



CONCEPT

The Maldives has changed over the years and the private luxury islands are no longer the only option. Now the market offers alternative accommodation for cost and eco-conscious travelers wishing to discover the traditional lifestyle and dive one of the world's most amazing underwater realms. **The Barefoot Eco Hotel** follows the Ecotourism principles of uniting Sustainability and Conservation, involving the Local Community within its activities.

LOCATION

The Barefoot is located within an almost pristine forest on the local island of Hanimadhoo, in the preserved deep North of 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 half mile private sandy beach and a turquoise lagoon frame the hotel inviting you to experience an authentic and relaxing holiday at outstanding value.

GUEST SERVICE

- Reception
- Wireless connection throughout the resort, including all rooms
- Diving Center Padi and Ssi
- Conservation Center with resident Marine Biologists
- Bikes for adults and children free of charge
- Seawater swimming-pool
- Well equipped Gym
- Spa with Ayurvedic treatments and classic massages
- Yoga Master
- Library featuring a variety of international books
- Board games
- Telescope, non motorized water sports (kayak, windsurf, hobie cat) and jet ski
- Boutique with tailoring service
- Room service
- In-House Laundering
- 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 size 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 size rooms (about 50 sqm including the terrace), double or twin beds. Interconnecting rooms for families are also available.

Each room is spacious, creatively designed, comfortable and has an en-suite elegant, natural stone bathroom with 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
- Tea and coffee makers 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. One Italian Chef specialized in Mediterranean dishes continuously wow the guests with creative and unique combinations, textures and flavors 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 08.00 to 10.30
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 mocktails.

THE BAREFOOT BOAT BAR

A new floating bar “Black Pearl” located in the hotel lagoon is offering alcoholic drinks.

THE BAREFOOT CONSERVATION CENTER

The establishment of a Conservation Center within the hotel, allowed us to develop a series of responsible activities for guests (such as snorkeling, dolphin watch, turtle identification and more). In this way, during the activities a double goal can be achieved: “fun” for the guests and environmental monitoring at the same time. In fact, during the excursions at sea, our marine biologists can carry out several types of environmental monitoring, in order to collect data on the ecosystem and monitor the impact of tourism. Open lab sessions provide the opportunity to discover our daily marine research efforts and get involved with the marine biologists in their scientific work.

Environmental and cultural bicycle tours: Hanimadhoo island is authentic and locals warmly welcome all visitors.

Utheemu: (40 minutes by boat from Hanimadhoo), is the home island of the most revered and respected national hero, Sultan Mohamed Thakurufaanu.

Kayaking tours: to explore the Hanimadhoo lagoon with the most natural approach.

Dolphin and manta monitoring: on a periodic basis, our Conservation Center scientific team leads boat trips to gather data on the distribution of the various dolphin and manta species that inhabit our beautiful atoll.

Turtle Cove Snorkeling: as this snorkeling site is a feeding ground for hawksbill turtles, the amount of individuals spotted here is significantly higher than in the surrounding areas.

A daily complimentary snorkeling trip by boat to our house reef is organized by the marine biologists. Several excursions are conducted in the surrounding crystal water including night snorkeling.

Sustainable big game fishing: all fishing activities at “The Barefoot” are developed under “catch and release” policy. We are proud to be one of the very few resorts that have banned the highly impacting night fishing to support wildlife conservation.

HANIMADHOO THE BAREFOOT

N 6°45'40" E 73°10'45"



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 of guest's choice with material in a 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 followed by a sunset 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, mask, snorkels, fins, wetsuits, dive computers and underwater digital cameras as well as customized services, suitable for both adults and children. All levels of PADI and SSI courses are available including "ENRICHED AIR DIVER". Free try dive. The water is azure blue, warm and the varieties of dive spots (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 downpours followed by sunshine. Temperatures range all year round mid 20s to mid 30s and average humidity is around 70%.

Clothing: Practical and informal summer clothes, don't forget a sun hat, sun glasses, sun cream and rubber shoes. 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 barefooted anywhere in the hotel. Nudity and topless sunbathing are strictly forbidden.

Hanimadhoo Island: Hanimadhoo 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. Hanimadhoo is a quiet fishing village with lots of tree-shade and swings. Fishing and agriculture is what most of the 2000 inhabitants of the island do for work.

It is a typical island custom that everyone finishes their work by late afternoon, takes their daily shower or bath near their wells, dresses the children in fresh clothes and goes for a stroll in the island, often visit people, friends and relatives, delivering small bowls of fresh homemade curry or take some time to relax at the beachside, watching the late afternoon sun while children play around the beach. Hanimadhoo community services: school, mosque, health center, climate observatory, local village, police station, airport.