

Happy Life Maldives 

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1. Welcome note

Dear guests,

We are delighted to **welcome you in paradise** and we are sure that you will enjoy your stay here at Happy Life! Our team will always strive to make your stay with us a wonderful and unique experience.

If you like your stay, **please help us** to spread the 'happy vibes' with the rest of the world by **rating us on tripadvisor** and liking us on facebook (your friends will be jealous, but hey...).

However, most of all: Enjoy your time with us!

Your "Happy Life Maldives Team"

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2. Island life and our community

Dhiffushi has a very open, family-like community where everybody knows each other. Our guests are welcome and very often we spot them playing soccer with our youth, sitting in the café, chatting and playing cards or Carome with the locals. Don't be afraid to interact and don't leave Dhiffushi without having visited the Mosque, the café, the school and the local shops.

Feel free to buy the freshest fish off the fishing boats in the harbor – we will prepare it for you at no extra charge for dinner or lunch. Happy Life highly values the local friendliness and openness and we do whatever we can to maintain this good relationship.



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Things to do on Dhiffushi island

- Daily soccer match at 16.00h on the pitch
- Visit the Mosque and the school
- Sip awesome coffee at the local café
- Play cards or Carome with the locals
- Join us for a guided village-tour of Dhiffushi island
- See chapter 'Activities and trips'

As you are on a local island, we ask our guests to help us keep up the happy vibes with our community, this means

- Women can wear everything from shorts and T-shirts to long floaty dresses, skirts or trousers (please do not wear transparent clothing when walking through the village)
- Bikini is allowed at our beach, except if there are locals on Thursday or Friday
- Nude bathing is prohibited

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3. Guesthouse

We offer the following facilities for you:

- Umbrella
- Beach chairs
- Kayak
- Games (Ceram, cards etc.)
- Wifi
- Mosquito repellent (lotion and electrical device for you room)

We only have a few rules, ensuring everyone can enjoy his stay:

- Breakfast is served at 08:00
- Lunch is served at 14:00
- Dinner is served at 20:00
- Smoking is permitted everywhere except for the rooms
- Please use the dustbins in the toilets for toilet paper etc.
- Please do not enter the kitchen as this is our chef's empire
- Aircondition only when you are in the room (manual and not below 28 degrees Celsius)
- Fresh desalinated water is provided in all the rooms
- Please conserve water! When you finish using water, turn the taps off properly. Fresh water is very precious

There is no room service unless you request it

- Towels and bed linen in your rooms are changed on your request
- Towels provided in the rooms are not meant to be used as beach towels

We want you to have a great time with us, so please always let us know if there is anything we can do for you!

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4. Activities & trips

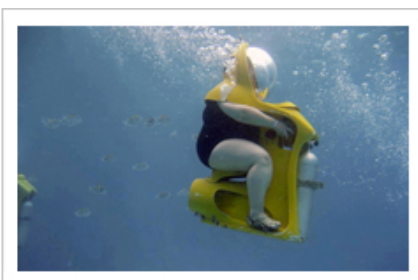
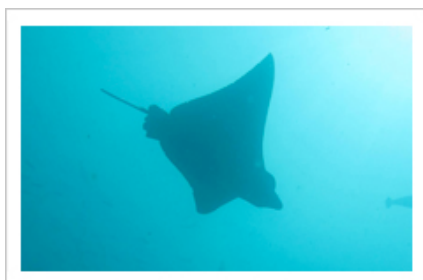
We offer a number of exciting activities at Happy Life. Please chat to Hassan if you are keen for a certain activity. If we are fully booked please be understanding if we cannot provide every activity on any given day. In that case please check out the daily activity schedule.

For costs of activities please see chapter 'Prices'.

a) Snorkeling

Snorkeling is the first step to get to know the beautiful underwater-life without the risks and difficulties of diving. The Maldives offer you the perfect snorkel opportunity. Most islands are surrounded by a sand-bottomed lagoon and by a reef (faru), which is a belt of living and dead coral. The water there is mostly shallow where light can be absorbed the best. That means that the color variety of what you will see will be much better than in deeper water. You will enter a different world!

We provide masks, snorkel and fins for you so you can always go on an adventure around the island or you come with us on our boat snorkel excursions.



