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## Unforgettable Fly-Fishing in the Virgin Flats of Thaa Atoll

*COMO Maalifushi and Fishing Holiday Maldives are offering the ultimate fly-fishing experiences in the Indian Ocean*



Keen anglers and enthusiastic amateurs are heading to COMO Maalifushi to fish the unspoilt sand flats on the fringes of this private island resort in the Maldives' Thaa Atoll. In partnership with Fishing Holiday Maldives — who have 30 years' experience in the country's marine sports and recreational fishing industry — guests of COMO Maalifushi have access to professional guides and world-class fly-fishing equipment at the resort. These experienced guides use their local knowledge to help guests find the atoll's best fishing spots, taking them by flats boat (Hewes 18 Redfisher).

The shallow Indian Ocean waters of Thaa Atoll are teeming with marine life including bluefin, reef, and giant trevally, bonefish, and triggerfish — all alluring catches for anglers. The main fishing destinations are within a 30-minute boat ride away from the resort. Other parts of the atoll can also be reached on full day trips, where anglers will discover a further 150 square kilometers of unexplored and unfished sand flats.

Hamish Taggart, Founder of Fishing Holiday Maldives, said: "We are thrilled to be launching these fly-fishing experiences in the almost totally virgin Thaa Atoll, in partnership with COMO Maalifushi. With over 20 years' experience fishing in this part of the Indian Ocean, I can

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honestly say that the surrounding flats and diverse ecosystem near this resort make it the ideal location for anglers seeking the ultimate fishing adventure.”

Pietro Addis, General Manager at COMO Maalifushi, said: “Fly-fishing has yet to take off in the Maldives, so we are really excited to be among the first to offer this experience in the area. We hope to attract professional and amateur anglers alike, to showcase the best of what this isolated patch of the Indian Ocean has to offer.”

COMO Maalifushi’s Fly Fishing experiences are available from January to April (weather and tide dependent). As part of COMO Hotels and Resorts’ sustainability ethos, strict catch and release rules are practiced for all fish caught on the flats.

Fly Fishing experiences at COMO Maalifushi start from US\$200 for a three-hour fishing expedition by kayak, and US\$500 for a three-hour fishing expedition by boat.



*Flat fishing in Thaa Atoll at COMO Maalifushi*

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*Cameron- the luxury yacht available for fishing expeditions at COMO Maalifushi*



*COMO Villa at COMO Maalifushi*

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## About COMO Maalifushi

COMO Maalifushi in the Maldives is the only resort in pristine Thaa Atoll — a 60-minute seaplane journey from the international airport in Malé — surrounded by Indian Ocean vistas. This makes it the ultimate away-from-it-all destination with white strands of beach, inland tropical greenery and a safe, cobalt lagoon flanked by a healthy house reef. The resort provides numerous opportunities to explore the region with instruction in sailing, diving and seasonal surfing, using a fleet of boats for fishing and a nearby white-sand island where guests can enjoy a private island picnic experience. But while activities are numerous, this is a luxurious resort designed with relaxation front of mind. Each room's décor is designed to bring the colours of sea, sand and sky into the heart of the residence, be it an overwater villa or a beach house set among garden palms. COMO Maalifushi has three restaurants: 'Thila', for easy-going food, such as wood-fired pizzas and salads; 'Madi', which serves a mix of local, regional and Mediterranean cuisine; and 'Tai', which ranks among the finest Japanese restaurants in the Maldives, featuring a sushi bar serving freshly caught seafood, and an enviable, overwater location. Guests can fully embrace the range of holistic Asian therapies available at the award-winning COMO Shambhala Retreat at COMO Maalifushi, which also offers yoga, a fully equipped gym and a range of holistic wellness therapies. The guest experience at COMO Maalifushi is defined from beginning to end by COMO's exacting, passionate service.

## About COMO Hotels and Resorts

Headquartered in Singapore, The COMO Group represents Christina Ong's unique vision of contemporary living. This encompasses the hospitality collection known as COMO Hotels and Resorts, the international luxury fashion retailer Club 21, the award-winning wellness concept COMO Shambhala and the philanthropic COMO Foundation.

COMO Hotels and Resorts offers personalised luxury travel experiences in its four categories, COMO in the Soul, COMO in the City, COMO on the Beach and COMO in the Wilds through individualised service, commitment to holistic wellness and award-winning cuisine. Each property is handpicked and individually curated, including COMO The Halkin in London, COMO The Treasury in Perth, Australia and three COMO Metropolitan properties in London, Bangkok and Miami Beach. COMO on the Beach encompasses COMO Parrot Cay in the Turks and Caicos, COMO Cocoa Island, and COMO Maalifushi in the Maldives, COMO Point Yamu in Phuket, Thailand, and three COMO Uma experience resorts in Bali and Bhutan.

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