Dhaandhoo, Gaafu Alif Atoll: a complete island guide

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

ISLAND
Dhaandhoo

ATOLL
Gaafu Alif Atoll

NEAREST AIRPORT
Kooddoo (GKK)

ATOLL CAPITAL
Viligili

CURRENCY
Maldivian Rufiyaa

LANGUAGE
Dhivehi, English widely used

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1. WELCOME TO DHAANDHOO

Dhaandhoo is one of the inhabited islands of Gaafu Alif Atoll.

2. ESSENTIAL FACTS

Atoll	Gaafu Alif Atoll (GA)
Population	1,044 (2014 census)
Size	750 m long and 130 m wide
Distance from Malé	393 km south of Malé
Atoll capital	Viligili
Nearest airport	Kooddoo (GKK)
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 Gaafu Alif Atoll from Malé: no public ferry; fly to Kooddoo in about 65 min.

4. BEFORE YOU GO

Small guesthouse scene. Arrange transfers in advance - distances inside Huvadhu are large. 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

The far south is wetter overall; February to April is the driest stretch

6. AROUND THE ATOLL

This island is part of Gaafu Alif 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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