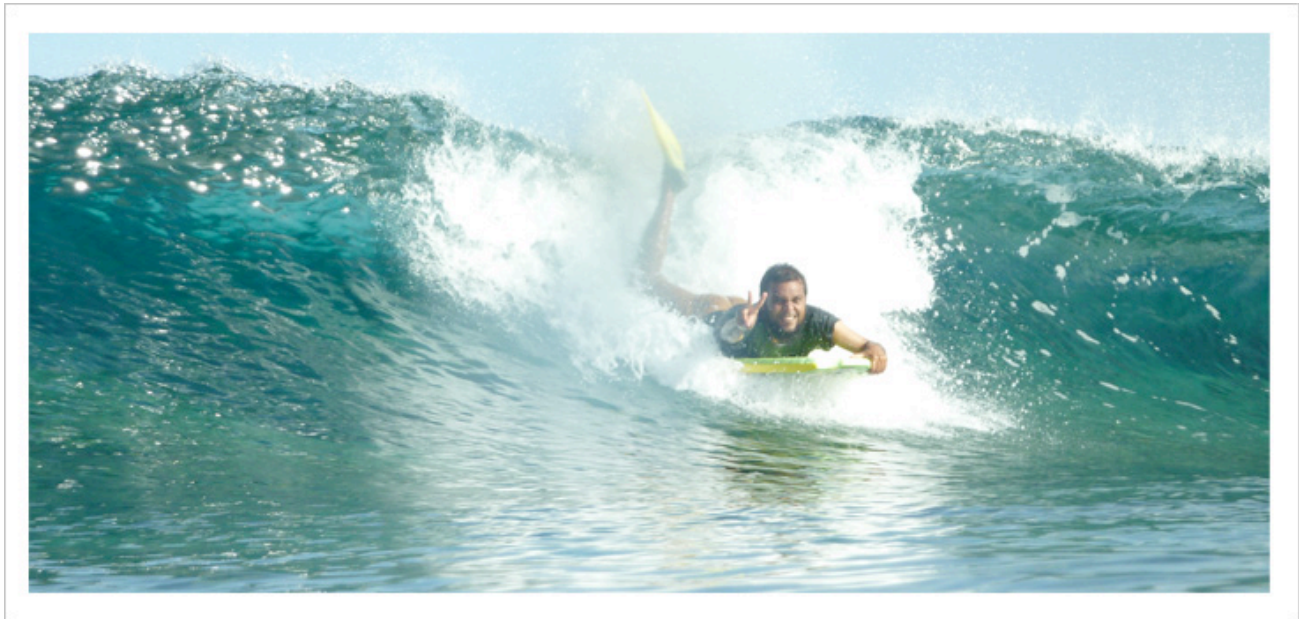
Snorkel Adventure!

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The 15 minute boat ride will take you to beautiful coral and sea life. The water depth will be around 2 to 4 meters and if you are lucky you may spot manta rays.

Outer ocean reef snorkeling - Snorkel Safari!

This excursion will take you on a 30 minute boat ride behind the faru (reef) closer to the open ocean. Water depth will be from 3 to 6 meters, where visibility is still perfect. Be captivated by the grace-fulness of the turtles and the elegance of the manta rays. Sometimes you can also spot reef sharks and moray eels and that is beside all the other big fish.



b) Surfing (please bring your own boards)

You can surf with our local surfers who will act as guides. The closest spot to Happy Life is the house reef or at Meeru corner (can get epic on big

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days, on smaller days more suitable for beginners to intermediates – reef break).

The best time of the year for surfing is from the tail end of the north east monsoon through to the end of the south west monsoon which coincides with the period from March to mid November.

Alternatively you can choose one of the following surf spots (in order of distance from Dhiffushi):

- **Chickens**

Villingilimathi Huraa (Kuda Villingili), uninhabited island. Eastern reef of North Malé Atoll. Requires speed. Long, excellent left-hander that has two sections. A pleasant thin, peeling, racing lip. However conditions must be perfect, otherwise it's not makeable. Best winds are NW-NNE (offshore). Named because of a poultry farm on the island. Access by Happy Life surf-transfer or local ferry.

- **Cokes**

Located in Easten Reef of Thulusdhu the capital island of Malé Atoll. A short but intense ride. A big wave tube spot. A steep barreling takeoff, then a very shallow inside section that opens up even more than the takeoff. Best on mid to high tide, however, can be surfed at low tide if the swell is big enough. Ideal on a straight south swell and winds NW however, can be surfed in winds from any direction W - N. Named after the Coca-Cola factory on the island, beautiful view of palm fringed each from the surf zone. Access by Happy Life surf-transfer or local ferry.

