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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 operates exclusively from, Anantara Dhigu and 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 barreling 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.



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. Its 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 of 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 Thulusdloo.



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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.







We are partnered with Firewire surfboards to make your travel easier. We also have a great range of soft boards for learning and playing on as well as Stand Up Paddle boards for surfing and cruising around the lagoon. Here is a list of the boards we have available for hire:

Please note that boards are only available to hire when joining our guided trips.

SHORTBOARDS



ADDVANCE

The Firewire ADDvance Surfboard was developed in collaboration between Taj's father Vance Burrow and Nev, the ADDvance offers extreme flotation in TimberTEK. Combining the buoyancy of a longboard with a contemporary outline, the ADDvance Series opens up new possibilities for fun and performance. ADDvance your surfing!

Available sizes:

6'6" x 21 1/2" x 3" - 48 Litres

6'8" x 22" x 3" - 53.6 Litres

6'10" x 22 5/8" x 3 1/16" - 56.9 Litres

7'2" x 23" x 3 1/8" - 61.9 Litres

7'6" x 23 1/2" x 3 1/4" - 69.6 Litres

All boards use Future Fins



DOMINATOR

Designed by Dan Mann, and perhaps the most versatile board in the Firewire quiver to date, the DOMINATOR combines a full outline with a thick foil from nose to tail and a 5/4/3 fin configuration. Dan moved the wide point back to reduce the nose profile, maintaining all of the speed but with none of the top turn drawbacks of retro nose outlines. Built with the flex characteristics and lightweight of Helium Technology, the DOMINATOR paddles like it's turbo charged

Available sizes:

6'0" x 20 1/2" x 2 1/2" - 34.9 Litres

6'2" x 20 3/4" x 2 5/8" - 38 Litres

6'4" x 21" x 2 3/4" - 41.5 Litres

6'6" x 21 1/4" x 2 7/8" - 48 Litres

6'8" x 21 3/4" x 3" - 50 Litres

6'10" x 22" x 3 1/4" - 55 Litres

All boards use Future Fins



UNIBROW

With the Unibrow Dann Mann has spliced aspects of the Dominator, Sweet Potato and Potato-nator with more traditional shortboard framework. The outline curve is compressed from a regular shortboard without sacrificing the width needed to maximise paddling and planing speed. His goal was to design a very high performance shortboard that didn't feel too bulky in good surf. The rail profile is dropped and very sensitive, especially through the tail. The Unibrow has a very aggressive single concave that starts at the nose and carries through the deep spot forward of the fins and then splits into a subtle double concave that then directs the water flow to the inside of the front fins. This ultimately will channel water straight down the board and offer loads of drive and control through your turns.

Available sizes:

6'1" x 19 7/8" x 2 11/16" - 34.2 Litres

6'2" x 20" x 2 3/4" - 35.8 Litres

All boards use Future Fins



ALMOND BUTTER

The Almond Butter is a shortboard built for out and out fun. Designed by pro surfer Rob Machado, who is well known to carve his own path in the surfing world, and his designs reflect that. The Almond Butter is predominantly suited to waist to head high waves, but is versatile enough to be surfed in bigger stuff and has been proven to more than hold its own in well overhead hollow waves. The board comes as a five fin set up, allowing you to ride it as a quad or thruster. The classic shortboard design with a healthy sprinkling of Rob's magic will suit any surfer. There's a lot of volume packed into this shortboard, with a pinched tail for extra sensitivity. Low rocker will have you flying over dead sections no problem.

Available sizes:

5'10" x 20" x 2 5/8" - 35.3 Litres

6'0" x 20 1/4" x 2 3/4" - 38.4 Litres

All boards use Future Fins



MAYHEM
RNF CLASSIC

The world's all-time best selling fish model. Still goes fast, still allows hard carving turns, still allows a wide range of performance in varied surf, still paddles great...still makes you look good. Designed by legendary shaper Matt 'Mayhem' Biolos. Designed with low overall rocker and a central concave for lift, into a spiral vee in tail, for control. The RNF5 features a wider tail and 5 fin setup for playing with a variety of options in different conditions.

