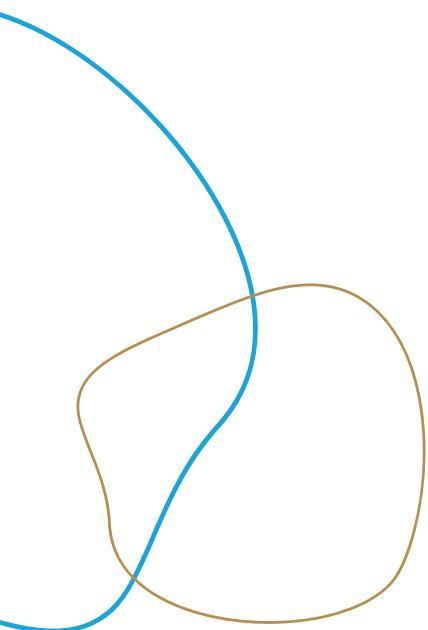


The Barefoot Eco Hotel



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THE BAREFOOT
ECO HOTEL

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An aerial photograph of a tropical beach. A long, narrow wooden pier extends from the top of the frame down to a small wooden building with a gabled roof situated in the shallow turquoise water. The beach is white sand with some green vegetation at the top. The water transitions from light turquoise near the shore to a deeper blue further out.

Welcome to The Barefoot Eco Hotel

By choosing The Barefoot Eco Hotel, tourists can immerse themselves in one of the Maldives' hidden treasures while also playing an active role in its conservation. They'll have the opportunity to learn about the rich biodiversity and unique ecosystem that make this destination truly special.

Location

The Barefoot is nestled within an almost pristine forest on the local island of Hanimaadhoo, located in the preserved deep North of the Maldives.

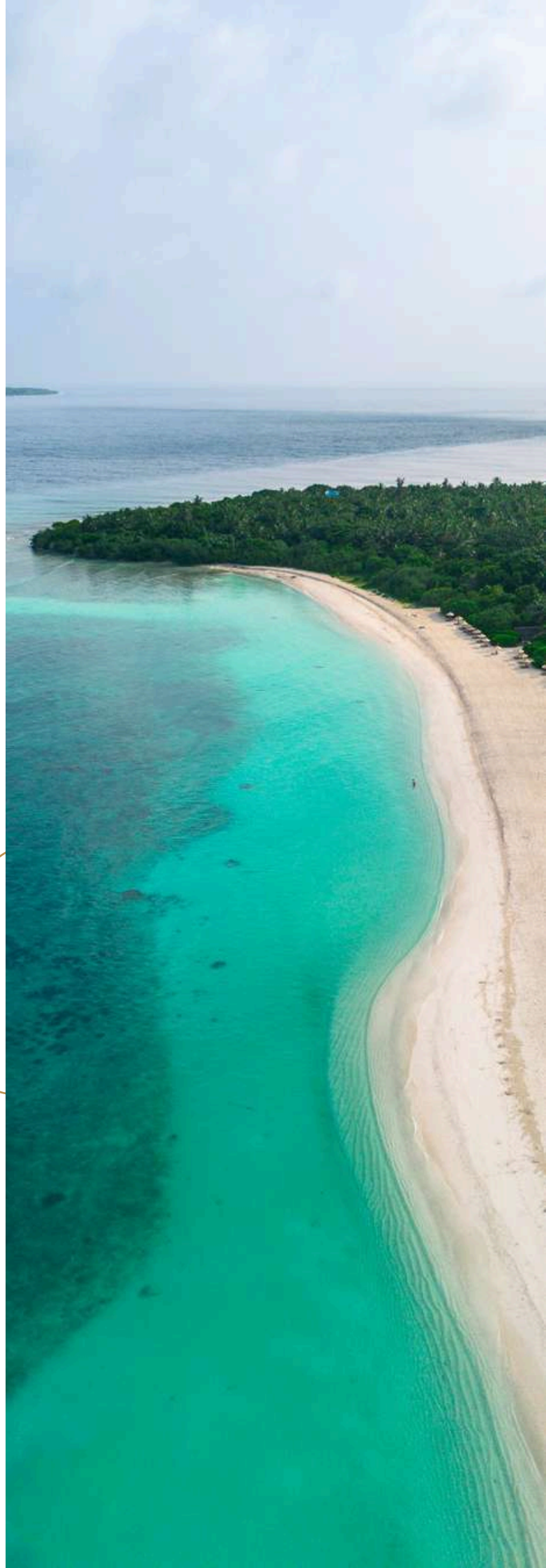
A private half-mile sandy beach and a turquoise lagoon frame the hotel, inviting guests to enjoy an authentic and relaxing holiday at exceptional value.