- **Lohis**

A fast, hollow left-hander that has 2 sections. A good swell indicator. Sadly this wave is off limits unless you stay at the resort.

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- **Sultans**

A right-hander that likes a bigger swell from the south can be very hollow and long.

- **Honkeys**

Excellent long left that's good from 2ft up. Builds up as it wraps around the reef.

- **Jailbreaks**

Long right that is brilliant. The fastest wave in the Maldives with long walls and three tube sections

- **Pasta Point**

Tari Village Resort (Kanu Huraa). Perfect long left, which picks up more swell and is more consistent than any other break. Macaroni Bowl'-a second tube section, which develops after the fast take off section, mellows out for a cutback. Lockjaws - if you are game try out this very fast and shallow end section, which comes after the Macaroni Bowl. Rides are 75 to 100 yards long. Reserved for the exclusive use of the resort guests. (Strictly enforced by Tari Village Resort management). Best winds; N, but can be surfed with NE-NW.

c) Bodyboarding

At all surfspots you can also go bodyboarding (please bring your own gear).

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d) Kite-Surfing and Windsurfing

Our shallow white sand lagoon is very suitable for kite-surfers and windsurfers, especially beginners since you can stand for a very long stretch where the average depth ranges from 1 foot to 3 feet. There is only sand, no rocks and the water is warm (not possible in rough seas but very nice when the sea is calm and no strong winds).

(please bring your own gear)

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e) Kayaking / SUP'ing

We provide you a Kayak with paddles and 2 SUP's for free in order to explore our lagoon and the beaches of Dhiffushi.

f) Dolphin watching

Best done in the afternoons, you can watch Dolphins swimming between Dhiffushi and our neighbor island Asdu. Very often we will see groups of dolphins with babies and they often come to check the boat out and follow us. It's an amazing experience!

g) Diving

Welcome to diving heaven! Dhiffushi Island is surrounded by more than 25 dive sites which vary from beginners to advanced level. So no matter if you are an experienced diver or a first timer, with our partner dive school you are in the best hands possible. Please note that we don't have our

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own dive school so if you come to the Maldives especially for diving we might not be your best choice although we can organize diving for you.

Please speak to us if you want to go diving and we will organize for you.



h) Local island tour

After you have come to the taste of local tourism by visiting Dhiffushi, we offer you a tour to three other local islands (including guide, transfer and lunch).

On **Thulusdhoo** we visit the regent hospital and a sea cucumber factory. The local surfing point "Cokes", is named after the Coca-Cola factory on the island (the Maldives are the only country in the world where Coca-Cola is produced from desalinated salt water).

On **Hinmafushi** we will visit a Yellow Fin Tuna factory and an ice factory. The local surfbreak is called "Jailbreak".

On **Hura** you can get a massage at the five star Four Seasons Resort Maldives Kuda Hura.

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i) Sandbank trip



You can choose from our close by sand banks which are about 100ft x 100ft. Sand banks are visited during low tide and are only a 5 to 10 minutes boat ride away. We organize private picnics with umbrellas and drinks. If you are a couple or a family who wants to

enjoy total privacy or the absolute “Robinson” remote feeling you cannot miss this one.

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5. Special dinners



Alternatively to our regular local dinner, we offer special dinners that you can book once you are here.

On the **traditional Maldivian fish barbecue** at our beach we prepare red or white snapper on the traditional coconut fired glaze. This gentle frying method takes up to 1.5 hours and guarantees extra soft texture.

The **special seafood dinner** includes a minimum 3 of the following: lobster, prawns, cuttle fish, octopus, red crabs and green sleeper lobster.

6. Transfers

The ferry back to Malé leaves Dhiffushi everyday except Fridays at 6.30 a.m. from our harbor. If you require a speedboat-transfer please speak to us and we will organize it for you (for costs please refer to the price list).

