



Intro:

Maafushi is a rustic little island in the Maldives in the South Male Atoll which is not too commercialized and has a great deal of things to do. You can either take a 45 minute speedboat ride from the Male Airport or the public ferry which is approximately a 1.5 - 2 hour ride. It is one of the main tourist local islands of the Maldives and the perfect destination to spend your honeymoon. As a popular guesthouse island, Maafushi has some decent affordable accommodation and plenty of stunning beaches.

If you're looking for refined accommodation in Maafushi, you get Velana Beach Hotel with comfortable king-sized bed, classy furniture, chic décor and views of the ocean right outside your room. It's a premiere boutique hotel and just a short walk away from the Bikini beach. You also get Arena Beach Hotel overlooking the long turquoise lagoon with tastefully decorated rooms equipped with amenities and plenty of excursions organized by the hotel exclusively for their guests.

There's a plethora of adventure sports and excursions to try out in Maafushi, from idyllic beaches to fishing trips and visits to nearby islands. Here are some of those exhilarating and fascinating things to do in Maafushi,

- Plenty of restaurants to try out local food, seafood and western breakfast menus as you will be constantly famished after adventurous activities on the beach. You get Arena Beach Hotel with their classic Margarita Pizza which is a favourite of many travelers and the floating restaurant bar which is placed on a yacht and just 5 minutes offshore from the island. It's a pretty chilled out place where you can freely enjoy a glass of beer whilst enjoying the Maafushi sunset. Then you get Kaani Beach Hotel and Velana Beach Hotel with an array of dishes to choose from starting with Grilled meat platters to sumptuous desserts.
- The Bikini beach, the public beach and the water sports beach are 3 main beaches that you ought to visit while staying in Maafushi. It is illegal to expose your skin unnecessarily in other parts of the island whereas at the Bikini Beach, you can get in to your skimpy beach wear and enjoy the island sun. Public beach is perfect to stroll around as it is wider and peaceful and with the perfect azure blue waters, you will be able to thoroughly enjoy an evening walk with family or a loved one. Water Sports Beach has plenty of water based activities for the adrenaline junkies.
- Snorkeling and diving is popular at Maafushi as you get 3 fabulous reefs to snorkel and they are Banana reef, Turtle Reef, and Biyadhoo Reef. You will witness flamboyant fishes and corals abundantly. You can speak to your hotel staff and check on the available excursions organized by them.

- Another exhilarating activity would be to go on a speedboat and witness dozens of dolphins performing elegant flips amidst the azure blue waters. It will be a surreal experience as you will be close to the pod of dolphins and if you're lucky, you will be able to capture some memorable photographs of them.
- If you're a water based sports fan then you're in for a real treat at Maafushi as you get an array of watersports activities at the Active Watersports Maafushi booth next to the harbor. You get activities such as windsurfing, parasailing, canoeing, fishing, knee boarding, jet-skiing and fly-boarding.