

# HANIMADHOO THE BAREFOOT

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## CONCEPT

The Maldives has changed over the years and private luxury islands are no longer the only option. Now the market offers alternative accommodation for the cost and eco-conscious traveler, wishing to discover traditional lifestyles and dive into one of the world's most amazing underwater realms.

## LOCATION

The Barefoot is located within an almost pristine forest, on the local island of Hanimaadhoo, in the preserved deep North of the Maldives. This 4 star Eco Hotel is well connected to Male International airport by numerous daily 45 minute flights. The dense vegetation allows not only privacy but the opportunity to experience untouched nature and the genuine, natural Maldives along with all the amenities expected from a charming accommodation option.

A private, half mile sandy beach and a turquoise lagoon frame the hotel, inviting guests to experience an authentic and relaxing holiday at outstanding value.

## GUEST SERVICES

- Reception
- Wireless connection throughout the resort, including all rooms
- Diving Center (PADI and SSI)
- Resident Marine Biologist
- Bikes for adults and children, free of charge
- Saltwater swimming-pool
- Well equipped Gym
- Spa with Ayurvedic treatments and classic massages
- Yoga Master
- Library, featuring a variety of international books
- Board games
- Non-motorized water sports (kayak, windsurf, hobie cat, stand up paddles). Bowls court
- Boutique with tailoring service
- Room service
- Laundry service
- Multilingual staff
- Children service: baby cot and high chair on request

## ACCOMMODATION

Total of 52 rooms.

40 high standard and fully furnished rooms, in two storey blocks of 4 rooms each:

### **20 Beach Front**

On the ground floor, with direct access to the white sandy beach. Large sized rooms (about 50 sqm including the veranda), double or twin beds. Interconnecting rooms for families are also available.

### **20 Ocean View**

Upper floor with a spectacular sea view. Large sized rooms (about 50 sqm including the terrace), double or twin beds. Interconnecting rooms for families are also available.

Each room is spacious, creatively designed and comfortable, with an elegant, natural stone en-suite bathroom and shower.

### **12 Seaside Rooms**

Affordable and comfortable accommodation (44 sqm including the veranda), nicely furnished with a modern and elegant double sink bathroom. They are part of the same complex with a sandy inner courtyard, just few steps away from the beach.

## GUEST ROOM FACILITIES

- Fully air conditioned rooms, with individual temperature control
- Ceiling fan
- Kettle with tea and coffee (free of charge)
- Fully stocked mini bar (on charge)
- In room personal safe box
- Hair dryer
- Beach towels
- Telephone with direct external line
- Twice daily housekeeping service
- Wireless internet access (free of charge)



**FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE FACILITIES**

**THE BAREFOOT**  
 RESTAURANT

The Barefoot Restaurant takes pride in sourcing the best ingredients available. Seafood arrives fresh and is served to the guests full of flavor. Our Italian Chef, specialised in Mediterranean dishes, continuously wows the guests with creative and unique combination, textures and flavours, in order to provide a memorable experience, full of heart and soul! The Barefoot Restaurant is fully committed to supporting local suppliers.

Buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in the main sea view restaurant.

For private and romantic dinners, seafood menus may be reserved at an extra charge.

Breakfast	from 07.45 to 10.15
Lunch	from 13.00 to 14.30
Dinner	from 20.00 to 21.30

**BARS**

The panoramic “Juice Bar” next to the main restaurant is an ideal gathering place to sip soft drinks, fresh juices and non-alcoholic drinks.

**THE BAREFOOT**  
 BOAT BAR

A floating bar located in the hotel lagoon is offering alcoholic drinks such as beers, wines and spirits.

Complimentary return speed boat transfer from 18:00 hours.

**THE BAREFOOT**  
 CONSERVATION CENTER

All our marine excursions have been designed and developed to reduce the impact on the environment on the one side and on the other, to contribute to the monitoring of biodiversity and the economy of the local community. Guests have the opportunity to support the process, by joining the numerous “conservation snorkeling trips”, that take place within the monitoring framework.

**Complimentary Guided Snorkeling:** the marine biologist organizes three times per week a snorkeling by boat on our house reef.

**Guided Snorkeling Tours:** the excursions, organised on a daily basis by the marine biologist, allow guests to see mantas, dolphins, turtles, corals and multitudes of fishes in several reefs within the atoll.

