

## Fun Side of Life

nights, kids' pools and water sports centers with activities and lessons for children.

The kids' club facility's prices range depending on the ages plus duration of babysitting. Nevertheless, it is a 24 hours service in most of the resorts with kids' clubs, and they are exceptionally cautious when it is about kids' health or their diets.

Despite the fact some of the resorts open their kids' clubs with prior bookings, the resorts have amazing range of choices for families with kids/infants. Some have toddlers' pools with a large array of toys available while others got a large variety of daily themed activities; watching cinema, treasure and photo hunt, snorkeling with resident marine biologists, attend cooking classes, special spa treatments, family yoga and meditation sessions and so on.

Some of the best luxury resorts in Maldives are designed with spacious kids' clubs with All Inclusive snack times & refreshments, mini yoga and fitness, playroom with Wi-Fi and PlayStation, chocolate parties, marine biology classes, Maldivian handicraft and traditions, with Dhivehi lessons and talent shows. Resorts offer special rates and special promotions for kids under certain ages with a discount of some percentage in meals and transfers. There are resorts which offer complimentary meals and transfers with free accommodation for infants with special babysitting packages.

Maldivian people are warm, illuminating and extremely hospitable that you immediately feel "home away from home", as soon as you set your first step here. So enjoy some romantic holidays, feel being at a private hideaway by leaving your kids' at a stylish, fun and surprising Kids' club at one of our resorts; you can rest assured that your children are safe and enjoying to the max!



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## Dolphin Watching



A holiday of a lifetime in an extraordinary beach destination such as Maldives may not be complete without a dolphin watching trip as Maldives is one of the best places on the planet to experience these creatures up close.

A boat trip to see these extraordinary marine creatures gliding through the gentle waves following your boat is an experience not to be missed. It is a famous and unique activity enjoyed by everyone.

Many resorts and hotels in Maldives offer dolphin watching excursions to popular sites every day as it is a standard excursion among the tourists. For those choosing liveboard holidays, they will have a daily chance to encounter these magnificent creatures of marine life.

Over 23 different whale and dolphin species (a quarter of the world's total) live in Maldives which ranks among the top five places on earth for watching dolphins and whales; the species range from the mighty Blue Whale to different varieties of playful and friendly Dolphins

Spinner Dolphins are the commonest species seen in Maldives; they occur in tens of thousands.

In addition to Spinners, we commonly see Risso's Dolphins, Spotted Dolphins, Bottlenose Dolphins, Striped Dolphins, etc. As dolphins have a very consistent routine, it is easier for you to observe them. For example, large schools of Spinner Dolphins can be found frequently during the morning and afternoon hours. As a result resorts offer dolphin excursions mainly during the day time.

While nothing with wildlife can absolutely be guaranteed, there is no better place than Maldives for watching wild dolphins playing in their natural surroundings.

Depending on the location there may be opportunities to get particularly close to them, giving great photographic and interaction opportunities. You may even get to swim with them!

## Best dolphin sites

Muli Channel in Meemu Atoll is one of the best dolphin spots in Maldives. It is not very widely known in the travel community as there are fewer resorts in Meemu Atoll. However, dolphin watching at Muli Channel gives a success rate of over 85%, all year round.

## Best times to see dolphins

Dolphins are mostly seen during January to April, although they can generally be seen all year round.

Best times to see dolphins are between 0900hrs and 1030hrs in the morning, and from 1530hrs till 1730hrs in the afternoon.

The prices for this excursion depends on the duration plus the distance of the trip.

Sail out from the island with cocktails and canapés; enjoy the beautiful scenery taking your time to watch dolphins with other flying fish and seabirds.

## Dhoni Cruising

What could be better than cruising on a traditional dhoni, which is considered as one of the strongest symbol of Maldives?

The traditional dhoni, which is one of the oldest sea vessels in Maldives, is what the locals used to and still do use for fishing. Traditionally Maldivians, as masters of the sea, used small dhonis and sailed outside the house reef for big game such as sailfish,



swordfish, marlin, wahoo, barracuda, yellowfin tuna and other games. They are at the very heart of our way of life and cannot be missed during your stay.

The dhoni, which resembles a traditional Arab sailing vessel, was traditionally made of coconut timber and is now modernly designed and equipped with cutting-edge technology on the inside. The legendary Maldivian boat has been transformed into a super luxurious cruising nest for both couples and groups. Dhonis were the most common mode of transportation in Maldives and do play a fundamental role in our economy in fishery.

With the change in construction techniques and materials through times, most of the dhonis are equipped with diesel engines and built with imported wood; its popularity has been increasing among tourists.

Some resorts offer you to set sail on your own voyages of discovery to deserted islands while others offer you to camp on a private sandbank or snorkel and sunbathe on an uninhabited island.

Make the booking for a Dhoni, which looks traditional from outside with accommodation, saloon area, plenty of room on deck for relaxing and watch the world go by.

Furthermore, you would be able to experience island hopping far from the crowds, get to explore a different island each day, learn about the local way of life, snorkel the spectacular reefs or enjoy a fresh seafood barbecue on a pristine uninhabited beach, if you choose to stay aboard.

There are companies which operate traditional luxury dhonis exclusively for groups on which passengers share the facilities with other tourists and follow their own itinerary preferences and

favorite activities. They organize trips in which you could explore every atoll of the island chain. You eat and sleep aboard as the boat sail you between the palm-fringed tropical islands of the atolls.

Cruise through some of the world's most beautiful islands by the very strong, elegant and reliable dhonis which have braved oceans and stormy weather as mighty vessels for ages, and discover isolated islands

## Kids Club Activities



Maldives is one big outdoor adventure playground for kids, with the purest of white sand beaches and the warm and illuminating Maldivian people.

It has only been a misconception that Maldives is only for those after a relaxing and romantic escape. Instead, it is actually one of the best locations on Earth for a family holiday with kids.

It is the only place where you can experience your own island getaway, staying either in a beach bungalow with your private beach area where you can relax while watching your kids play on the beach, or a water villa in the middle of the lagoon where you can sit on your villa deck with your family while watching the colorful fish swimming in the shallow waters.

Even though it is mostly heard as "Maldives: world's most romantic destination", the concept is designed combining and maintaining the tranquility, the intimacy and the romanticism of the resorts with the presence of children. Most of the resorts are child friendly with kids clubs; a place where your kids get to hangout and meet new friends where they provide professional child minding services, kids' meal times with kids' menus, movie

