

Maldives Sample Itinerary



Day 1: Arrival in Paradise

Arrive by speedboat from Malé to the stunning local island of Dhangethi, where crystal-clear waters and white sandy beaches await. The scenic ride takes about 2 hours, with arrival times around midday and 6pm.

Upon arrival, you'll be greeted by the warm smiles of Perla Guesthouse staff and your hosts. Enjoy a refreshing welcome drink and cool towel to rejuvenate.

After a brief orientation, settle into your cozy room. For those arriving at lunchtime, the afternoon is yours to relax by the pool, explore the island, or enjoy a leisurely lunch.

Evening arrivals can unwind before dinner at 7pm, followed by a briefing about your exciting stay.

Day 2: Island Discovery and Snorkeling Adventure

Breakfast is served between 7:30 - 9am.

Join Siro, the Perla Manager and our host for this amazing adventure, for a 45-minute island tour showcasing Dhangethi's landmarks and local stories.

We will then prepare for our first underwater adventure by testing your snorkel gear at the jetty. We do this to ensure everyone is comfortable with their snorkeling equipment and it all fits ok before we head out to the reefs.

Mid afternoon we embark on our first boat snorkel to one of Dhangethi's Outer Reefs, where vibrant marine life and colorful corals will enchant you.

Dinner is served between 7:00 - 8:00pm.

Day 3: Drift Snorkeling and Beach Bonfire

Breakfast is served between 7:30 - 9am.

Head out for a mid-morning snorkel at the abandoned Ranveli Island Reef. Experience a unique drift snorkel amidst a diverse array of marine life.

After returning to Dhangethi, the afternoon is free for relaxation, paddleboarding, or poolside fun.

Dinner is served between 7:00 - 8:00pm.

After dinner we will gather on the beach for a magical evening bonfire with toasted marshmallows under the starry Maldivian sky.

Day 4: Diving Introduction and Turtle Snorkel

Breakfast is served between 7:30 - 9am.

For those interested in diving, we will coordinate with the local dive shop for beginner and refresher courses, including Bubblemakers for ages 8-9 and Discovery Dives for ages 10+.

In the mid-afternoon, snorkel at a turtle reef and swim alongside the beautiful Hawksbill Turtles.

Dinner is served between 7:00 - 8:00pm.

Day 5: Reef Exploration and Evening Fishing

Breakfast is served between 7:30 - 9am.

After breakfast we will head out for a mid-morning drift snorkel at the stunning Vilamendhoo House Reef.

We will spend the late afternoon on an evening fishing trip using traditional hand lines whilst watching the sunset. Most of our catch will be cooked up during the week for dinner.

Dinner is served between 7:00 - 8:00pm, or later if you return late.

Day 6: Diving and Sandbank Adventure

Breakfast is served between 7:30 - 9am.

The morning allows for another opportunity for diving.

In the afternoon, we will visit a beautiful, ever-changing sandbank for snorkeling and beach relaxation.

Dinner is served between 7:00 - 8:00pm, with a briefing on the next day's Whale Shark adventure.

Day 7: Manta Ray and Whale Shark Day

Breakfast is served at 6.30am.

An early start today as we set out to Dhangethi Lagoon to swim with graceful Manta Rays. The elegant animals visit a cleaning station close to Dhangethi early mornings, giving us an opportunity to swim alongside them and watch how beautifully they glide in the water.

On receiving word of a whale shark sighting, we will leave the lagoon and head to where the whale shark has been sighted. If we are lucky we will dive in to witness these majestic giants.

After an energetic adventure we will enjoy sandwiches on the boat while discussing the amazing sights we have seen.

If time allows we will stop for a reef snorkel at Dhigurah House Reef on the return.

Dinner is served between 7:00 - 8:00pm.

Day 8: Leisure Day and Local Fun

Breakfast is served between 7:30 - 9am.

A nice relaxed morning for some, but the opportunity for more diving for others.

In the late afternoon, we will join locals on the beach for fun sports activities like musical chairs, tug-o-war, and the 3-legged race.

Dinner is served between 7:00 - 8:00pm.

Day 9: Coral Regeneration Project and Sunset Cruise

Breakfast is served between 7:30 - 9am.

Today we will work on our coral regeneration project, collecting and attaching coral fragments to frames to help conserve the reef. Once the frames are complete with the fragments, we will place them on the ocean floor knowing we have done our bit to help conserve the beautiful corals of the Maldives.

In the late afternoon, embark on a dolphin and sunset cruise, enjoying the stunning views and playful dolphins.

Dinner is served between 7:00 - 8:00pm.

Day 10: Uninhabited Island Adventure

Breakfast is served between 7:30 - 9am.

We will spend the day at the picturesque uninhabited island of Ari Adu.

This is where we will do our beach cleanup and explore the island's snorkeling spots and abandoned buildings. We will enjoy a delicious lunch with breathtaking views of the crystal-clear waters.

Dinner is served between 7:00 - 8:00pm.

Day 11: Free Morning and Cultural Immersion Event

Breakfast is served between 7:30 - 9am.

The morning is free for relaxation or diving.

In the late afternoon, experience a Maldivian cultural and craft event, learning about traditional clothing, food, and games, and trying your hand at leaf weaving.

Dinner is served between 7:00 - 8:00pm.

Day 12: Holi Holi Reef and Free Afternoon

Breakfast is served between 7:30 - 9am.

After breakfast we will snorkel the beautiful Holi Holi Reef, known for its diverse marine life.

The afternoon is free for diving or relaxation in preparation for our long day tomorrow.

Dinner is served between 7:00 - 8:00pm.

Day 13: Ultimate Maldives Adventure

Breakfast is served at 6am.

Early start this morning so we can head across the channel to Vaavu Atoll. We will hopefully come across huge pods of playful dolphins and if we are really lucky we will get to swim with them.

Next is the highlight for some guests - swimming with nurse sharks. You could be surrounded by 20-30 grey nurse sharks, swimming so close to you and underneath you. Hopefully you will also get to see stingrays and other types of shark whilst watching the nurse sharks.

After this we will enjoy a postcard-perfect lunch on a pristine sandbar. This really is a perfect location with crystal clear water and white beaches.

After lunch we will visit the famous Vaavu Shipwreck, a haven for schools of fish and vibrant corals. Luckily the shipwreck is half submerged so you don't need to dive down to be able to enjoy this amazing wreck.

Our return to Dhangethi will no doubt provide a stunning sunset view and potential dolphin sightings.

Dinner is served between 7:00 - 8:00pm.

Day 14: Final Snorkel and Farewell BBQ

Breakfast is served between 7:30 - 9am.

After breakfast we will head out for a mid-morning snorkel at Ali's turtle reef to spot turtles, eels, octopus, and eagle rays.

The afternoon can be spent last minute souvenir shopping and relaxing by the pool.

Our evening event is an absolute treat. We will enjoy a Maldivian BBQ night on the beach with traditional food, music, and dancing to celebrate your last night in paradise.

Day 15: Departure

Early breakfast at 6am for guests taking the morning speedboat, which departs at 7am.

Breakfast for remaining guests is served between 7:30 - 9am.

Spend the last morning enjoying the pool or last-minute shopping on Dhangethi.

Afternoon speedboat departs from the harbour at 2pm.

Embrace every moment in the Maldives, where the crystal-clear waters, endless blue skies, and white sandy beaches create the perfect backdrop for your unforgettable adventure.