



Surfing


ANANTARA
HOTELS & RESORTS

SURFING

Explore a variety of waves while surfing in the Maldives, from peeling, playful rights to down-the-line left barrels. The closest break is accessible from Anantara Veli, while the furthest break is a thirty-minute boat ride away from the resort.

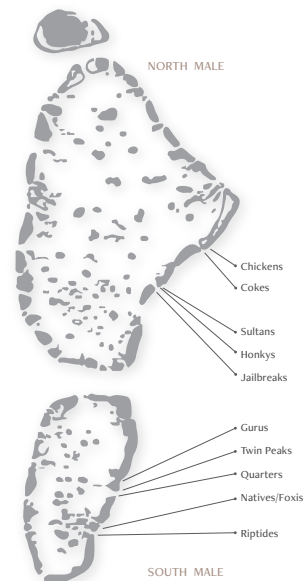
Tropicsurf offers expert guidance, water safety and coaching tips. One of the advantages of surfing from our resorts is the wide range of experiences on offer, which cater to any level, from beginner to advanced surfers.





SURF SPOTS

Ideally located in the heart of South Male's surf scene, our resort is a few minutes away from a variety of breaks. The peak surf season is from April to October when the winds are from the west and swell is from the south east. From November to March, we organise trips to North Male Atoll where waves are stronger, however swell is less consistent.



VELI LEFT

Veli Left is a very quick barrelling left hander. You can access the wave directly off Veli island and access is complimentary to all guests staying at the resort. It is always a quick take off, followed by either pulling into the barrel or racing most of the wave face. It will start working at 1m and hold up to 2.5m. On an average day, you will get 50m rides. It is recommended that only advanced surfers, who are confident with surfing shallow reef, attempt to surf this wave.

**Please note that an additional waiver must be signed.*



NO EQUIPMENT RENTAL IS AVAILABLE



WHEN IT WORKS: APRIL - OCTOBER



SWELL: 1M + FROM THE SE



WIND: NW



TIDE: MID - HIGH



HAZARDS: VERY SHALLOW, CURRENTS CAN GET STRONG



CROWDS: LOW - NONE



NONYAS (QUARTERS)

Nonyas (*Quarters*) is our most frequently surfed break and is located on the outer reef of the Anantara atoll. It is a relatively mellow right hander. Shortboarders and longboarders alike love the wave. There is always plenty of wave face and it's slow breaking unless it's big. It works best from 0.5m - 2m. On an average day, you will get 50m - 120m rides. On bigger days, you can definitely have longer rides. During 1.5m+ swells, the end section starts to deliver a quick barrel. Most days, it's surfable for beginners to advanced surfers.



10-MINUTE BOAT RIDE



WHEN IT WORKS: APRIL - OCTOBER



SWELL: 0.5M + FROM THE SE



WIND: S - NW



TIDE: LOW - HIGH



HAZARDS: GETS SHALLOW IF YOU GO STRAIGHT, CURRENTS CAN GET STRONG



CROWDS: MODERATE



RIPTIDES

Riptides is another very popular wave. It's a peaky right hander, better suited to shortboards although it can be great for beginners when it's small. There is a hollow take off and has different bending sections. It will work from about 0.5m - 3m. On an average day, you will get 50m -100m rides. It is surfable for most ability levels because there is a very deep channel right next to the wave for safety. That being said, caution is needed with the currents (*hence the name*) and the inner reef.



35-MINUTE BOAT RIDE



IF YOU ARE LUCKY, YOU WILL SPOT MANTA RAYS HERE!



WHEN IT WORKS: APRIL - OCTOBER



SWELL: 0.5M + FROM THE SE



WIND: SW



TIDE: LOW - HIGH



HAZARDS: GETS SHALLOW IF YOU GO STRAIGHT, CURRENTS CAN GET STRONG



CROWDS: MODERATE





BOATYARDS (GURUS)

Boatyards is an Indo-style left hander. It's fickle and doesn't like much wind, however, when the conditions are right, it's a super quick left hand barrel and world class on its day. Waves can run 200m+.