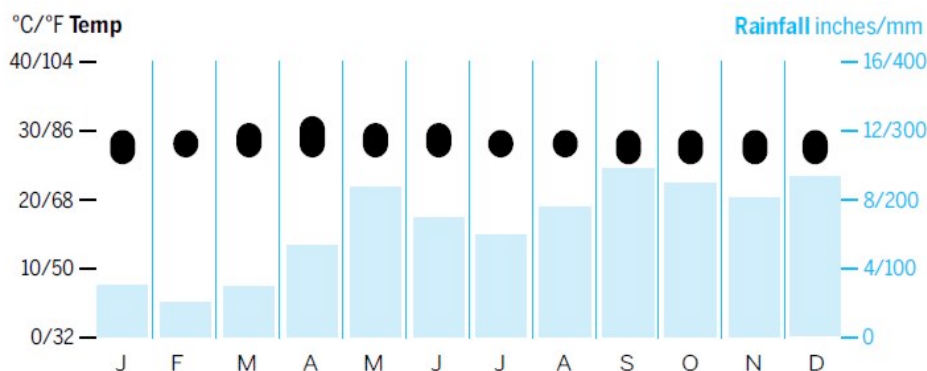
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7. Weather

Laying close to the equator in the Indian Ocean the Maldivian weather pattern is tropical or monsoon in nature with two distinctly different seasons; the northeast monsoon (wet season), and the southwest monsoon (dry season).

The Maldives rainy season runs from January to March, and the Maldives dry season from the middle of May till December. No matter what time of year you visit these sun drenched isles you can expect to find an average year round daily temperature of 30°C (86° F) which means you only have to pack light for your trip.

As we say on Dhiffushi Island “**no news and no shoes**” are all you need for that perfect vacation for happy life at Happy Life. Pleasant mornings lead into sun soaked days with kaleidoscopic sunsets, and slightly breezy nights that are perfect for sleeping, and waking up to another day in paradise.



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8. FAQ

1. How do I get from the airport to Dhiffushi?

- we pick you up and we take the public ferry together
- you take the public ferry on your own
- you charter a speedboat

2. How do I get from Dhiffushi to the airport?

From Dhiffushi you must take the ferry which departs every day (**except Fridays**) at 06.30 a.m. to Viligili Ferry Terminal. From there you drive to Hulhulé Ferry Terminal (5 minutes by taxi) in Malé and take a ferry to the airport (the ferries in Malé leave every 10 minutes and takes 5-10 minutes).

3. What can I do on Dhiffushi?

- Daily soccer match with locals
- Visit the Mosque and the school
- Sip coffee at the local café and play cards or carome with the locals
- Fishing from the beach (professional rod available @ Happy Life)
- Wind- & Kitesurfing (please bring your own gear)
- Surf the house reef
- Snorkel the house reef & beach
- Guided Dhiffushi island tour
- Kayaking
- Swimming
- Sun bathing
- Etc.

4. What is the weather on Dhiffushi?

No matter what time of year you visit these sun drenched isles you can expect to find an average daily temperature of 30°C (86° F). For detailed information on the Maldivian weather see chapter [Weather](#).

5. Is there air conditioning in the rooms?

Yes, there is. Please be nice to the environment and only use the air condition while in the room.

6. Are there mosquitoes on Dhiffushi?

Yes, especially during rain season (but there is no Malaria on Dhiffushi).

7. Do I need a visa for my stay?

Only if you plan to stay more than 30 days. Visa extension can be arranged during your stay.

8. Is there internet on Dhiffushi?

Yes, we provide free WIFI for our guests.

9. Do I need a vaccination for my stay?

No.

10. What currency should I bring (Rufyas, Dollars or Euro)?

Preferably US Dollars.

11. Does it rain the whole day during rain season?

No, it only rains in intervals (specially in the evening and at night).

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12. Can you buy alcohol and if so at what price?

You should refrain from bringing alcohol to the Maldives, as it is strictly prohibited hence you can't buy alcohol on a local island.

13. Do I need to bring towels?

No. We provide towels for you. Nevertheless you might want to bring beach towels yourself.

14. Is it cold at night?

Only in February temperatures can drop to 5 degree celsius at night. For detailed information on the Maldivian weather see chapter 'Weather'.

15. Are casual clothes enough or do I need something else/upbeat, if we go to another island/one of the resorts?
Casual clothes are more than fine.

16. Is anyone else on the island other than locals?

Yes. There are Indians, Sri Lankans, French and a Finnish engineer with his family.

17. How freely can you walk around as a woman?

Please feel absolutely free to walk around freely (also alone).

18. Are there beggars on the island?

No.

19. Can I swim with a bikini?

Yes, you can swim with a bikini on our beach side. Only Fridays and Saturdays when there are also locals on the beach, you should wear

beach shorts and a top/t-shirt.

20. What should I wear on the island as a woman?

Women can wear everything from shorts and T-shirts to long floaty dresses, skirts or trousers (please do not wear transparent clothing when walking through the village). Bikinis are allowed on the beach, and fully private behind the shadows of trees. If women walk through the village they should wear at least a shirt and a pareo or a sarong. Swimming tankinis with swimming skirts, beach shorts are needed for women to play sports freely in the beach or areas where locals are.

