Burunee, Thaa Atoll: a complete island guide

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Everything worth knowing about Burunee in Thaa Atoll - how to get there, what is on the island and what to expect.

ISLAND **Burunee**	ATOLL **Thaa Atoll**
NEAREST AIRPORT **Thimarafushi (TMF)**	ATOLL CAPITAL **Veymandoo**
CURRENCY **Maldivian Rufiyaa**	LANGUAGE **Dhivehi, English widely used**

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1. WELCOME TO BURUNEE

Burunee is one of the inhabited islands of Thaa Atoll.

2. ESSENTIAL FACTS

Atoll	Thaa Atoll (TH)
Population	414 (2022 census)
Size	1.45 km long and 325 m wide
Distance from Malé	184 km south of Malé
Atoll capital	Veymandoo
Nearest airport	Thimarafushi (TMF)
Language	Dhivehi; English is widely understood where there are guesthouses
Religion	Sunni Islam. This is an inhabited island, so alcohol is not sold and modest dress is expected away from the tourist beach.
Currency	Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR); US dollars are accepted by most guesthouses
Time zone	UTC+5, no daylight saving

3. GETTING THERE

Reaching Thaa Atoll from Malé: no public ferry; fly to Thimarafushi in about 50 min.

4. BEFORE YOU GO

Very limited tourist accommodation. Arrange meals and transfers with your guesthouse in advance. No alcohol on the islands.

Inhabited islands follow local rules rather than resort rules. Swimwear belongs on the designated tourist beach only, alcohol is not sold, and shops and offices pause for about fifteen minutes at each of the five daily prayers.

Bring cash in small notes. Card acceptance is patchy outside the larger islands, and not every island has an ATM.

5. WHEN TO VISIT

January to April

6. AROUND THE ATOLL

This island is part of Thaa Atoll. The atoll guide covers every inhabited island and every resort island in it, how the ferries run, and what the atoll is known for.

Everything in this guide is bookable with local Maldivian operators.

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