

DRIFT

THELU VELIGA RETREAT

MALDIVES





The island

Escape to Drift Thelu Veliga Retreat; spanning just over a hectare in size, this untouched island promises white sandy beaches and lush vegetation surrounded by a turquoise lagoon in South Ari Atoll.

Here, nature never fails to captivate as you discover a wonderland of thriving marine life and stunning coral in the island's home reef.

Take to the waves and enjoy big game fishing and water sports. Or take it easy and savour the authentic luxury and simple pleasures that Drift has to offer.

Life on our island is as invigorating or as relaxing as you desire. It is, after all, yours to enjoy.



Getting here

Known for its outstanding, unspoiled natural beauty and marine life, the island is 90-kilometres south west of the Maldivian capital of Malé. The island is located in South Ari Atoll, home to some of the best diving and whale shark spots in the world.

Promising an arrival you'll never forget, you can reach the island with a 35-minute seaplane ride from Velana International Airport.





Attractions & Facilities

An intimate island with just 30 villas, Drift Thelu Veliga Retreat creates a dreamy ambiance in a rustic Maldivian setting. Coupled with a sense of seclusion and serenity, our curated moments make for an ideal romantic getaway.

- Private beach
- Lagoon with house reef
- Spa with 2 over-water treatment rooms
- Over-water gym
- Boutique
- Open-air restaurant
- Beachfront bar & lounge
- Dive Centre
- Watersports

Accommodation

The cosy island resort features 30 villas where you will enjoy rustic simplicity, enhanced by space and comfort.

All the villas have been designed to create a traditional Maldivian environment, combining earthy colour schemes and local handicrafts to complement with the outside world. Traditional thatched roofs and a seamless integration with the natural landscape make for bespoke and charming spaces.

All of the villas are air-conditioned, and offer a king size bed, mini bar, hair dryer, safe, and tea and coffee making facilities.

Additionally, thoughtful amenities such as a selection of natural bathroom amenities and beauty products are included in all the rooms.





BEACH VILLAS

The 10 Beach Villas, all at 39 sq. m, are tucked away on the shores amongst lush vegetation, ensuring seclusion and privacy. The Beach Villas all provide direct access to the beach and views of the crystal clear water beyond.



BEACH VILLA (39 sqm)

- 1 DAY BED
- 2 MINIBAR
- 3 WARDROBE
- 4 BATHROOM
- 5 VANITY
- 6 DESK





WATER VILLAS

The 20 Water Villas, at 54 sq. m, are poised over the island's turquoise lagoon and offer guests the opportunity to witness the beauty of the Maldives directly from the privacy of their own terrace.

Complete with a stunning bathroom providing a bath and separate shower, and direct access to the clear waters below, the Water Villas provide guests with the perfect intimate escape.





Romantic Escapes

Castaway

For the ultimate Robinson Crusoe experience, spend the morning at a completely uninhabited island in Ari Atoll with your loved one. The island is all yours to explore, from the tropical vegetation to the stunning coral reef. Our chefs will also prepare a delicious lunch hamper for you to enjoy before your return to Drift.

Under the Stars

Enjoy an exquisite dinner under a beautifully decorated beach pergola. Ideally situated to provide you with the utmost privacy, this romantic 5-course dinner will be an unforgettable evening.

A Night In

Delight in a private BBQ dinner served in the privacy of your own villa. Our chefs will expertly prepare a three-course dinner along with a bottle of wine, as you enjoy the evening breeze under the stars.

Sail Away

Set sail across the sparkling Maldivian ocean for a delightful and romantic start to your evening. Enjoy a glass of Champagne with delicious canapes as you watch the tropical sun dip below the horizon.

Island Flavours

Experience Maldivian dining at its finest with a five-course tasting menu of classic local flavours.

