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Haa Dhaal Atoll

Home to Kulhudhuffushi, the largest town in the north and one of the biggest in the country.

CAPITAL ISLAND **Kulhudhuffushi**	INHABITED ISLANDS **16**
FROM MALé **no ferry from Malé; fly to Kulhudhuffushi or**	BEST MONTHS **January to March**
AIRPORT **Kulhudhuffushi (HDK) and Hanimaadhoo**	

Known for

Kulhudhuffushi's rope-making tradition and its role as the northern regional hub.

About Haa Dhaal Atoll

Haa Dhaal is the north's administrative and commercial centre, built around Kulhudhuffushi.

Getting here

No ferry from Malé. Fly to Kulhudhuffushi, or to Hanimaadhoo and continue by boat.

What it is like

This is a working part of the Maldives rather than a holiday one. Kulhudhuffushi has hospitals, schools and shops rather than a tourism strip, and that is precisely its interest for some travellers.

Highlights

- Kulhudhuffushi — the north's main town and regional hub
- Traditional coir rope-making
- Sixteen inhabited islands

Getting there and getting around

Domestic flight, then boat

From Malé: no ferry from Malé; fly to Kulhudhuffushi or Hanimaadhoo

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

On a local island

More town than beach in places. Small guesthouse scene. No alcohol on the islands.

Common questions

What is the largest island in northern Maldives?

Kulhudhuffushi in Haa Dhaal is the largest town in the north and one of the most populous islands in the country.