15-MINUTE BOAT RIDE



WHEN IT WORKS: APRIL – OCTOBER



SWELL: 1M + FROM THE SE



WIND: N – NW



TIDE: MID – HIGH



HAZARDS: SHALLOW, CURRENTS CAN GET STRONG.



CROWDS: MODERATE



TWIN PEAKS (GULHI CORNER)

Twin peaks has a left and a right breaking off the house reef of the local island of Gulhi. It is a fickle wave with shallow sections and close out sections. That being said it has great exposure to swell so a wave can often be found here when it's small everywhere else. The furthest corner of the wave named "Henry's" is the perfect spot for first-timers and children alike.



15-MINUTE BOAT RIDE



WHEN IT WORKS: APRIL - OCTOBER



SWELL: 0.5M + FROM THE SE



WIND: SW - N



TIDE: LOW - HIGH



HAZARDS: GETS SHALLOW IF YOU GO STRAIGHT, CURRENTS CAN GET STRONG



CROWDS: MODERATE BUT HAS A SPREAD OUT TAKE OFF





NORTH MALE' ATOLL

For those wanting to stretch their legs a little further afield, we offer half day trips to the famous North Male' breaks too. During the off season from November to March, we can still find some good waves at Honkey's which offers shelter from the prevailing North East winds at this time. Transit time is usually 1hr - 1.5hrs sail depending on sea conditions.



SULTANS

Sultans is a world renowned right hander which offers 200m long rides. It works great for intermediate surfers when its 1m - 1.5m. When it gets bigger, it offers long reeling walls and good barrel sections, with a nice escape to the channel. It holds big swells here but be careful of getting caught close to the island on big days.



WHEN IT WORKS: APRIL - OCTOBER



SWELL: 1M + FROM THE SE, LONG PERIOD S



WIND: SW - WNW



TIDE: LOW - HIGH



HAZARDS: CROWDS, INSIDE SECTION WHEN BIG, CURRENTS CAN GET STRONG



CROWDS: MODERATE - HIGH

HONKEYS

This long wrapping left hander offers a variety of different sections and can run over 200m long. Often quieter than its neighbour, Sultans, as it can be fickle to link the different sections when its smaller. This is a great wave for all levels and a nice place to head in the off season for a chance of some fun, clean waist-chest high waves. Turns, barrels and knee-high runners, this wave has it all.



WHEN IT WORKS: ALL YEAR



SWELL: 0.5M + FROM THE SE, LONG PERIOD S



WIND: WNW - NE



TIDE: LOW - HIGH



HAZARDS: VERY SHALLOW 'LEDGE', CURRENTS CAN GET STRONG



CROWDS: MODERATE

JAILBREAKS

'Jails' is a fast moving right which is great for racing turns and barrels when it gets bigger. This wave has a shallow end section to watch out for and the break can get busy but it's a super fun reeling wave up to 150m long for the speed aficionados.



WHEN IT WORKS: APRIL - OCTOBER



SWELL: 1M + FROM THE SE, LONG PERIOD S



WIND: SW - W



TIDE: LOW - HIGH



HAZARDS: CROWDS, SHALLOW END SECTION, CURRENTS CAN GET STRONG



CROWDS: MODERATE - HIGH





NINJAS

A great wave for all levels. It has a mellow take off and mid section. When it gets bigger, the inside can offer some good barrels too! Don't surf too far as you could end up heading towards a shallow reef! You can find some great 175m long rides here perfect for working on those turns and carves.



WHEN IT WORKS: APRIL – OCTOBER



SWELL: 1M + FROM THE SE, LONG PERIOD S



WIND: SW - WNW



TIDE: LOW – HIGH



HAZARDS: CROWDS, SHALLOW INSIDE, CURRENTS CAN GET STRONG



CROWDS: MODERATE – HIGH

COKES

Another world renowned right hander showcasing that Maldives is certainly not all mellow breaks. This wave is fast, shallow and barrels as wide as the wave is tall. The wave runs around 100m which can be a 100m barrel if conditions are right.



