



VITAL STATISTICS: COMO Maalifushi, Maldives

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Location:	Thaa Atoll, Republic of the Maldives
Getting There:	The principal international airport is Malé. COMO Maalifushi is reached by a 60-minute seaplane journey.

The following airlines fly to Malé International Airport: Emirates Airlines (emirates.com) and flydubai (flydubai.com) from Dubai, Oman Air (omanair.com) from Muscat, Etihad Airways (etihadairways.com) from Abu Dhabi, Turkish Airlines (turkishairlines.com) from Istanbul, Sri Lankan Airlines (srilankan.aero) from Colombo and Tokyo, Qatar Airways (qatarairways.com) from Doha, Condor (condor.com) from Frankfurt, Aeroflot (aeroflot.ru) from Moscow, Vistara Airlines (airvistara.com) from Mumbai and Delhi, British Airways (britishairways.com) from London, Singapore Airlines (singaporeair.com) from Singapore, Bangkok Airways (bangkokair.com) from Bangkok, China Eastern (us.ceair.com) from Shanghai China, and Hong Kong Airlines (hongkongairlines.com) from Hong Kong.



Accommodation:

Over water

65 land and over-water suites and villas including:

17 Water Suites (107sq m / 1,152sq ft): These over-water suites are located above water and occupy their own jetty with spectacular views of the Maldivian sunrise. They feature a large bedroom with a living area and wide doors that open to a terrace with a plunge pool and direct access to the turquoise lagoon. The bathroom features a sunken bath and outdoor shower.

13 Water Villas (Size: 120sq m / 1,292sq ft): Each of these spacious villas has a private pool, sundeck and full-length windows overlooking the Indian Ocean. The bedroom has a separate dressing area and the bathroom features a sunken bath and outdoor shower. The large and airy sitting area can double up as a sleeping area for kids.

1 Maalifushi Water Villa (213 sq m / 2,293sq ft): This is one of COMO Maalifushi's most spectacular over-water villas: an oversized, two-bedroom, light-filled bungalow, which sits on its own secluded jetty, featuring a private pool and sundeck.

2 COMO Villas (408sq m / 4392sq ft): COMO Maalifushi's ultimate luxury experience, the overwater COMO Villas sit above the lagoon. Each has its own private pool and butler, with two large bedrooms suitable for two couples sharing, as well as families.

Island

13 Beach Suites (101sq m / 1087sq ft): Nestled in the shade of COMO Maalifushi's lush gardens, Beach Suites have direct access to the beach and are extremely spacious and private, making them ideal for couples or families with small children. The Suites have floor-to-ceiling French doors that open up on to their own private terrace with a pool, and the bedroom has a living area and an outdoor bathroom.

7 Beach Villas (116sq m / 1248sq ft): These one bedroom villas have their own access to the beach as well as their own private pool. Elegant, simple interiors are lit up with large windows to make the most of the island setting with French doors giving guests access from the bedroom to the terrace and pool.

1 Two Bedroom Beach House (178sq m / 1916sq ft): Our two-bedroom duplex beach house leads on to its own private lawn. Surrounding a large private pool is a secluded sundeck complete with sun loungers and furniture, allowing you to eat, drink and watch the sun rise and set from the comfort of your own space.



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1 Two Bedroom Beach Suite (131sq m / 1408sq ft): Sheltered in the shade, this stylish accommodation space offers the same facilities as our Beach Suites but with two bedrooms. The second bedroom offers twin beds and a smaller shower room, making it ideal for families.

2 Two Bedroom Beach Villas (145sq m / 1560sq ft): These two-bedroom villas (one king and one smaller twin room) have their own access to the beach as well as their own private pool. Elegant, simple interiors are lit up with large windows to make the most of the island setting with French doors giving guests access from the bedroom to the terrace where they can relax within their own private plunge pool.

1 Maalifushi Beach Villa (296sq m / 3186sq ft): Made up of two sleek, comfortable bedrooms (two doubles), the accommodation offers sunrise views out over an endless ocean. It features a private lawn and swimming pool with space for al fresco dining and a full butler service.