**Beach Clean Ups:** the marine biologist and diving center organise clean up days to protect the beach and surrounding systems. In doing so, we are able to keep the environment clean and most important, we promote awareness to our guests about waste decomposition.

**Evening Presentations:** two nights per week we hold presentations about marine life, covering topics from turtles, to sharks, rays, dolphins, fish families, coral reefs and plastic pollution. Moreover, Blue Planet documentaries and diving videos are played every day after dinner.

The mission of **The Barefoot Eco Hotel**, is not only to preserve the marine environments but also the conservation of the above sea level habitat. The hotel offers **cultural and environmental bike tours** in the local village, for a peek into the authentic Maldivian lifestyle. We also organise guided trips to **Utheemu Island**, to visit the Palace of the Sultan Mohammad Thakurufaaruu and to learn about his importance in Maldivian history.

We use sustainably grown wood, coming from responsibly managed forests; we use some solar photovoltaic panels to generate electricity, limiting the use of diesel generators; we use energy-efficient lighting in order to reduce the electricity consumption; air-conditioning serves as a water heater using the heat exchanger inside; we are able to bottle our own drinking water in re-usable glass bottles, drastically reducing our plastic waste.



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## THE BAREFOOT BOUTIQUE

There is a well-stocked and original boutique with clothing, souvenirs and personal care products. Two highly skilled tailors can do made-to-measure clothing, with the guests choice of material in a very short time. Our boutique always offers an excellent selection from the latest collection. We also purchase quality local handicrafts.

## THE BAREFOOT SPA & BEAUTY

On charge: our SPA offers a natural health retreat, Ayurvedic, holistic treatments and classic massage services.

All **yoga lessons** are conducted by a Yoga Master and can be performed by yogi of any level.

We offer a morning session. Each class has a duration of 45 minutes (introduction – breathing practice – warm up – standing and seating sequence – meditation). It is designed for everyone who wishes to escape the daily routine, stress and worries of modern day life.

## THE BAREFOOT DIVING CENTER

On charge: the diving center guarantees the highest level of quality and professionalism and offers complete sets of rental equipment including BCD, masks, snorkels, fins, wetsuits, dive computers as well as customised services, suitable for both adults and children. All levels of PADI and SSI courses are available including “NITROX” or “ENRICHED AIR DIVER” and free “TRY DIVES”. The water is azure blue, warm and the variety of dive sites (20-30 at a boat distance of 40 minutes) are stunning. All the areas are unique and renowned for their abundance of big aquatic animals such as sharks and manta rays, together with a great diversity of corals (soft and table) and fish of all sizes.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Languages spoken in the resort:** English, Italian, German, French, Hindi and Divehi.

**Credit cards:** American Express, Visa, MasterCard can be used to pay all extras. USD is the currency of the resort.

**Voltage:** 220 volts and there is a 110 volts socket in the bathroom.

**Climate:** Two main seasons. From December to May sunny and fairly dry while from June to November there are occasionally brief rain showers followed by sunshine. Temperatures range all year round from the mid 20s to the mid 30s and average humidity is around 70%.

**Clothing:** Practical and informal summer clothes, don't forget a sun hat, sun glasses and sun cream. Dress code: both in the daytime and in the evening, it is not permitted to enter the bar and restaurants in bathing suits or with wet clothes; guests are requested to always wear at least a T-shirt in these areas. In the evenings and after dinner, shorts and wraparound skirts are allowed. Guests are more than welcome to go barefoot anywhere in the hotel. Nudity and topless sunbathing are strictly forbidden.

**Hanimaadhoo Island:** Hanimaadhoo is located in the North of the country and it is one of the most beautiful islands in the Maldives, with lush vegetation, long beaches and a turquoise lagoon. It opens the door for an adventure and genuine gateway, where you can be spoiled with true Maldivian warm hospitality. Hanimaadhoo is a quiet fishing village with lots of tree-shade and swings. Fishing and agriculture is what most of the 2500 inhabitants of the island do for work. Hanimaadhoo community services: school, mosque, health center, climate observatory, local village, police station, airport.

## OUR COMMITMENT

Direct economic involvement of the community; dissemination of knowledge on the environment and culture of the Maldives; all goods available on the island are purchased on site; development of specific environmental education programs for the local school; the marine biologists organize clean up days to protect the reef and raise awareness in our guests. All the staff work every day to improve the environmental and social situation of the island and there are additional projects that are still under development.