Available sizes:

5'10" x 20 1/2" x 2 1/2" - 34 Litres

All boards use Future Fins

LONGBOARDS



SUBMOON

The SUBMOON is the ultimate FUNshape. Designer Nev Hyman explains: “We combined a contemporary rocker and concaves and even thickness distribution with a quirky FUNshape outline that encourages a more vertical short-board approach to the traditional longboard style of surfing. The outline has generous curve between your feet, which encourages the board to get on rail and TURN! The narrower moon tail provides bite, drive and direction, and the snub nose carries area forward for a bit of tip hang-cheater five FUN.”

Available sizes:

8'7" x 23" x 3 1/4" - 67.3 Litres

8'11" x 23 1/2" x 3 3/8" - 74.2 Litres

9'5" x 22 7/8" x 3 1/2" - 83.1 Litres

All boards use Future Fins and a longboard fin



NOSERIDER

The Wingnut Noserider embodies the best qualities of the original Wingnut Model and the Mark Martinson Model. The slightly pulled tail, in conjunction with softer rails, result in ultra-smooth turns and cutbacks to go along with improved control, stability, and nose riding. Single Fin with Tail Block Standard.

Available sizes:

9'4" x 23 7/16" x 3 3/8" - 80.2 Litres

All boards use a Long board fin



VAYCAY

The Vacay gives leisurely cruise across flat sections with stability, but it also works in the pocket, especially for surfers with a wide stance and even pressure between front and back foot. This model is an extension of the Greedy Beaver but it most noticeably differs through the back half of The Vacay's outline. The Vacay draws back to a squash tail where the Greedy Beaver would instead come to a rounded pin, and that gives the Vacay more lift and more of a 'shortboard' feel while surfing. Additionally, this shape has a single concave that splits to a double concave towards the tail, which adds a looser feeling beneath your back foot and an ability to pump the board a bit more than the Greedy Beaver. This also allows the Vacay to slide onto a rail more easily, allowing carves not usually possible on a 'fun board' type shape with a squash tail.

Available sizes:

7'10" x 22" x 2 3/4" - 58 Litres

All boards use Future Fins

SOFT BOARDS



9'2"
8'4"
7'4"



6'6"
6'0"
5'6"

STAND UP PADDLES



ADVENTURE
70/30 SURF SUP

The Adventure Paddleboarding Seventy Three Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) is designed for 70% surf use and 30% flat water paddling. This versatile hybrid SUP focuses more on performance, and is ideal if riding waves is your primary motivation, but you still enjoy going on calm water adventures with your friends and family.

Available sizes:
10'0" x 33" x 4 7/8" – 183 Litres
FCS2 and Longboard fin



RED PADDLE
CO LAGOON SUP

This board is designed to glide over water in all conditions. Whether you feel like a leisurely paddle on the lake with friends, or an action-packed adventure in head-high surf, this board offers a smooth and predictable ride. No matter what type of rider you are, you'll have endless fun on this all-round board. It's 120mm/4.7" thick, providing incredible stiffness that doesn't compromise on performance.

Available for hire around the resort lagoon
at any time of the day

Available sizes:
10'6" x 32" x 4 7/10" – 245 Litres

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QUICK VIEW SUMMARY

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SOFTBOARD MAL:

9'2"

8'4"

7'4"

SOFTBOARD FISH:

6'6"

6'0"

5'6"

SURF SUP:

10'0" x 33" x 4 7/8" - 183 Litres

VAYCAY:

7'10" x 22" x 2¾" - 58 Litres

LAGOON SUP:

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TIMBERTEK represents a significant step forward towards the holy grail of any product designed and manufactured in today's environmentally conscious world. While by no means sustainably built, Firewire's TIMBERTEK has by far one of the least toxic and smallest carbon footprints of any commercially available surfboard today.

The combination of a lightweight EPS core, sustainably-grown Paulownia wood deck skins, Firewire's proprietary parabolic rail construction, and an Entropy bio-resin hot coat yield an extremely lightweight, durable surfboard with ALL of the high performance flex characteristics of Firewire's existing technologies.

Even more impressive, the physical properties of the raw materials involved have allowed us to reduce exterior lamination significantly, furthering the reduction of the board's carbon footprint. Or as we like to describe TIMBERTEK, it's simply High Performance Art.

PAULOWNIA WOOD DECKSKIN

Paulownia wood is extremely fast growing; up to 20 feet in one year when young. Some species of plantation Paulownia can be harvested for saw timber in as little as five years. Once the trees are harvested, they regenerate from their existing root systems, earning the name of the "Phoenix tree."

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