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Laamu Atoll

Four islands joined by a causeway you can cycle end to end, and one of the country's best right-hand waves.

CAPITAL ISLAND **Fonadhoo**	INHABITED ISLANDS **11**
FROM MALé **no public ferry; fly to Kadhdhoo in about 55**	BEST MONTHS **January to April for diving; surf season runs**
AIRPORT **Kadhdhoo (KDO)**	

Known for

Yin Yang, a powerful right-hander, and the Link Road joining Fonadhoo, Maandhoo, Kadhdhoo and Gan into one 12-kilometre ride.

About Laamu Atoll

Laamu is different from most Maldivian atolls because four of its islands are joined by road. You can land at Kadhdhoo and cycle rather than boat between places to stay, eat and surf.

Getting here

No public ferry runs from Malé. Fly to Kadhdhoo, roughly fifty-five minutes. The airport sits on the linked chain, so onward travel is by road rather than boat.

Surf

Yin Yang is the name that brings surfers here — a powerful right-hander that works on the southern swell, roughly March to October. It is a reef break and not a beginner wave.

History

Gan has substantial Buddhist-era mounds, a reminder that the Maldives had a long pre-Islamic history that most visitors never see.

Highlights

- Yin Yang — a heavy right-hand reef break
- The Link Road — 12 km of causeway across four islands, ideal by bicycle
- Kadhdhoo airport in the middle of the linked islands
- Ancient Buddhist mounds on Gan

Getting there and getting around

Domestic flight, then boat

From Malé: no public ferry; fly to Kadhdhoo in about 55 min

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

On a local island

The linked islands make Laamu unusually easy to move around without a boat. Check bikini beach arrangements with your guesthouse. No alcohol on the islands.

Common questions

Can you cycle around Laamu Atoll?

Yes. Fonadhoo, Maandhoo, Kadhdhoo and Gan are joined by a causeway about 12 kilometres long, which is unusual in the Maldives and makes Laamu easy to explore without a boat.

When is surf season in Laamu?

Roughly March to October, on the southern swell. Yin Yang is the best-known break and is a right-hander over reef.