Thaa Atoll: islands, resorts and how to get there

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A big, almost untouched atoll with thirteen inhabited islands and barely any tourism.

CAPITAL ISLAND
Veymandoo

ISLANDS IN TOTAL
66

INHABITED ISLANDS
13

RESORT ISLANDS
1

AIRPORT
Thimarafushi (TMF)

CURRENCY
Maldivian Rufiyaa

LANGUAGE
Dhivehi, English widely used

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Sixty-six islands, thirteen of them inhabited, and very little tourism infrastructure.

The surrounding waters are good fishing grounds and several islands have fish processing plants.

Kinbidhoo has important Buddhist remains including a large ruined stupa. Kalhufahalafushi is the longest uninhabited island in the Maldives.

1. THE ATOLL IN NUMBERS

Capital island	Veymandoo
Islands in total	66
Inhabited islands	13
Resort islands	1
People	8,901
Airport	Thimarafushi (TMF)
Getting here from Malé	no public ferry; fly to Thimarafushi in about 50 min

Thaa is one of the largest atolls by inhabited islands and one of the least developed for tourism.

2. GETTING HERE

There is no public ferry from Malé and none is planned - the ferry network is regional and Thaa is in a different zone. Fly to Thimarafushi, about fifty minutes, then take a boat.

3. WHERE PEOPLE LIVE

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

- Burunee
- Dhiyamingili
- Gaadhiffushi
- Guraidhoo
- Hirilandhoo
- Kandoodhoo
- Kinbidhoo
- Madifushi
- Omadhoo
- Thimarafushi

- Vandhoo
- Veymandoo
- Vilufushi

4. RESORT ISLANDS

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

Island	Resort
Maalifushi	COMO Maalifushi

5. WHAT IT IS KNOWN FOR

Guraidhoo's historical links to the sultanate, and reefs with essentially no visitor traffic.

6. WORTH YOUR TIME

- Thirteen inhabited islands and almost no visitors
- Thimarafushi airport
- Reefs that see no dive-boat traffic

7. WHEN TO GO

January to April

8. BEFORE YOU GO

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

9. COMMON QUESTIONS

Can you take a ferry from Malé to Thaa Atoll?

No. The ferry network runs within regions and Thaa is not in Malé's region, so no direct service exists or is planned. Fly to Thimarafushi.

Everything in this guide is bookable with local Maldivian operators.

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