Shaviyani Atoll: islands, resorts and how to get there

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A northern atoll with fourteen inhabited islands and a tourism industry that has barely started.

CAPITAL ISLAND	Funadhoo
ISLANDS IN TOTAL	51
INHABITED ISLANDS	14
RESORT ISLANDS	3
AIRPORT	Funadhoo (FND)
CURRENCY	Maldivian Rufiyaa
LANGUAGE	Dhivehi, English widely used

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The atoll runs about 37 miles north to south and its islands are small - half of them have under 20 hectares of land.

Pole-and-line and reef fishing and agriculture are the mainstay of the economy, and the atoll is known for mat and rope weaving.

The atoll hospital is on Funadhoo, with health centres on the other inhabited islands.

1. THE ATOLL IN NUMBERS

Capital island	Funadhoo
Islands in total	51
Inhabited islands	14
Resort islands	3
People	12,091
Airport	Funadhoo (FND)
Getting here from Malé	no ferry from Malé; fly to Funadhoo

Shaviyani is one of the quietest atolls in the country for visitors.

2. GETTING HERE

No ferry from Malé - the network is regional. Fly to Funadhoo, then continue by boat.

3. WHERE PEOPLE LIVE

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

- Bileffahi
- Feevah
- Feydhoo
- Foakaidhoo
- Funadhoo
- Goidhoo
- Kanditheemu
- Komandoo
- Lhaimagu
- Maaungoodhoo

- Maroshi
- Milandhoo
- Narudhoo
- Noomaraa

4. RESORT ISLANDS

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

Island	Resort
Gaakoshinbi	Fairmont Sirru Fen Fushi
Vagaru	JW Marriott

5. WHAT IT IS KNOWN FOR

Quiet reefs and Milandhoo's newer harbour.

6. WORTH YOUR TIME

- Fourteen inhabited islands, almost no visitors
- Funadhoo airport
- Reefs with no dive-boat traffic

7. WHEN TO GO

January to March

8. BEFORE YOU GO

Very small guesthouse scene. Arrange everything in advance. No alcohol on the islands.

9. COMMON QUESTIONS

How do you get to Shaviyani Atoll?

By air. Fly to Funadhoo, then take a boat. There is no public ferry from Malé.

Everything in this guide is bookable with local Maldivian operators.

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