

## **HISTORY**

The history of surfing in the Maldives has a fairy tale quality. Sydney surf travelers Tony Hussein-Hinde and Mark Scanlon were shipwrecked here in the '70s on their way to somewhere else; while they were salvaging the boat, they'd cruise past all the reefs north of Male, and as Hussein-Hinde remarked, "we reckoned those reefs would be perfect once the wind switched."

Indeed, as the seasons changed, it became pretty clear Tony and Mark had stumbled across a surfer's paradise. Tony married a local girl, while Mark eventually returned to Australia. Mark surfed pretty much alone for 15 years. "When I went back to Australia after six years to raise more money, none of my friends would believe me when I told them about the place," he said. "I ended up having to teach the locals how to surf so I'd have someone to join me in the water." (Perhaps that's why the lack of localism?).

But a blessed wave field like this couldn't be secret forever; Hussein Hinde started Atoll Adventures in the early '90s, and now there are more than a few other tour agencies bringing in hundreds of surf visitors per year from all over the world -- not to mention the O'Neill Deep Blue Open WQS contest, which brings in scores of pro hopefuls every June. The secret's out. That said, it's still possible to get uncrowded -- even empty! -- sessions at one of the main breaks. And one or two sessions of perfect, silky six-foot tubes makes any 30-hour flight worthwhile.

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## **SURF IN NORTH OF MALDIVES.**







The North Male Atoll contains well-known breaks such as Lohis, Cokes, Chickens, Sultans, Jailbreaks, Honkys and Ninjas (but some of them are just restricted for the resorts use...) and breaks best from March to mid-October during the SW Monsoon, with June-August being the peak season. The North Male Atolls offer a mix of rights and lefts featuring some long point breaks as well as some hollower reefs. The North Male breaks can be accessed from the Resort or Charter Boat. Wavehunters offers 3 charter boats in different price ranges, the Ocean Divine, the Manta and the Handhu Fahli, that are based here during the surf season as well as resort based surfing from Lohifushi Island.




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## HURAA AND BEACH HEAVEN GUEST HOUSE.

Huraa is situated in the Kaafu Atoll of Maldives (North Malè Atoll), and is where Beach Heaven Maldives Guest House is. You can have there a really comfortable accommodation for a good price, forget about expend big amounts of money in resorts, and with total communication to the local people and the local life, a new experience with also the possibility of surf in one of the most paradisiac places in the world.\* But if that is not enough, you can easily be taken to 6 of the best pointbreaks in all Maldives, which are Sultans, Honky´s, Ninja´s, Jailbreaks, Cokes and Chickens and just a few minutes away! You will be taken by boat from them either early in the moning, for the breakfast surf or in the afternoon, to enjoy the awesome sunsets. Food and drinks will be also available while surfing if you want to have a rest in the boat and see your friends surfing while you chill!! Feel yourself in the proper surf environment surrounded by palm trees, white sand, and clear crystal water. Here there is a aerial view showing how far are the peaks from Beach Heaven and a table giving the descriptions and the characteristics of the peaks around Beach Heaven.



<p><b><u>Sultans</u></b></p> <p>Is a popular destination for surfers in the North Male' Atoll's eastern reef because it provides consistent waves which never close out. You can only access the spot by boat. Small boats or 'dhonis' are used to transports surfers into position offshore at the rear of the break. This wave is the right hander companion to Honkies (left).</p>	<p><b><u>Characteristics</u></b></p> <p><b>Type:</b> Hollow barreling  <b>Direction:</b> Right hander  <b>Suitable for:</b> Intermediates.  <b>Best size:</b>  <b>Best Tide:</b> Mid/low  <b>Location:</b> Thamburudhoo (Uninhabited Island), Eastern Reef of North Male' Atoll  <b>Travelling time from Huraa:</b> 5 mins.</p>	 
<p><b><u>Honky's</u></b></p> <p>This wave is the companion left of the same reef as Sultans (right). There are two sections which usually link up, the outside and... the inside. The beach (and entire atoll) are government property. When the waves get up there can be a lot of current running off the point on certain swell directions. A quality wave, it is now suffering from crowding due to ease of access from Male and various resorts.</p>	<p><b><u>Characteristics</u></b></p> <p><b>Type:</b> Ordinary  <b>Direction:</b> Left hand  <b>Suitable for:</b> All levels  <b>Best Tide:</b> Mid/high  <b>Location:</b> Thamburudhoo (Uninhabited Island), Eastern Reef of North Male' Atoll.  <b>Bottom:</b> Coral.  <b>Travelling Time from Huraa:</b> 6 mins.</p>	 
<p><b><u>Ninja's</u></b></p> <p>Ninja's is located just next to Hudhuranfushi (Lohi's point) on the eastern reef of the North Male Atoll. It's main highlights are it's moderate swell and length of ride, making it a good right hand long board wave.</p>	<p><b><u>Characteristics</u></b></p> <p><b>Type:</b> Ordinary and barrelling.  <b>Direction:</b> Right Hand  <b>Suitable for:</b> Intermediate  <b>Best Tide:</b> Midtide  <b>Bottom:</b> Coral  <b>Travelling time from Huraa:</b> 10 mins.</p>	 
<p><b><u>Jailbreaks</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Characteristics</u></b></p>	

<p>This is perhaps the Maldives' broadest wave field, with a bunch of different takeoff spots scattered along the flat reef, some linking up into 100-yard-plus rides, others into shorter tube sections. As it gets bigger, the sections kinda disappear and it becomes one super long, super fast right point, with three or four barrels per wave possible.</p>	<p><b>Type:</b> Ordinary and barreling.  <b>Direction:</b> Lefts and rights.  <b>Suitable for:</b> Intermediate.  <b>Best Tide:</b> Mid-high.  <b>Bottom:</b> Coral.  <b>Travelling time from Huraa:</b> 10 mins.</p>	
<p><b>Cokes</b></p> <p>Named after the Coca-Cola factory on the island, Cokes is located on the Eastern Reef of Thulusdhu, the capital of Male' Atoll. A short but intense right-hander and a big wave tube spot, this wave has a steep, barreling takeoff, and a very shallow but intense inside section that opens up. Best on mid to high tide, however it can be surfed at low tide on big swells. Ideal on a straight south swell and can be surfed in winds from any direction W – N. There is a beautiful view of palm fringed beaches from the surf zone. Boat access only.</p>	<p><b>Characteristics</b></p> <p><b>Type:</b> Hollow and barreling.  <b>Direction:</b> Right Hand  <b>Suitable for:</b> Intermediate  <b>Best Tide:</b> Midtide  <b>Bottom:</b> Coral  <b>Travelling time from Huraa:</b> 15 mins.</p>	
<p><b>Chickens</b></p> <p>Best on higher tide, Chickens is a very fast left with sections that can get hollow on a south swell. Locals are super friendly and the only day you will meet them will be on Friday. It's an amazing ride and seldom crowded.</p>	<p><b>Characteristics</b></p> <p><b>Type:</b> Hollow barreling.  <b>Direction:</b> Left Hand  <b>Suitable for:</b> Intermediate  <b>Best Tide:</b> Mid/high  <b>Bottom:</b> Coral  <b>Travelling time from Huraa:</b> 17mins.</p>	

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