

# HANIMADHOO THE BAREFOOT

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## CONCEPT

By choosing The Barefoot Eco Hotel, tourists will not only enjoy one of the pearls of the Maldives, but they will also contribute concretely to its conservation by learning a multitude of biological and ecological facts about the wildlife that inhabits this special environment.

## LOCATION

The Barefoot is located within an almost pristine forest, on the local island of Hanimaadhoo, in the preserved deep North of the Maldives. This 4 star Eco Hotel is well connected to Malé 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 private, half mile sandy beach and a turquoise lagoon frame the hotel, inviting guests to experience an authentic and relaxing holiday at outstanding value.

## GUEST SERVICES

- Reception
- Wireless connection throughout the resort, including all rooms
- Diving Center (PADI and SSI)
- Resident Marine Biologist
- Bike rental for adults and children (free of charge)
- Saltwater swimming-pool
- Well equipped Gym
- Spa with Ayurvedic treatments and classic massages
- Yoga Master
- Library, with a variety of international books
- Board games
- Non-motorized water sports (kayak, windsurf, hobie cat, stand-up paddles) and bowls court
- Boutique, with tailoring service
- Room service
- Laundry service
- Multilingual staff
- Children service: baby cot and high chair on request

## ACCOMMODATION

Total of 64 rooms. 40 high standard and fully furnished rooms, in two storey building of 4 rooms each:

**20 Beach Front rooms** On the ground floor, with direct access to the white sandy beach. Large sized rooms (about 50 sqm including the veranda), double or twin beds.

**20 Ocean View rooms** Upper floor with a spectacular sea view. Large sized rooms (about 50 sqm including the terrace), double or twin beds. Each room is spacious, creatively designed and comfortable, with an elegant, natural stone en-suite bathroom and shower.

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

**12 Beachside rooms** These charming rooms are furnished with elegant materials and contemporary amenities, including a spacious private patio equipped with a Maldivian swing. They are just beside our endless white beach, with lateral sea view.

**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

- Sofa bed (except for the seaside rooms)
- Fully air conditioned rooms with individual temperature control
- Ceiling fan
- Kettle with tea and coffee (free of charge)
- Daily bottle of water (free of charge)
- Fully stocked mini bar (on charge)
- In-room personal safe box
- Hair dryer
- Beach towels
- Telephone with direct external line
- Housekeeping service twice a day
- 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 it is served to the guests filled with flavor. Our Italian Chef, specialised in Mediterranean dishes, continuously wows the guests with creative and unique combination, textures and flavors, providing a memorable experience, full of heart and soul! The Barefoot Restaurant is fully committed in supporting local suppliers.

Buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in the main sea view restaurant and water is always included.

For private and romantic dinners, seafood menus may be reserved at an extra charge.

Breakfast	from 07.45 to 10.15
Lunch	from 13.00 to 14.30
Dinner	from 20.00 to 21.30

**JUICE BAR**

The panoramic "Juice Bar" next to the main restaurant is an ideal gathering place to sip soft drinks, fresh juices and non-alcoholic drinks.

**RAANEE SNACK BAR**

This cozy authentic Maldivian bar is just steps away from the sandy beach. It is the perfect place to taste delicious Maldivian snacks during the day.

**THE BAREFOOT**  
 BOAT BAR

A floating bar located in the hotel lagoon is offering alcoholic drinks such as beers, wines and spirits.

Complimentary return speed boat transfer from 18:00.

**THE BAREFOOT**  
 CONSERVATION CENTER

After great work and commitment, in 2021 The Barefoot Eco Hotel was certified as a GSTC sustainable hotel. The GSTC certification promotes the increased knowledge, understanding and adoption of sustainable tourism practices.



All our marine excursions have been designed and developed to reduce the impact on the environment on one side, and on the other to contribute to the monitoring of biodiversity and the economy of the local community. Particularly, during the turtle, manta ray and dolphin monitoring excursions, guests will have the opportunity to be actively involved in the collection of data to help the marine biologist's job in the monitoring process of the population distribution of these animals.

**Beach Clean Ups:** the marine biologist alongside with the diving center organise clean-up days to protect the beach and surrounding systems. In doing so, we can keep the environment clean and most importantly, we promote awareness to our guests about ocean pollution.

**Evening Presentations:** we offer marine biology talks, three times a week, covering topics from rays to sharks, turtles and dolphins, fish identification, coral reefs and plastic pollution. Moreover, marine themed documentaries and diving videos are played during the week after dinner.

The mission of The Barefoot Eco Hotel is not only to preserve the marine environments but also to conserve the above sea level habitat. The hotel offers **cultural and environmental bike tours** in the local village, for a peek into the authentic Maldivian lifestyle. We also organise guided trips to **Utheemu Island**, to visit the Palace of the Sultan Mohammad Thakurufaaru and to learn about his importance in Maldivian history.



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## THE BAREFOOT BOUTIQUE

There is a well-stocked and original boutique with clothing, souvenirs and personal care products. Two highly skilled tailors can prepare tailor-made clothing with guests' choice of material, in a very short time. Our boutique always offers quality local handicrafts and an excellent selection from the latest collection.

## THE BAREFOOT SPA & BEAUTY

Our SPA offers a natural health retreat, Ayurvedic, holistic treatments and classic massage services (on charge).

All **yoga lessons** are conducted by a Yoga Master and can be performed by yogi of any level. We offer a free of charge morning 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

Our diving center guarantees the highest level of quality and professionalism and offers complete sets of rental equipment (on charge) including BCD, masks, snorkels, fins, wetsuits, dive computers as well as customised services, suitable for both adults and children. All levels of PADI and SSI courses are available, including "NITROX" or "ENRICHED AIR DIVER" and free "TRY DIVES". The water is azure blue, warm and the variety of dive sites are stunning (20-30 at a boat distance of 40 minutes). 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 hard and soft corals and fish of all size and colour.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Spoken languages:** English, Italian, German, French, Hindi and Divehi.

**Credit cards:** Visa, MasterCard can be used to pay all extras. USD is the currency of the resort.

**Voltage:** 220 volts, plus 110 volts socket in the bathrooms.

**Climate:** In the Maldives there are two main seasons: from December to May it is sunny and fairly dry, while from June to November there are occasional brief rain showers followed by sunshine. Year round, temperatures range from 25 to 35°C, and the average humidity level is around 70%.

**Clothing:** Practical and informal summer clothes. Don't forget a sun hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. Dress code: both in the daytime and in the evening, it is not permitted to enter the bars 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 barefoot anywhere in the hotel. Nudity and topless sunbathing are strictly forbidden.

**Hanimaadhoo Island:** Hanimaadhoo is located in the North of Maldives and it is one of the most beautiful islands in the country, with lush vegetation, long beaches and a turquoise lagoon. It opens the door to an adventurous and genuine gateway, where tourists can be spoiled with true Maldivian warm hospitality. Hanimaadhoo is a quiet fishing village with lots of tree-shade and swings. Fishing and agriculture is what most of the 2500 inhabitants of the island do for work. Hanimaadhoo community services: school, mosque, health center, climate observatory, local village, police station, airport.

## OUR ECO COMMITMENT

Direct economic involvement of the community; dissemination of knowledge on the environment and culture of the Maldives; all goods available on the island are purchased on site; development of specific environmental education programs for the local school; the Conservation Center team carries out a series of responsible activities for the tourists from guided snorkeling tours to beach clean up events. All these activities are finalized to raise awareness in our international guests. Our management and staff work hard every day towards sustainability, to fulfill our commitment.