



A Wave From Atoll Explorer

Welcome aboard

Welcome to our first 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.

Atoll Explorer has a special place in the hearts of many. We intend to keep it as a special relaxed cruising vessel for years to come, whilst looking, at the same time, for ways we can improve your guest experience and the value for money.

While we love our heritage, we also are happy to embrace change and to move forward, ensuring that you, our valued guest, is able to experience Atoll Explorer magic every time you come for a cruise.

We value your feedback and your support, and look forward to showing you some of the things we have been up to the next time you come on board... but in the meantime, hopefully our "Wave" will get you excited for your next cruise!

If you have the time, please check out our new www.atollexplorer.com website. We have updated our look, our pages and our factsheets.

For more regular updates from Atoll Explorer, please "like" us on our new [Facebook fan 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 onboard.

Happy Cruising,
Captain Fulhu & the Atoll Explorer Crew

CRUISE DEALS

March Sailings **"BIG SAVINGS"**

All new bookings are offered a special price for these sailing dates
21st March - price from USD3115+++ for one week
28th March - price from USD2665+++ for one week
and enjoy a bonus 2nd week at only USD500+++ (diving not included)

Check with your preferred Atoll Explorer Travel Agent for more special deals for March.

Summer Sailings

We are offering a Pay 5, Stay 7 deal from 1st April - 31st October 2011.

For bookings and information, contact your preferred Travel Agent or book directly with us:
Tel: +960 333 2200 Email: reservations@universalsresorts.com



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 also look forward to making some changes and improvements to ensure that your home on the seas is constantly getting better and better. We will be using your feedback as the cornerstone of this improvement process.

Items that we are looking to improve are enhanced shade on the top deck, all-day fruit, providing daily afternoon tea and a number of other small touches that we will keep up our sleeve for a pleasant surprise when you return.

As you will notice, 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 adding some additional small touches to the guest experience and looking at ways that we can recognise our return guests.



From a product perspective we are looking to add afternoon tea, review our cocktails and food and beverage experience and look at ways to review guest entertainment. To complete this we are having some specialist chefs, cocktail mixologist and even a tailor to review our fabrics coming on board to help us with our guest experience. But on the most part, we are reviewing your guest feedback and looking at ways to make our future guest cruises even better.

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 the Maldives with friends.



Diver's Log

Ariadhoo Dive is on our Cruise Itinerary Week 2. This is a magnificent dive down to a maximum of 30 metres and with an average visibility of 25 metres. This reef is seriously teeming with life - in particular, lionfish, sweet lips, morays, blue-faced angelfish, glassfish, white tip reef sharks, schooling banner fish and much, much more. With so much marine life, sometimes you forget to look at the pristine reef with lovely hard corals and some colourful soft corals. We normally expect a gentle current which makes for a very relaxing drift dive.

The Euro Divers team onboard makes your diving experience unforgettable every time.



Notes From The Galley

Our favourite pastime on board – outside of enjoying the sun, sea and sand is eating and drinking (of course!!). We are currently reviewing our food & beverage offerings on board to ensure that you are able to enjoy the most satisfying meals while cruising the Maldives.

On the bar front, our mixologist is looking to introduce some new cocktails to our list of classics. Next time you are on board, we hope you imbibe from our range of long cooling Mojitos, enjoy a refreshing Champagne Bellini and sip away at our interesting pre-dinner Martinis.

Recipe : Atoll Explorer Passionfruit Mojito

Use a highball glass with a thick base

ADD

- 2 teaspoons of passionfruit pulp
- 2 sliced limes (pips removed)
- 6 sprigs of mint
- 2 teaspoons of brown sugar

MUDDLE IN GLASS

- Top with Crushed Ice (block ice is acceptable)

ADD

- 45ml Bacardi
- 15ml Passionfruit Syrup or Cointreau
- Top with Soda



Who's On The Manifest?

Guest's names

Mr Welch & Mrs Parkes

Home

United Kingdom

How many times have you been onboard?

Two and 4 times respectively.

What keeps you coming back?

We love the staff, the atmosphere and that staff will do anything you ask. Whether it is a chair on the beach on a remote deserted island or a mango rather than pudding, they are just great. One of the best reasons is that it is just very casual with no pretensions. Simple, homely, friendly staff and great food is just what we need.

What is the highlight of Atoll Explorer?

Again, as we said, we can be completely comfortable with no pretensions, airs or graces. We love the staff and the relaxed ambience.

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

We would love more shade on the top deck....however we do notice you completing the works right now....

Do you have any advice for future guests?

Do not wait until you come on your holiday on Atoll. There may be fancier boats, but no one has the relaxed ambience or caring staff compared to Atoll Explorer. This is certainly a cruise where it is comfortable, homely and where you can meet new friends whilst you explore the best of the Maldives.



From The Bridge

An interview with Captain Ibrahim Fulhu.

Home town

Male' Atoll

How long have you been onboard Atoll Explorer?

15 years + but with love

Most memorable time upon Atoll Explorer?

There have been so many amazing times...so this is hard to answer. I am thinking of one time where we were on Dhiggiri Island on New Year's Eve and the sky was filled with stars and our guests were having an amazing night. However, I am sure that I will think of many more amazing times after our conversation.

Your favourite night of the week.?

It would certainly be our BBQ night on the beach at Dhiggiri. Many five-star resorts charge thousands of dollars for this...however we have our friends and family, great food, our feet in the sand and a million stars for free. I am just amazed at the large number of guests who are simply thrilled by this experience. We are so lucky, as we see this every week.

What do you like most about your job?

I do really enjoy seeing our past guests again and welcoming them back on board. It is just like welcoming back family. They step on board our boat and it is simply home.



The Fish Bowl

As we love our return guests and welcome them as a member of the Atoll Explorer family, we are inaugurating the Fish Club. Our new recognition programme has been designed for guests who have been on board more than three times over the past years. If you have cruised with us several times in the past, on your next visit aboard, you will be inducted into this club.

Fish club members will receive additional benefits on each return to Atoll Explorer, as well as have a permanent remembrance on display in our "Fish Bowl".

Please contact your preferred travel agent of Atoll Explorer for reservations or for more details or contact us directly via our website reservations.

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