This 4-star Eco Hotel is conveniently connected to Malé International Airport by numerous daily 45-minute flights.



Surrounded by dense vegetation, the resort offers both privacy and the chance to experience untouched nature and the authentic, natural beauty of the Maldives, all while enjoying the comforts of a charming accommodation.



Accommodation

The Barefoot Eco Hotel features 64 fully furnished rooms, with 40 rooms spread across two-story buildings and an additional 24 rooms located on the ground floor.

Guest Room Facilities



Wi-Fi complimentary



Fully stocked mini bar
(additional charge)



Sofa bed
(except in the seaside rooms)



Hair dryer



Fully air-conditioned rooms
(with individual temperature control)



Telephone
(with direct external line)



Ceiling fan



Beach towels



Kettle
(with complimentary tea and coffee)



Housekeeping service
(twice a day)



Water bottle
(daily complimentary)



In-room personal safe



20 Beach Front rooms

located on the ground floor with direct access to the white sandy beach. These large rooms, approximately 50 sqm including the veranda, come with either double or twin beds and can accommodate up to 4 people.

Beach Front



20 Ocean View rooms

situated on the upper floor, these rooms offer a spectacular sea view. They are also spacious, around 50 sqm including the terrace, with double or twin beds, and a maximum occupancy of 4 people.

Ocean View



Family rooms (2 connecting beach front or ocean view rooms) are also available. Maximum occupancy 6 people.



Beachside

12 Beachside rooms

These charming rooms are furnished with elegant materials and contemporary amenities, featuring a spacious private patio equipped with a traditional Maldivian swing. Located just steps away from our endless white beach, they offer a partial sea view. Maximum occupancy is 3 people.



Seaside

12 Seaside rooms

Affordable and comfortable accommodation (44 sqm including the veranda), nicely furnished. They are part of the same complex with a sandy inner courtyard, just few steps away from the beach. Maximum occupancy 3 people.



Beachside



Seaside

Guest Services

- Sun umbrellas and beach beds for sunbathing
- Reception
- Wireless connection throughout the resort, including all rooms
- Diving Center (PADI and SSI certified)
- Resident Marine Biologist
- Complimentary bike rental for adults and children
- Saltwater swimming pool
- Well-equipped Gym
- Spa offering Ayurvedic treatments and classic massages
- Daily yoga lessons with an in-house Yoga Master (free of charge)
- Library with a selection of international books
- Board games
- Non-motorized water sports (kayak, windsurf, stand-up paddling)
- Bowls court
- Boutique, with tailoring service
- Biology lectures conducted by our marine biologist three times a week
- Room service
- Laundry service
- Multilingual staff
- Children's services: baby cot and high chair available on request



FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE FACILITIES

Meal Times (buffet)

Breakfast: 07:45 to 10:15

Lunch: 13:00 to 14:30

Dinner: 20:00 to 21:30

The Barefoot Restaurant takes pride in using the finest ingredients available.

RESTAURANT

Our seafood is always fresh, ensuring each dish is rich in flavor. Specializing in Mediterranean cuisine, our Kitchen Team delights guests with innovative combinations, textures, and flavors that create a truly memorable dining experience.



We are also committed to supporting local suppliers, reflecting our dedication to both exceptional quality and community. Buffet breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served in the main sea-view restaurant with water included with all meals.





JUICE BAR

The panoramic “Juice Bar” located between the restaurant and the pool is the perfect spot to enjoy soft drinks, fresh juices, and non-alcoholic beverages while taking in stunning views.

RAANEE SNACK BAR

This cozy, authentic Maldivian bar is just steps from the sandy beach and is the ideal place to enjoy delicious Maldivian snacks throughout the day.



A floating bar located in the hotel lagoon offers a selection of alcoholic drinks, including beers, wines, and spirits. Complimentary return speedboat transfers are available starting from 18:00, allowing guests to enjoy the sunset.