1 COMO Residence (356sq m / 3832sq ft): Our two-storey four-bedroom COMO Residence offers all the comfort that one would expect from a luxury COMO resort, combining endless sea views with a contemporary living area, spacious media room and full kitchen. The sundeck is completed with loungers and furniture—suitable for private dining, with butler service included.



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Room Facilities:

King or twin beds with Egyptian cotton bed linen
Private sun deck (in villas and suites)
Bath and/or shower stall
Air conditioning
Private Bar
Complimentary tea and coffee making facilities
Complimentary bottled water and fresh fruit daily
Satellite TV (46-inch LCD TVs)
Direct dial telephone
COMO Shambhala bathroom amenities
Hairdryer
Yoga Mat (available on request)
Private Safe
Complimentary Wi-Fi internet
Complimentary beach bag and flip-flops
Multimedia hub

Guest Services:

24-hour manager on duty
Complimentary Wi-Fi in reception, bar and
poolside area
Airport transfers
Butler Service
Babysitting
COMO The Shop
Laundry service (no dry cleaning)
Twice-daily maid service
In-room dining
Foreign exchange
Multilingual hotel staff
All-day dining
Travel and tour assistance
Library
Play by COMO children's programme



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Restaurants and Bars:

'Madi' (meaning manta ray in the local language) serves Mediterranean, Indonesian and Thai-accented dishes all day. 'Madi' also holds themed nights, including a seafood barbeque and a 'thali' evening focusing on south Indian specialties.

'Tai' (Japanese for red snapper) is COMO Maalifushi's Japanese restaurant showcasing fresh, local seafood. There is also a sushi bar.

'Thila' (named after Maldivian submerged reef formations covered with abundant marine life) offers an easygoing and family-friendly environment, serving salads, freshly baked seafood, pizzas and Turkish 'pide'.

Other Dining Options:

Private dining in-room or at a special location — including nearby castaway island, Lavadhoo
Healthful COMO Shambhala Kitchen
Room service available 24 hours a day

Guest Wellbeing:

COMO Shambhala Retreat at COMO Maalifushi is a wellness retreat advocating holistic wellness, combining modern science and ancient healing.

Treatments:

COMO Shambhala is a philosophy for healthy living that has been successfully refined at its award-winning Retreats all over the world. Treatments and therapies at COMO Maalifushi include signature COMO Shambhala massages and bodywork treatments, emotionally re-balancing holistic techniques and facials for restorative skincare.



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Retreat Facilities:

Eight overwater ocean-facing treatment rooms
Steam rooms (separate male and female)
Sauna and Jacuzzi

Pool
Gym
Open-air and indoor yoga pavilion

Outdoor Activities:

Watersports
Diving
Snorkelling
Fishing
Surfing
Sunset cruises
Picnic Island

Other Facilities:

Dive centre
Resort boutique
'Play by COMO' for children aged four to 12 Games room
including billiards and PlayStation®5

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RESORT SYNOPSIS: COMO Maalifushi, Maldives

In January 2014, COMO Hotels and Resorts — the name behind COMO Cocoa Island in the Maldives and COMO Parrot Cay in the Turks and Caicos — opened its second private island resort in the Maldives.

COMO Maalifushi is the first and only resort to open on the unspoilt Thaa Atoll, in the archipelago's southern reaches well regarded for its diving and surf breaks. The resort is reached by a 60-minute seaplane journey from the islands' capital, Malé.

The Thaa Atoll, a beautiful ring-shaped reef, is one of the largest in the world, comprising more than 60 islands over 500 square miles, many of which are uninhabited.

The resort is the first in the Maldives from the Japanese interior designer Koichiro Ikebuchi. Accommodation includes 33 overwater suites and villas, and 26 beach suites and villas, all built of yellow balau with Kajan thatched roofs, referencing indigenous architecture while remaining elegantly pared back to reflect the island's calming setting. Overwater suites and villas are built off wooden walkways that stand above the shallow lagoon, each with its own private terrace and pool, while garden villas and suites are set within the folds of the island's lush tropical vegetation — yet still only twenty steps from the beach's high tide mark. The views are consistently spectacular with empty Indian Ocean horizons.

