

Welcome to Maldives

TOP-14

Things to Do

- Admire the underwater world and coral reefs
- Take a boat trip and watch dolphins in the ocean
- Enjoy white-sand beaches shaded by palm trees
- Relax at a 5-star island resort
- Capture a million sunset photos
- Listen to the sound of the waves, gaze at the stars, and find constellations
- Have a movie night by the ocean (secret: all you need is a blanket, phone, or tablet)
- Try water sports — sailing, paddleboarding, windsurfing, or jet skiing
- Organize a picnic on a deserted island
- Go fishing
- Treat yourself to a massage or SPA session
- Explore the capital of the Maldives — Malé
- Swim with manta rays or sea turtles. You can spot mantas at Hanifaru Bay (Baa Atoll)
- See the glowing bioluminescent plankton — found only on some islands, such as Vaadhoo in Raa Atoll



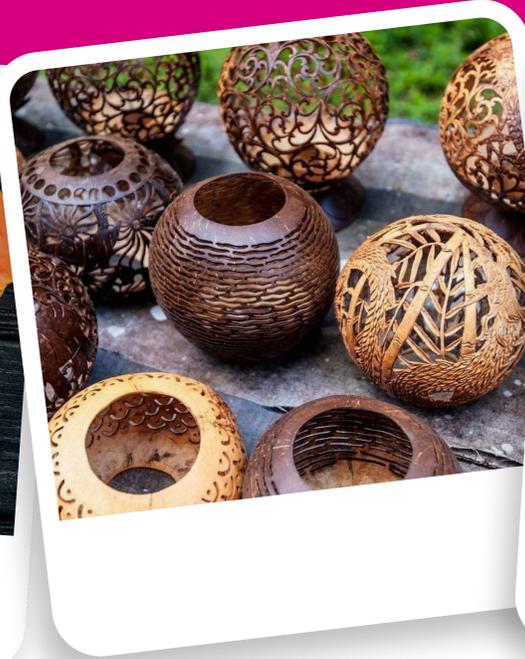
How the Atolls Differ:

- Kaafu — the main atoll of the Maldives, home to the capital, Malé
- Baa — famous for the Hanifaru Marine Reserve with whale sharks, mantas, and colorful tropical fish
- Ari — one of the largest and most beautiful atolls in the Maldives
- Lhaviyani — features white sandy beaches, turquoise lagoons, and great dive sites, including several shipwrecks
- Raa — rich coral reefs, glowing beaches, and some of the finest 5-star resorts



TOP 5 souvenirs

- Bondi — coconut sticks made from coconut flesh
 - Tropical fruits — papaya and mango
 - Coconut and wooden crafts — jewelry, handbags, mirrors, home décor
 - Traditional Maldivian reed mats
- ⚠ Important: Collecting or exporting shells, turtle shells, and corals is strictly prohibited!



What to taste

- Fresh seafood and fish
- Mas Huni — smoked tuna mixed with grated coconut, lime juice, and onion
- Fresh coconuts
- Bis Keemiya — fried pastries stuffed with tuna
- Dhonkeyo Kajuru — a banana dessert

