



A Wave From Atoll Explorer

Welcome aboard

Welcome to our second issue of "A Wave from Atoll Explorer" - our way of keeping you up-to-date on the happenings in our corner of paradise until you are able to come back and enjoy some sunny days in the Maldives.

As you may be aware, we are busily making some improvements to Atoll mainly based off your feedback. This will be completed over three separate weeks and we have taken Atoll offline for the departures of 25th July and 12th December to complete more upgrade and maintenance works. We do look forward to telling you about some of the improvements however I hope you do not mind if we keep a couple of pleasant surprises up our sleeves.

If you have the time, please check out our [website](#). We will be continuing to update the site, pages and our factsheets and would welcome any suggestions from a guest's perspective.

For more regular updates from Atoll Explorer, please add yourself as a fan on our [Atoll Explorer Facebook](#) page. We encourage you to share your experiences and photos on our page and hope this will give you a platform to keep in touch with all of us on board as well as any friends you may have met on Atoll Explorer.

Happy Cruising,
Captain Fulhu & the Atoll Explorer Crew

EMBARKATION

CRUISE DEALS

August Sailing
We are very happy to offer an amazing last minute special on the departures below:

Cruise Itinerary 1	: 22nd August 2011
Cruise Itinerary 2	: 15th August 2011 & 29th August 2011

This will be a last minute 'Flash Sale' of **50% off** the nightly rate. Please [click here](#) for more details on this amazing deal.

We are very pleased to announce that we are not increasing prices in 2012. We do hope that you can help us maintain this strategy for our guests by completing a review on the TripAdvisor thread, [We Love Atoll Explorer!](#) or recommend us to your friends.

Please contact your preferred travel agent of Atoll Explorer for reservations and more details, or contact us directly via the following:

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MAKING WAVES

Atoll Explorer is steeped with history and memories that make up its heart and soul. While respecting what we cherish in Atoll Explorer, we have started to make some changes and improvements to ensure that your home on the seas is constantly getting better and better.

Our bar has undergone quite an amount of work and the new seating arrangements have made it vastly more spacious and with an added touch of class. With new banquette seating around the edges, new chairs, relocation of the book swap and television has made a pleasant impact. Over the coming weeks, we shall be receiving our new artwork, some very nice brass ornaments.



The restaurant has had an update in terms of the buffet and seating. The chairs are now vastly more comfortable and the overall design, we hope looks a tad more fitting.

In regards to the cabins, we are taking this step by step and have new quality linen and pillows, new artwork and new amenity containers, all on



the way. Other new touches we added are a compendium, beach bag, our very own beach slippers, Maldivian coconut soap and a few surprises that you will just have to wait and see on your next visit.

In terms of diving, we have reduced our prices and removed the Dhoni charges for normal dives. We will also offer more dives in the week for the more serious divers.

We have updated our [website](#) and started a [Facebook Fan Page](#). Much of our focus is on improving the word of mouth from our guests and to complete this we will be including some additional small touches to guest experiences and looking at ways that we can recognise our return guests.

We greatly appreciate everyone who has contributed to this TripAdvisor forum thread [We LOVE Atoll Explorer!](#)

If you have anything that you would like to share that will help us with this improvement process, please feel free to email us on any suggestions or ideas to sales@atollexplorer.com

We believe that Atoll Explorer should always be a relaxed, good value experience for exploring the best of Maldives with friends.



DIVER'S LOG

The diving in the coming months can be quite spectacular depending on which side of the Atoll we are on. On the western side, we will have regular encounters with schools of tuna, jacks and other pelagics generally in quite large schools.

Another factor is the currents tend to be a little slower and the water temperature is 2-3 degrees lower than in the North West monsoon. Hence, this will mean that we have water temperature around 24-26 degrees rather than our normal 28 degrees Celsius. This does have an effect on the marine life and increases the chances of seeing hammerheads and grey sharks which congregate in shallower waters.

If we are on the Eastern side of the Atoll, there is generally more plankton in the water and the visibility to be honest is a bit lower down to about 15 meters. On the flip side, there is certainly more chances of seeing manta rays and whale sharks which is simply a wonderful experience.

Blowing Bubbles, Saeed.



NOTES FROM THE GALLEY

We have been busy working behind the scenes to develop a new menu that we will be launching at the beginning of August. We know about the Atoll classics that we need to keep, however we hope to pleasantly surprise you the next time you are on board. A few items to tell you about is the increased variety for breakfast and due to many guest requests, a locally inspired curry will be served on the dinner buffet in addition to an upgrade on the desserts.

The new cocktail menu has been an absolute hit. Our homegrown mint leaves and new cocktail mixologist on board has made a positive impact on the additional selection and quality of cocktails.

We hope that the next time you are on board, you will enjoy our new range of long cooling Mojitos, a refreshing Bellini or sip away at our interesting pre-dinner Martinis.



Recipe : Atoll Explorer Mixed Berries & Mint Bellini

Use a highball glass with a thick base

ADD

- 2 teaspoons of mixed berries (or strawberries)
- 4 sprigs of mint

MUDDLE IN GLASS

ADD

- 10ml Frambois (or try Berry Liqueur or Cointreau)
- 1 scoop of ice
- SHAKE with a smile
- Strain into a Champagne flute
- Top with a Brut style sparkling wine



WHO'S ON THE MANIFEST?

Guest's names

Irene & Dave Oxley

Home

Maidstone, United Kingdom

How many times have you been on board?

Five (5) times

What keeps you coming back?

The main reason that we keep coming back is because of Captain (Fulhu) and the rest of the crew. Also, the cruise is a very relaxing way to enjoy the holiday.

What is the highlight of Atoll Explorer?

(Dave) I do love the Bodu Beru night as it brings the guests and boat crew together and have fun.

(Irene) I like the idea of visiting a lot of the islands while on board the Atoll Explorer.

if there is one thing you would like us to change, what would it be?

Nothing - although we've seen a lot of improvement on board, it is definitely good changes but we hope its not too much.

Do you have any advice for future guests?

Definitely use good sunscreen (lotion). Most importantly, have an enjoyable and relaxing holiday!



FROM THE BRIDGE

An interview with First Office, Ibramhim Assad

Home town

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How long have you been onboard Atoll Explorer?

I have worked and lived on board Atoll Explorer now for 8 years.

Most memorable time upon Atoll Explorer?

For me, everyday is memorable to me while on board Atoll Explorer. Every guest makes my work worthwhile.

Your favourite night of the week.?

The Barbeque Night - of all the nights on the Atoll Explorer, this night gives the crew a chance to enjoy themselves and be at the beach with the guests.

What do you like most about your job?

Navigating the boat and meeting guests. It does not matter if it's their first time on board or they are repeater guests. Seeing happy guests make me like working on board Atoll Explorer the most.



THE FISH BOWL

We have to apologise for the delay of the Fish Club launch. To be honest, we are waiting for our new underwater mural in the Restaurant to be done and also the completion of the restaurant refurbishment. We hope to launch the Fish Club at the beginning of August.

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