Seenu Atoll: islands, resorts and how to get there

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CAPITAL ISLAND
Hithadhoo

ISLANDS IN TOTAL
29

INHABITED ISLANDS
6

RESORT ISLANDS
3

AIRPORT
Gan International (GAN)

CURRENCY
Maldivian Rufiyaa

LANGUAGE
Dhivehi, English widely used

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The southernmost atoll, 540 km south of Malé, and the only one with a natural deep-water harbour.

Gan International Airport sits on Gan, the site of the wartime Royal Navy base and later RAF Gan. A causeway links Gan, Feydhoo, Maradhoo and Hithadhoo into one long road.

Addu was the only part of the Maldives unaffected by the 1998 coral bleaching, so the reefs are healthy from about a metre down to thirty metres or more. It is the only place in the country where the white tern is found.

1. THE ATOLL IN NUMBERS

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Islands in total	29
Inhabited islands	6
Resort islands	3
Airport	Gan International (GAN)
Getting here from Malé	no ferry from Malé; fly to Gan in about 90 min

Addu is the far south and it does not feel like the rest of the Maldives. Four islands are joined by causeway into a single sixteen-kilometre strip you can cycle, there is a genuine town, and there is history you can still see.

2. GETTING HERE

No ferry from Malé - the distance is too great and the network is regional. Fly to Gan in about ninety minutes. From Gan everything on the linked chain is reachable by road.

3. DIVING

The British Loyalty is a large wartime wreck lying in accessible depths. Addu also has a manta cleaning station where the mantas are resident rather than seasonal, which is unusual.

4. THE WEATHER IS DIFFERENT HERE

The far south is wetter than the rest of the country and the seasons do not line up with the standard advice. December, often recommended nationally, is one of the wettest months in Addu. February to April is the more reliable window.

5. WHERE PEOPLE LIVE

7 inhabited islands in Seenu Atoll. These are the islands with guesthouses, shops, ferries and a community - not resorts.

- Hithadhoo
- Maradhoo
- Maradhoo-Feydhoo
- Feydhoo
- Gan
- Hulhudhoo
- Meedhoo

6. RESORT ISLANDS

Each resort in the Maldives has its own island. These are the resort islands in Seenu Atoll, with the island name first.

Island	Resort
Herathera	Herathera
Villingili	Villingili

7. WHAT IT IS KNOWN FOR

The British Loyalty wreck, a resident manta cleaning station, Eydhigali Kilhi wetland, and 16 kilometres of linked island road.

8. WORTH YOUR TIME

- A 16 km causeway linking Hithadhoo, Maradhoo, Feydhoo and Gan - cycle the lot
- The British Loyalty, a large WWII-era wreck
- A manta cleaning station with resident mantas
- Eydhigali Kilhi - protected wetland and the country's largest freshwater body
- Gan International, with direct flights

9. WHEN TO GO

February to April; December is one of the wettest months this far south

10. BEFORE YOU GO

Addu is a city as much as an atoll, with a different feel from a small guesthouse island. No alcohol outside the resort. The linked islands make it the easiest atoll in the country to get around independently.

11. COMMON QUESTIONS

How do you get to Addu from Malé?

By air only - about ninety minutes to Gan International. There is no passenger ferry from Malé; the sea route south exists only as the Highway Link between Gaafu Dhaal, Fuvahmulah and Addu.

Can you cycle around Addu?

Yes. Hithadhoo, Maradhoo, Feydhoo and Gan are joined by about sixteen kilometres of causeway, which makes Addu the easiest atoll in the Maldives to explore on land.

When is the best time to visit Addu?

February to April. Addu is far enough south that the usual "December to April" advice does not hold - December is one of its wettest months.

Everything in this guide is bookable with local Maldivian operators.

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