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Gaafu Alif Atoll

Part of Huvadhu — one of the largest natural atolls in the world by area.

CAPITAL ISLAND **Viligili**	INHABITED ISLANDS **10**
FROM MALé **no public ferry; fly to Kooddoo in about 65 min**	BEST MONTHS **The far south is wetter overall; February to**
AIRPORT **Kooddoo (GKK)**	

Known for

Huvadhu's sheer scale and deep channels, and reefs almost untouched by tourism.

About Gaafu Alif Atoll

Gaafu Alif forms the northern half of Huvadhu, an atoll so large that crossing it is a serious boat journey in itself.

Getting here

No public ferry from Malé. Fly to Kooddoo, around an hour, then a boat. Budget properly for the internal transfer — Huvadhu is big.

Weather

The deep south gets more rain than the rest of the country and does not follow the usual "December to April" pattern. February to April is the more reliable window here.

Highlights

- Part of Huvadhu, among the world's largest atolls
- Deep channels and big-fish diving
- Kooddoo airport

Getting there and getting around

Domestic flight, then boat

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There is no practical public ferry from Malé. The realistic route is a domestic flight, then a short boat transfer.

On a local island

Small guesthouse scene. Arrange transfers in advance — distances inside Huvadhu are large. No alcohol on the islands.

Common questions

How big is Huvadhu Atoll?

It is one of the largest natural atolls in the world by area, split administratively into Gaafu Alif and Gaafu Dhaal. Crossing it takes hours by boat, so plan internal transfers carefully.