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Noonu Atoll

A northern atoll with a growing resort presence and an airport built for larger aircraft.

CAPITAL ISLAND **Manadhoo**	INHABITED ISLANDS **13**
FROM MALé **no ferry from Malé; fly to Maafaru in about 45**	BEST MONTHS **January to March**
AIRPORT **Maafaru (NMF), which can take private jets**	

Known for

Christmas Rock and other channel dives, and Maafaru airport.

About Noonu Atoll

Noonu has developed faster than its northern neighbours, largely around resort investment and the airport at Maafaru.

Getting here

No ferry from Malé. Fly to Maafaru in about forty-five minutes.

Diving

The atoll's channels hold cleaning stations that attract mantas in season, and the sites see far fewer boats than equivalent spots in Ari.

Highlights

- Maafaru airport, one of the better-equipped domestic fields
- Channel dives with manta cleaning stations in season
- Thirteen inhabited islands

Getting there and getting around

Domestic flight, then boat

From Malé: no ferry from Malé; fly to Maafaru in about 45 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 guesthouse scene alongside the resorts. No alcohol on the islands.

Common questions

Is there a ferry from Malé to Noonu Atoll?
No. Fly to Maafaru, about forty-five minutes, then continue by boat.