COMO Maalifushi offers all the understated luxuries of a COMO private island resort, with a COMO Shambhala Retreat for holistic wellness, world-class yoga facilities and exceptional cuisine along with safe, authoritative access to the Maldives' vibrant marine life for diving, snorkelling and fishing. Around Thaa Atoll, this includes sightings of whale sharks and hammerhead sharks. Some of the Maldives best-regarded surf breaks are also close by, with expert tuition on hand during the season.

The COMO principle of integrating fine cuisine into each guest experience is something that sets it apart from other resorts in the Maldives. COMO Maalifushi's approach to cuisine is contemporary and relaxed with menus inspired by the ocean setting. 'Tai' is the headline restaurant, featuring Japanese seafood with a sunken sushi bar for terrace dining. 'Madi' offers a classic COMO all-day dining experience showcasing tropical ingredients in Maldivian, Mediterranean, Indonesian and Thai-accented dishes. The many uninhabited islands on COMO Maalifushi's doorstep can be used for those seeking a private dining experience, served by a private butler. A healthful COMO Shambhala Cuisine menu is also available. 'Thila Bar' is a relaxed bar by the pool and lounge for billiards, easygoing salads, pizzas and wood-baked seafood.

COMO's signature service is here too, with staff whose warmth, discretion and passion for detail stands out from the competition. Guests staying in COMO Maalifushi's most exclusive villas (Maalifushi Beach Villas, COMO Residence, Maalifushi Water Villas and COMO Villas only) will also experience the services of COMO's private butlers.



COMO Shambhala Retreat at COMO Maalifushi is a place to relax, recuperate and feel well, guided by expert therapists. Eight overwater treatment rooms offer a range of signature facials, massages and body therapies. The Retreat also has an open-air yoga pavilion offering complimentary daily classes each day, a large pool, relaxation area and spa boutique selling COMO Shambhala's popular bodycare products and Active Living Collection. Private yoga tuition and guided pranayama meditation is available. There is also a gym with cardio equipment and weights.

Families are well looked after at COMO Maalifushi. Children can explore and make new friends in the secure environment of this relatively large island. The lagoon is safe to swim. COMO Maalifushi's choice of landed suites and villas, many with private lawns, are ideal for families with younger children. Childminding and babysitting services are provided. Menus for infants and children include healthy, delicious choices. A number of family-friendly excursions are available, from beachside picnics on a picnic island to dolphin spotting on a sunset cruise.

At COMO Maalifushi, our dedicated Play by COMO Space is designed to inspire purposeful and creative play for children aged four to 12, with carefully-selected toys, books, games and art materials. Parents can take some well-deserved time out, relaxing in the knowledge that their child is having fun in a safe, comfortable environment with our childcare professionals.



DESTINATION OVERVIEW: COMO Maalifushi, Maldives

The Maldives are a 754km-long string of 1192 dots located south of India and west of Sri Lanka. Most of the islands are less than two kilometres square with land no higher than two metres above sea level. Around 202 are inhabited, including 90 given over to tourism. The majority are located north of the capital Malé. The fact that COMO Maalifushi is in Thaa Atoll makes it stand apart, with exceptionally pristine waters.

Thaa Atoll also has a uniquely interesting history. The first settlers arrived here in the late eighteenth century as freed African slaves. They developed a dance, the Bodu Maali Neshun (Dance of the Giant Being), which incorporated their own folktales and rhythms. This dance is still performed during religious festivals and holidays with elaborate costumes conjuring mystical creatures.

COMO Maalifushi — the first and only resort on the unspoilt Thaa Atoll — looks little changed from this time. The pristine, expansive surroundings are over 100 miles from the busy city of Malé, allowing guests to relax while fully capturing the spirit of the Indian Ocean.

The unchanged look of the environs is also due to commanding government policies. New buildings, for instance, cannot exceed the highest palm trees. In addition, Maldivian tourism does not cater to mid- to low-market developments that favour volume over environmental considerations.