21. What should I wear on the island as a man?

Shorts and a T-Shirt.

22. Can I go snorkeling from the beach?

Yes, you can. But the best spots/reefs to see fish and coral are 10 minutes by boat (see 'Transfers').

23. Can I exchange money on the island?

No, please bring US\$

24. Can I withdraw money at an ATM on Dhiffushi?

No, you can only withdraw money in Malé.

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TRANSFERS AND ACTIVITIES	Condition	Pricing	Duration	Price
AIRPORT TRANSFER				
One way airport pick up service (transfer by local ferry)	-	p.p.	3 hours	\$ 20
One way express pick up service (charter speed boat)	1-4 people	Charter	45 minutes	\$230
One way express pick up service (charter speed boat)	5-12 people	Charter	45 minutes	\$300
One way express pick up service in a rainy or windy weather (charter speed boat)	1-12 people	Charter	45 minutes	\$ 380
SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS				
SURF TRANSFER				
Two way surf-transfer to housewave	1-4 people	Charter	2-3 hours	\$50
	5-12 people	Charter	2-3 hours	\$70
Two way surf-transfer to Cokes and Chickens	1-4 people	Charter	2-3 hours	\$85
	5-12 people	Charter	2-3 hours	\$110
Two way surf-transfer between Jail break and Lhohi	1-4 people	Charter	4 hours	\$100
	5-12 people	Charter	4 hours	\$150
SNORKELING				
"Coral Garden" Private snorkelling on coral point, incl. boat & equipment				
	1-4 people	total	2-3 hours	\$50
"Fish Point" snorkeling on colourful fish point, incl. boat & equipment	5-12 people	total	2-3 hours	\$70
	1-4 people	total	2-3 hours	\$50
"Indian Ocean Adventure" Private snorkelling outside atoll in deep reef, incl. boat & equipment	5-12 people	total	2-3 hours	70
	1-4 people	total	2-3 hours	\$65
SAILING	5-12 people	total	2-3 hours	\$85
Sailing with sailing Yatch	Max. 4 people	total	3-4 hours	\$50
Sailing with sailing Yatch	1-4 people	p.p.	6 hours	\$ 35
	5-12 people	p.p.	6 hours	\$30
LOCAL ISLAND EXCURSION				
Tour to local islands (Thulusdhoo, Hinmafushi, Hura) incl. guide, transfer and lunch	1-4 people	p.p.	11 hours	\$ 35
	5-12 people	p.p.	11 hours	\$30
DOLPHIN WATCHING				
Dolphin watching	1-4 people	total	2 hours	\$65
	5-12 people	total	2 hours	\$85
FISHING				

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Day or night fishing inside lagoon incl. boat, hooks & lines	1-4 people	total	1-3 hours	\$70
	5-12 people	total	1-3 hours	\$130
Day big game fishing with local fishermen outside lagoon incl. boat, hooks & lines	1-4 people	total	3-6 hours	\$100
	5-12 people	total	3-6 hours	\$150
SAND BANK TRIPS				
"Sandbank Private Relaxing" on Sandbank	1-4 people	total	1-3 hours	\$50
	5-12 people	total	1-3 hours	\$70
"Sandbank Adventuer" sandbank with snorkeling	1-4 people	total	1-4 hours	\$70
	5-12 people	total	1-4 hours	\$90
TRADITIONAL DRUM SHOW				
	-	total	1-3 hours	\$ 65
SPECIAL DINNER				
Traditional Maldivian fresh fish barbecue at our beach	Min. 2 people	p.p.	3 hours	\$ 15
Special sea food dinner includes min. 3 of the following items: lobster, prawns, cuttle fish, octopus, crabs, sleeper lobster	Min. 2 people	p.p.	3 hours	\$30

* Please inquire with Happy Life Maldives guesthouse management for further details

All bookings and prices are subject to our current Terms & Conditions as per 01.11.2011.

Prices quoted are in US\$ (8% GST incl.), exchange rate on day of payment applies.

No availability of accommodation guaranteed.

We do not grant refunds for non-completed activities due to weather conditions. We also cannot refund you on broken cameras etc. due to water damage so please make sure you keep your things dry whilst enjoying Happy Life, the scenery, the surf and the dolphins :)

We reserve the right to change prices at any time.

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