SPA and Yoga



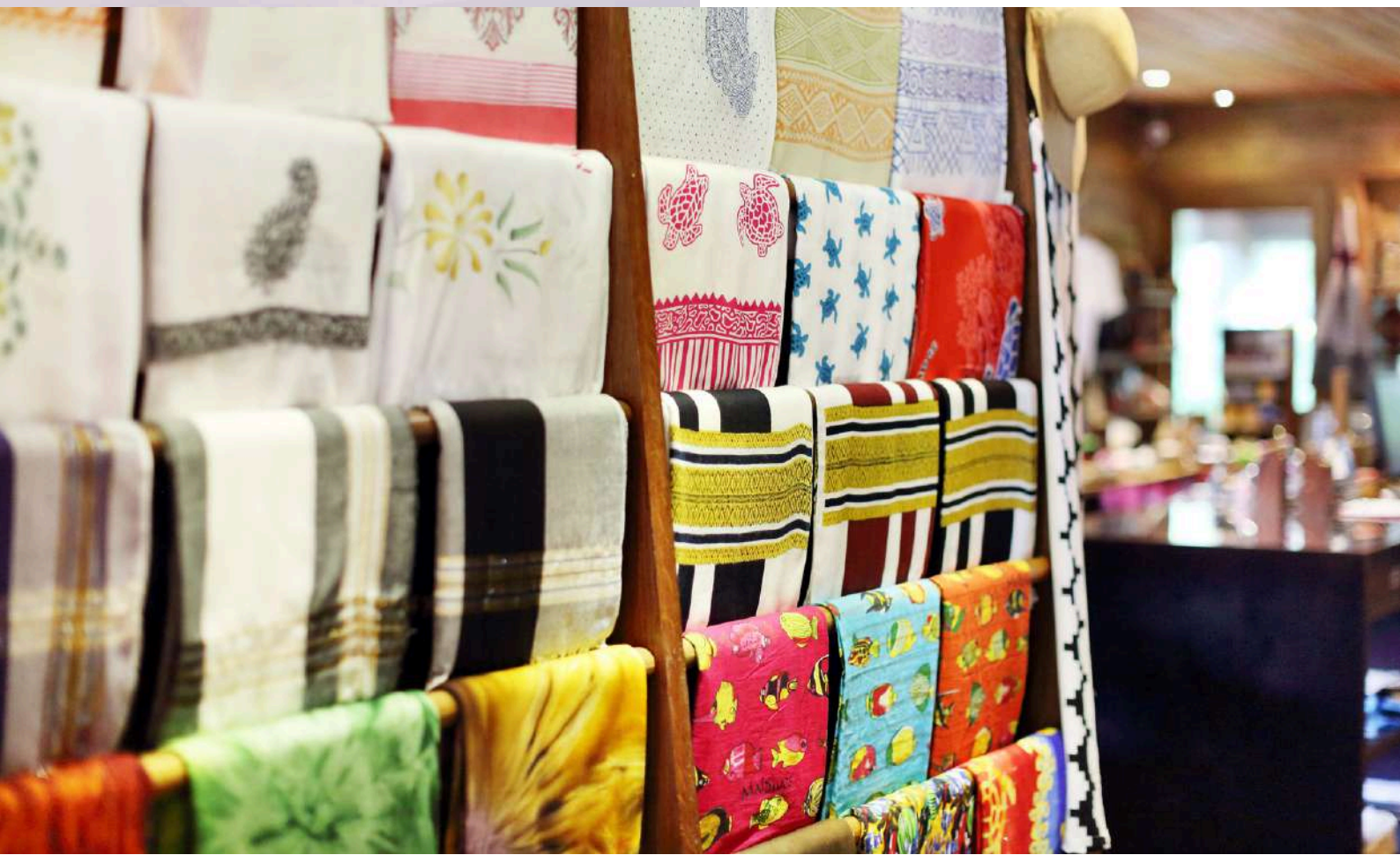
Our SPA offers a natural health retreat with Ayurvedic, holistic treatments, and classic massage services (available at an additional charge). All yoga lessons are led by a Yoga Master and are suitable for practitioners of any level. We offer a complimentary morning session, with each class lasting 45 minutes. The session includes an introduction, breathing practice, warm-up, standing and seated sequences, and meditation. It is designed for anyone looking to escape the routine, stress, and worries of modern daily life.