The dry season runs from December to March. Mid-April and late November are best for diving, with calm seas and exceptionally clear water. The rainy season runs from May to November. These are only tropical storms, with sunshine reliably breaking through the clouds. Divers should note that January to March is the best time to see whale sharks and hammerheads.

The Maldivians are 100 per cent Muslim. The people, who largely work in tourism or fishing, share many features with the Indian Subcontinent's population — most obviously, a smiling, well-meaning national character. To find out more about Maldivian land and culture, guests of COMO Maalifushi can take advantage of local community visits with the resort's highly informed Maldivian staff. Guests can also take to the water on a Maldivian fishing boat, or dhoni, which is among the most spectacular ways to take in the Indian Ocean sunsets.



BEYOND THE RESORT: Activities at COMO Maalifushi, Maldives

The Maldives in general, and COMO Maalifushi in particular, offer very good water-based activities from diving to surfing. The waters surrounding the islands are clear, calm and exceptionally beautiful. This is also why the Maldives are appealing to families, with children able to snorkel safely, while for divers, there are numerous chronicled dive sites, as well as large tracts of unexplored channels and reefs which makes the atoll popular with liveaboard dive boats — which aside from COMO Maalifushi, is currently the only other way to access this region in comfort. The resort therefore provides a full range of diving experiences for different levels, from learn to dive PADI courses to night dives on nearby reefs. For those who wish to explore further, COMO Maalifushi can arrange guided aqua-safaris with the resort's resident marine biologist.

There are also some very good surf breaks in and around Thaa Atoll. COMO Maalifushi has one particularly good break located on the atoll's southwest side, which can be experienced on guided surf trips. The surfing season runs from April to October.

Sailing is also popular, with both sheltered and open water sailing to experience. There is very rarely over 25 knots of wind, making the Maldives a year-round sailing destination, with seas calmest during the high season. At COMO Maalifushi, catamaran sailing is available.

Fishing is part of the Indian Ocean culture and for many forms a vital livelihood. Thaa Atoll in particular has some very productive waters. Large reef fish such as grouper, wahoo, giant and bluefin trevally, red snapper and dogtooth tuna are prize game catches. Resort guests who want to go fishing have access to the expertise, equipment and boat captains at COMO Maalifushi. Others who just want to take in the views of the open ocean can opt for a sunset cruise instead aboard a local 'dhoni' fishing boat.

COMO Maalifushi offers light tackle and fly fishing options to the north and south of Maalifushi, with most sites located within a 30-minute radius of the hotel. From January to April, fly fishing enthusiasts can look forward to catching bonefish, red snapper, tuna, grouper, triggerfish, emperor fish and six varieties of trevally (including giant trevally). Alternatively, set off on our Sunset Bottom Fishing experience for traditional hand-line fishing.



COMO Maalifushi offers trips to Lavadhoo, a deserted island only five to 10 minutes away. Here, guests can experience life as a luxury castaway from the moment they slip their feet into the sand. Underwater, guests can explore exceptional snorkelling points, while on land trekking routes cut through lush vegetation. Others can simply relax on the beach while every need is catered to. At lunchtime, our chefs serve a delicious island BBQ, from fresh fish to succulent meat.

In Thaa Atoll, which is largely unpopulated, local island culture centres upon the only village, Veymandhu, with a population of less than 1,000. Those wishing to venture further afield can explore Malé, the islands' capital. Malé is only 1.6kms wide and has a population of 90,000. It is recommended to any guests combining a stay at COMO Maalifushi with a stay at COMO Cocoa Island, which is COMO's sister hotel in the Maldives and located just a 40-minute speedboat transfer from the capital. Major sites include the gold domed Islamic Centre, the Presidential Palace, the Friday Mosque, the National Museum and the fish and fruit market.



KEY BIOGRAPHIES: COMO Maalifushi, Maldives

Peter Nilsson, Managing Director, Maldives: With over 30 years of experience in luxury hospitality, Peter Nilsson leads the teams at COMO Maalifushi and COMO Cocoa Island. Before joining COMO, he served as Chief Operating Officer at Banwa Private Island in the Philippines and held leadership roles at renowned resorts such as Laucala Island in Fiji, Soneva in the Maldives and Thailand, and Ritz-Carlton Langkawi. A Swedish national, Peter brings a wealth of expertise in driving operational excellence, strategic growth, resource optimisation, and team engagement, all while ensuring an exceptional guest experience and enhancing operational cohesion.

