



## Surfing

It doesn't get much better than this! As a destination for surfing Maldives has everything a surfer's heart desires – perfect waves, crystal clear water and plenty of reefs all in a tropical setting. Already from the resort you can see the impressive white spray of the “Yin Yang” the most famous break in this Atoll. There are a couple more fun waves around both left and right handers. Our experienced surf guides will take you there on half day and full day trips. And as we are the only resort in this Atoll our surfers have the breaks to themselves most of the time.

## History

Maldivians have been surfing for a long time using planks until modern surfing came along in the late 70s. The story goes like this: Looking for a change from surfing in Sri Lanka the legendary Australian Tony Hinde and a friend set sail for Africa in 1973. They never reached their destination as their ship was seriously off course and was shipwrecked on the shore breaks of Male where they discovered the thrill of surfing on the Maldivian reefs. He changed his name to Tony Hussein Hinde, married a local lady, opened his own surf agency and decided to stay for good.

## Conditions

Generally the Maldives rely on the same swell as Indonesia with the best and most consistent swells coming from April to October, peaking from June to September the time of the South-West monsoon. The waves will normally range from 4-8 feet, with occasionally bigger days. March is considered the early part of the season and will see fun surf and more stable weather but swells will vary, arriving in the small to medium size range. The same holds true for November when the season is coming to a close. The Laamu Atoll (Hadhumathi) and Huvadhu Atoll are separated by the One and a Half Degree Channel. As there is not much land mass to the South of these Atolls, swells generated by the Roaring Forties (a weather phenomena created in the far South of the Indian Ocean) hit the islands of these Atolls creating the best waves in the country.

## Surfspots

Spots in the Laamu Atoll are spread from the South-facing coastline along the East-facing up to the northeast corner where waves wrap around. As a result you will find spots protected from all wind directions except a rare straight Easterly breeze.

The Yin Yang, a right-hander, is a long and typical outside reef corner right in a pass. Outside is a mellow wall, often cross-shore, with safe rides in deep water. Then, the wave bends in the corner, mashes out for a while, then wraps into one of the most critical sections in the Maldives. The inside section can be long and tubular with potentially intimidating barrels on the first bend.

Other great fun surf spots close by are Jetty C (intermediate / left), Petrol Head (intermediate / left) and further away breaks are Refugees (experienced / left and right ) and Machines (experienced / right).

## Activities

Make appointments for Surfing 1/2 day or full day trips (weather permitting)

## Courses

Courses by our experienced surf coach are in English for beginners and advanced surfers.

## Equipment

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| - NSP E2 Fish 5'6"    | - NSP Funboard 6'8"  | - NSP Longboard 9'0"       |
| - 7S Slip Stream 6'1" | - NSP Funboard 7'2"  | - NSP Longboard 9'2"       |
| - 7S Slip Stream 6'3" | - NSP Funboard 7'6"  | - NSP Longboard 10'0"      |
| - NSP Shortboard 6'4" | - NSP Funboard 7'10" | - Gnaraloo Fatty Lime 8'4" |
| - NSP Shortboard 6'6" | - NSP Longboard 8'6" | - Gnaraloo Fatty Lime 9'2" |

UV shirts, reef booties, spare leashes, fins & repair kit available in our shop.