Boutique



Our boutique is well-stocked and unique, offering a range of clothing, souvenirs, and personal care products. Two highly skilled tailors are available to create custom-made clothing from the material of your choice, all within a short time frame. The boutique also features quality local handicrafts and an excellent selection from the latest collections.



Hotel activities



All our marine excursions are carefully designed to minimize environmental impact while contributing to biodiversity monitoring and supporting the local community's economy. During turtle, manta ray, and dolphin monitoring excursions, guests have the unique opportunity to actively participate in data collection, assisting our marine biologist in monitoring the population distribution of these fascinating animals. A snorkeling trip by boat is offered once a week.



Recommended daily excursions

- **Environmental and Cultural Guided Bicycle Tour:** Enjoy a guided bike tour around the island with a local guide, concluding with a delightful tea at a local home.
- **Utheemu Sultan Palace Guided Visit:** Step back in time with a guided tour of the Utheemu Sultan Palace, where you'll discover the rich history and heritage of the Maldivian sultans.
- **Snorkelling Trips by Boat:** Embark on thrilling snorkelling trips by boat to various locations, each offering unique and vibrant marine life across different islands of the atoll.
- **Dolphin Watching Trip by Boat:** Enjoy an exciting boat trip to observe various dolphin species while adhering to a respectful code of conduct to protect these magnificent creatures.
- **Manta Monitoring Trip by Boat:** Participate in a manta monitoring trip by boat, where you'll have the chance to swim alongside majestic mantas.
- **Turtle Monitoring Trip by Boat:** Join a dedicated boat trip to observe and interact with turtles in their natural habitat, providing an immersive and educational experience.
- **Desert Island and Sandbank Trip:** Escape to a secluded desert island for a romantic getaway, where you can relax in an untouched paradise and enjoy the serenity of nature.
- **Sunset Romantic Cruise:** Set sail on a sunset romantic cruise, where you can unwind and take in the breathtaking views as the sun sets over the horizon, creating a perfect romantic moment.
- **Fishing Catch and Release:** Engage in an exhilarating fishing adventure, where you'll have the opportunity to catch and release ocean fish under the guidance of experienced crew members.
- **Private Excursions:** Customize your own private excursion for a personalized and unique experience.

Diving center

Our diving center ensures the highest standards of quality and professionalism, offering complete sets of rental equipment (for an additional charge), including BCDs, masks, snorkels, fins, wetsuits, and dive computers. We provide customized services suitable for both adults and children.

We offer PADI and SSI courses at all levels, including “NITROX” or “ENRICHED AIR DIVER” courses, as well as free “TRY DIVES.”



The azure blue waters are warm, and the variety of dive sites is stunning, with 20-30 sites reachable by boat within 40 minutes. These areas are renowned for their abundance of large marine animals, such as sharks and manta rays, along with a rich diversity of hard and soft corals and fish of all sizes and colors.



OUR ECO COMMITMENT

The Barefoot Eco Hotel received GSTC (Global Sustainable Tourism Council) certification in 2021, recognizing its commitment and dedication to environmental protection and sustainable hospitality. The Italo-Swiss management team and all staff members work daily to enhance both the environmental and social conditions of the island.



- **Sustainable Wood:** All buildings are constructed using wood sourced from responsibly managed forests.
- **Plastic Reduction:** Water is bottled in reusable glass, minimizing environmental impact.
- **Beach Cleaning:** Our marine biologist, in collaboration with the dive center, regularly organizes beach and underwater clean-up activities to protect the surrounding ecosystems. These efforts help keep the environment clean and raise guest awareness about ocean pollution.
- **Zero-Kilometer Garden:** We offer fresh fruits and vegetables directly from our garden, with locally sourced, zero-kilometer products.
- **Local Sourcing:** We prioritize purchasing products from Hanimaadhoo Island and nearby islands.
- **Sustainable Monitoring:** The conservation team arranges responsible tourist activities, such as excursions focused on dolphins and manta rays, to explore the ocean while respecting wildlife.
- **Heat Exchanger:** We use renewable energy to heat shower water.
- **Bio-Pest Control:** We use eco-friendly mosquito traps to avoid chemical products.
- **Promotion of Local Culture:** We offer land excursions to explore local villages and immerse in Maldivian culture.
- **Development of Specific Programs:** We promote environmental education in the local school and offer frequent internships throughout the year.



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