I Wayan Sudarma, Executive Chef: Chef I Wayan Sudarma has worked under Michelin star-awarded chefs such as Stefano Cavallini and Jesper Koch, as well as a myriad of resort kitchens. Previously, he worked at COMO Uma Ubud in Bali from 2004 to 2006, and COMO Parrot Cay in the Turks and Caicos from 2006 to 2016. He has an extensive knowledge of Asian cuisine and adds a modern twist to every dish.

Koichiro Ikebuchi, Interior Designer: Japanese interior architect Koichiro Ikebuchi is defined by his sensitive approach to nature and respect for cultural authenticity. All that he creates is entirely appropriate to its physical context. This is achieved with an uncomplicated, succinct approach to design, which gives a strong flavour in the fewest strokes possible. It is for these reasons that his extensive restaurant work, including Aoki in Singapore, has set new benchmarks in interior design. COMO Maalifushi is his second resort for COMO, having also designed the adventure resort COMO Uma Ubud in central Bali.



ABOUT THE COMO GROUP AND COMO HOTELS AND RESORTS

COMO Hotels and Resorts, part of the COMO Group, is a multi-award-winning, family-owned business with 18 hotels and resorts worldwide — each one different from the other but sharing the same core values: a deep commitment to holistic wellness, exceptional nutrition-rich cuisine, passionate service, contemporary design, and inspiring destinations that honour the spirit of place.

Our city hotels include COMO Metropolitan hotels in London, Perth (Australia), Bangkok and Singapore. COMO The Halkin in Belgravia is also in London — a boutique hotel and the first we ever opened, in 1991.

Our country resorts include COMO Uma Paro and COMO Uma Punakha in Bhutan; COMO Uma Ubud and COMO Shambhala Estate in Bali and COMO Castello Del Nero in Tuscany, which includes a newly converted twelfth-century farmhouse, Podere San Filippo and a headline five-bedroom headline villa, Villa San Luigi. In 2022, the brand opened COMO Le Montrachet in Burgundy's prime wine country and in 2023, COMO Alpina Dolomites, situated on one of Italy's most beautiful high-altitude plateaus joined the portfolio as our first ever alpine resort.

COMO's beach portfolio encompasses four private island resorts — COMO Parrot Cay in the Turks and Caicos, COMO Cocoa Island and COMO Maalifushi in the Maldives and COMO Laucala Island in Fiji. COMO Point Yamu has a cliffside location on Phuket, and COMO Uma Canggu is on the Bali shore.

Founded by Mrs Christina Ong, the COMO Group encompasses the international luxury fashion retailer Club 21, the award-winning wellness brand COMO Shambhala, food concepts, COMO Cuisine and COMO Dempsey, the philanthropic COMO Foundation, and Comoclub. For the first time, COMO Orchard on Bideford Road in Singapore brings many of these strands together in a fully integrated lifestyle experience when it debuts in autumn 2023.

For more information on COMO Hotels and Resorts, visit our website comohotels.com, follow our adventures on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/comohotels) @comohotels, or chat with us on our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/comohotels) page.



ABOUT COMO SHAMBHALA

Founded in 1997 by Mrs Christina Ong, COMO Shambhala has evolved organically from an intimate yoga studio in Singapore into an award-winning wellness concept found in 18 COMO Hotels and Resorts properties across nine countries and four continents.

Meaning 'peace' in Sanskrit, Shambhala alludes to the pursuit of balance that defines our philosophy. COMO Shambhala advocates proactive holistic wellness, combining modern science with ancient practices.

From city centres to island retreats and highland resorts, COMO Shambhala offers a team of diverse wellness practitioners across various modalities. Our curated suite of wellness services includes treatments, experiences, products and activities. Complementing these services is our signature COMO Shambhala Kitchen, a full range of healthful nutrition-optimised dishes using pure ingredients in nourishing combinations.



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