Spa & Wellness

Take wellness and relaxation to another level at Drift with our relaxing spa treatments and products. Our over-water treatment rooms capture the true essence of the Maldives, with wellness rituals and a soothing environment designed to revitalise your senses

Our over-water gym is equipped for floor exercises or cardio sessions, as well as weight training, allowing you to staying in shape while on our retreat.



Restaurant

The retreat's team of highly-skilled chefs focus on providing delicious regional island dishes incorporated with signature Asian influences. With an emphasis on exceptional ingredients and fresh seafood, sourced locally wherever possible, you will experience unique and memorable flavours that burst with authenticity.

The restaurant offers a delicious buffet as well as à la carte options, in a stunning open-air environment that ensures you will never forget your beautiful surroundings.

We also offer an array of culinary-focused experiences for you to enjoy, as well as themed dining evenings, with both in-villa and private beach dining options.



Bar

Our beachfront bar provides you with the perfect opportunity to witness the stunning Maldivian sunset as you sit and sip on one of our unique cocktail creations. Also offering light meals and snacks throughout the day, it is the perfect spot for a quick break and a chance to mingle with other guests.



Excursions

Drift offer's a selection of shared experiences such as sunset fishing, picnic on a deserted island and local village discovery for you to enjoy while staying with us.



Water Sports

Whale Shark Snorkelling | Manta Snorkelling | Turtle Snorkelling
Kayaking | Paddle Boarding | Jet-Skiing

Set yourself up for the day with a sunrise breakfast cruise, or discover the vibrant colours and marine life of the coral reefs; plan to do as little or much as you like.

Just a 30 minute speedboat ride away from Drift Retreat, close to Maamigili Island, is the famed Whale Shark Point of South Ari Atoll.

Known as the foremost location in the world for spotting and snorkelling with the gentle giants of the sea, over 80 unique whale sharks call this protected region home.

From the thrilling to the relaxing, it's yours to explore at Drift Thelu Veliga Retreat.

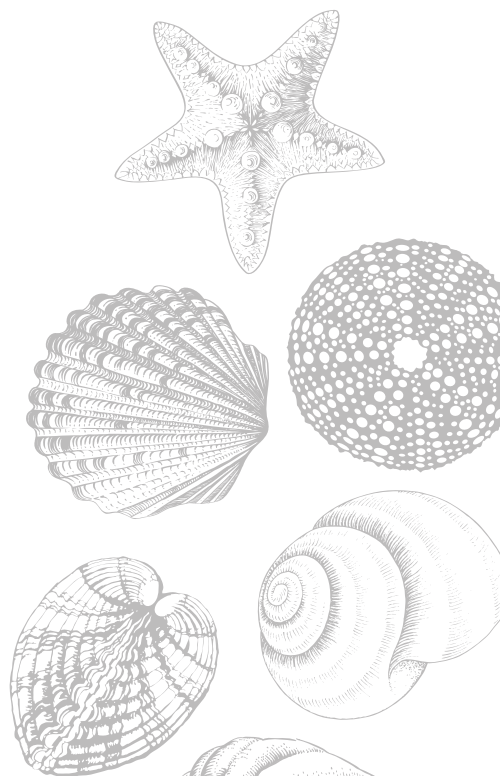
Diving

Drift's specialised dive centre offers lessons and certifications as well as an array of diving trips.

Our House Reef is 50 metres from the island's beach.

Popular dive sites nearby include:

Theluveligau Giri	10 Minutes
Miaru Thila	25 Minutes
Lilly Beach Thila	25 Minutes
Vilamendhoo Thila	30 Minutes
Kuda Thila	30 Minutes
Noogiri	30 Minutes
Dhangethi Thila	40 Minutes
Orimasfaru Thila	40 Minutes
Ranveli Rock	40 Minutes
Dhangethi Beyru	50 Minutes
Hudhuthila	50 Minutes
Broken Rock	1 Hour 15 Minutes
Macchafushi Rock	1 Hour 20 Minutes







your intimate escape