WHEN IT WORKS: APRIL – OCTOBER



SWELL: 1M + FROM THE SE, LONG PERIOD S



WIND: SW - W



TIDE: LOW – HIGH



HAZARDS: CROWDS, VERY SHALLOW INSIDE, CURRENTS CAN GET STRONG.



CROWDS: MODERATE – HIGH

CHICKENS

Chickens is a long bowly left, around 175m long it has great shape for shortboards and turns. As the size gets 1.5m+, you can find some good barrels here too. It sits across the channel from Cokes in close proximity to Thulusdhoo.



WHEN IT WORKS: APRIL – OCTOBER



SWELL: 1M + FROM THE SE, LONG PERIOD S



WIND: SW - WNW



TIDE: LOW – HIGH



HAZARDS: CROWDS, VERY SHALLOW INSIDE, CURRENTS CAN GET STRONG



CROWDS: MODERATE – HIGH

LEARN TO SURF

Our surf gurus will teach you the basics of surfing within the safety of the lagoon for first time learners, both young and old, before moving onto learning in the waves. Close by, there is a dreamy beginner wave named "Henry's", perfect for those looking to catch their first wave.





LAGOON SURF SESSION

Level 1 - Novice surfers (1 hr)

Learn about safety and essential surfing techniques in the calm waters of the lagoon. This lesson equips you to take on the waves. Price includes soft surfboard hire, sunscreen, rash guard, towels, water and expert coaching. Just bring your bathing suit! No prior experience is necessary.

USD 100++ per surfer

OCEAN TRANSITION

Level 2-4 Beginners/Intermediate surfers (3 hrs)

Tackle white water or green waves practically with an instructor by your side. Price includes Dhoni transfer to various breaks, soft surfboard hire, sunscreen, rash guard, towels, water and expert coaching.

USD 260++ per surfer

3 lesson package for USD 705++ per surfer

Family rate 4 pax for the price of 3 pax

TICKET TO RIDE

Level 5-10 Advanced surfers (3 hrs)

Let us take you to the best available waves of the day depending on the conditions. Price includes Dhoni transfer to various breaks, sunscreen, rash guard, towels, water and expert coaching.

USD 165++ per surfer

For safety reasons, a competency test may be required to join Level 5 sessions.

CANCELLATION POLICIES

Cancellations made less than 12 hours before the scheduled time will be charged 100% of the amount.

Cancellations made less than 24 hours for all private and North Male trips will be charged 100% of the amount.

Activities may be changed or cancelled due to weather or sea conditions.

For cancellations due to weather or sea conditions, there will not be any charges.

HALF DAY SURF EXCURSION TO NORTH MALE ATOLL

For those who want more (*Inc. Sultans, Honkeys, Jails..*), price includes speedboat transfer to the wave, board hire and expert guiding.

For a single surfer USD 655++

For a duo shared trip USD 465++

For three surfers and more shared trip USD 405++

PRIVATE SURF GUIDE

Ride on a private surf excursions or intensive coaching programme with a dedicated personal senior guide. An arrangement prior to your arrival is necessary or is subject to availability.

USD 2,000++ per person per day, plus guide expenses

A selection of surfboards are available for hire while on our guided Ticket to Ride surf trips. Advance booking is recommended to ensure availability.

USD 50++ per day / USD 250++ per week

Sightseeing boat rides to surf break are available (*Subject to availability*).

USD 30++ per person per boat trip

STAND UP PADDLE

An enjoyable subtle workout that improves balance, endurance and core strength while viewing marine life and golden sunsets in the calm lagoon. No experience is required. Everyone can enjoy the world's fastest-growing water sport.

SUP board hire 2hrs

USD 60++ per person

SUP board hire daily

USD 130++ per person

SUP board hire weekly

USD 350++ per person

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