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Lhaviyani Atoll

Resort-heavy, with a handful of local islands and one of the country's most famous wrecks.

CAPITAL ISLAND	Naifaru
INHABITED ISLANDS	5
FROM MALé	no public ferry; limited speedboat around 2.5
BEST MONTHS	January to April
AIRPORT	Madivaru / Lhaviyani (LMV)

Known for

The Shipyard wreck dive, and Kuredu's long reef.

About Lhaviyani Atoll

Lhaviyani is best known to divers and to resort guests. The independent-traveller scene is small compared with Ari or Kaafu.

Getting here

There is no public ferry from Malé. A limited speedboat service takes about two and a half hours; most people fly to the atoll airport in around half an hour.

Diving

The Shipyard is the signature site — two wrecks sitting upright with their masts near the surface, which makes for unusually easy wreck photography.

Highlights

- The Shipyard — two wrecks standing upright in shallow water
- Naifaru and Hinnavaru, the atoll's two big inhabited islands
- Fast flight connection from Malé

Getting there and getting around

Domestic flight, then boat

From Malé: no public ferry; limited speedboat around 2.5 hrs, or fly to Hinnavaru in 30 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

Small local-island scene. Check bikini beach arrangements with your guesthouse before booking. No alcohol on the islands.

Common questions

How do you get to Lhaviyani Atoll?

Usually by a 30-minute flight from Malé. There is no public ferry, and the speedboat service is limited.

What is the Shipyard dive?

Two shipwrecks in Lhaviyani sitting upright in relatively shallow water with masts close to the surface — one of the most photographed wreck sites in the Maldives.