes around 2 hours to reach Maafushi and while on the way, enjoy the awesome views.



Day 3

Exploring Maafushi

Maafushi is an idyllic place with plenty of beautiful beaches, water activities and some great food. There are a number of things that you can do at Maafushi.

Explore the beaches

There are four main beaches – Public Beach, Bikini Beach, Water Sports Beach and Coral Beach. As the name suggests, Bikini beach is the only beach here where you can roam around in skimpy swimwear (bikinis for ladies and topless for men). It is illegal to expose your skin in public on other parts of the island. Bikini Beach is usually quite crowded. There are two Public Beaches and they are usually quieter and less crowded. On private islands, dressing rules are relaxed.

Water activities – Snorkelling and Diving

Maldives is a heaven for under water marine life. You can book snorkelling and diving tours at the local diving centres to explore the aquatic life here. Maavelaathu, Banana Reef, Vilivaru Corner, Maafushi Corner are the main snorkelling points. Scuba diving at Maldives is an unforgettable experience. Among other water sports, you can enjoy parasailing, jet ski or embark on a fascinating kayak trip.

Sandbank

Visit the sandbank in the midst of crystalline turquoise water. Enjoy sitting in the pristine white sand while enjoying the gorgeous views of the sea.

Dolphin Safari

This is something that you should not miss. It will be wonderful sight to see the school of dolphins gracefully playing in the waters. Spotting of dolphins is always a matter of chance, but if you spot the dolphins, it is going to be a surreal experience.



Day 4

Maafushi – Fihalhohi

To reach Fihalhohi, you have to take a speedboat. Fihalhohi is the last island of South Male and is the place for overwater bungalows that Maldives is so famous for. The place has a captivating view of the Indian Ocean and is truly a tropical paradise. The beach resorts are equally charming with a private terrace overlooking the island's terrain. Indulge yourself in an exotic spa treatment as well.



Day 5

Back to Maafushi

Return to Maafushi from Fihalhohi and this day, take your time to explore the place, visit the souvenir shops. It is advisable to buy the souvenirs from here as they are cheaper compared to other islands.

Depart for Male to take the flight back.

Some important tips for your Maldives trip

- When in mainland Male, dress appropriately. Maldives is an Islamic country and so certain dresses are not allowed unless you are in an exclusive resort. Respect the traditions and culture of the country you visit.
- Do not lose the receipt when you will be exchanging your USD to Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR). You will need it in case you want the leftover local currency be changed back to USD.
- If possible, experience the signature overwater bungalow accommodation. It is pricey, but completely worth it.
- Alcohol is prohibited on the local islands but is available on private resort islands.

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