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MALDIVES EXPERIENCE**

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Love everything about it. Had the best time with the best people. Food and staff are epic. I miss everyone already. Can't wait to go back! One of my favorite and most memorable trips ever.

— Josie Prenergast







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I've been to the Maldives a few times now and stayed in resorts I think this is by far my favourite way to experience the Maldives, I got to surf plenty of different locations and snorkel in incredible places and explore some islands I haven't been on before, the Island hop crew were awesome and the food was 10 out of 10 every meal. I would love to do it again one day.

— Shaun Cansdell

## ISLAND HOP HOLIDAYS ~ EXPERIENCE MALDIVES

**INTRODUCING 'ISLAND HOP MALDIVES'; A COLLABORATION BETWEEN MYSELF (SHAUN LEVINGS) AND HANDHU CHARTERS. I PERSONALLY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN MALDIVES TOURISM SINCE THE MID 90'S, CATERING PRIMARILY TO SURFERS; HENCE I AM AWARE OF THE MYRIAD OF OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO POTENTIAL VISITORS.**

**Over the last 2 years, Handhu -90' Motor Cruiser, has been rejuvenated and now we've re-invented the typical Maldives Surf Charter concept.**

If you've been thinking of a trip to the Maldives with your family and/or friends and are weighing up between a resort or boat trip then consider our **'Bespoke Group Charters'**, for a unique experience that will tick all the boxes for your perfect escape from your everyday life. We cater to special groups (families, friends, business owners etc.), max. 10-12 guests.

Unlike a resort package where you are relatively isolated to one island (the resort); our trips will give you the opportunity to **Surf, Snorkel, Fish & Island Hop the Maldives archipelago.**

Imagine a week of dinner parties with high quality cuisine & beverages; Surfing the world-famous Maldivian waves, Snorkelling the magnificent reefs, paddling pristine lagoons, Fishing, to satisfy the keenest anglers and the opportunity to visit traditional village islands & meet the locals.

I would love the opportunity to talk with you, to plan your Private Group Charter onboard Handhu and our expert & attentive crew look forward to catering to your group requirements.

Experience counts & **with 25 years' experience in Maldives tourism**, I am confident our Island Hop packages are un-rivalled in terms of quality, personalised service and moderate pricing.

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## TEAM ISLAND HOP

WE ARE THE MOST EXPERIENCED SURF CHARTER TEAM OPERATING IN THE MALDIVES TODAY. OUR COMBINED SKILL-SETS ENSURE THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF COMFORT, QUALITY, SAFETY AND HOSPITALITY WILL BE DELIVERED.



**SHAUN LEVINGS**  
CURATOR OF MALDIVES EXPERIENCES

Travel Industry veteran since 1985. Innovator in Surf & Adventure tourism since 1993 & one of the **pioneers of Maldives Surf Tourism.**



**GENERAL ZUHAIR**  
GENERAL MANAGER

**Retired Army General & head of Coast Guard and head of operations for Radiant Heat Travels,** owners of Handhu. Zuhair will ensure Handhu is running like clockwork and a well-oiled machine.



**JAI LEVINGS**  
OPERATIONS MANAGER

Son of Shaun and global surf & adventure traveller. Working on Super Yachts worldwide since 2016. **Jai will be based in the Maldives** and work closely with Zuhair and the crew to ensure guests are handled with care.



**CHEF GOPAL**

**Renowned in Maldives for innovative cuisine & his ability to source rare produce.** Gopal is Indian and his curries are incredible along with his famous 'Mashuni' (local specialty) and lets not forget his 'Sashimi' skills.



Hands down one of the best trips I've done! From the staff and crew to the waves and food. Met some amazing new friends and can't wait to hop back on the Handhu next year. Thanks for the good times Island Hop!

— Chris Grundy



**HANDHU CAPTAIN & CREW**

**Captain Nizar -24 yrs. experience operating Maldives charters, plus 4 crew with combined 16 years Maldives charter experience (waiter/bar man, room boy, deckhand/dingy boy, deckhand/engine watch).** All crew involved in guest relations.



**LOCAL TOUR/SURF GUIDE**

We have a team of quality freelance guides (surf guides, snorkelling guide etc.) available for your custom needs and depending on region of choice.

**We can offer photography packages at very reasonable additional prices**



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Our week on the Handhu was memorable. Amazing service, delicious 3 meals a day, super friendly and smiling crew, surf guiding on point. I can't wait to come back !!!

— Laure Myr



## ABOUT HANDHU

Launched in February 2004

Length 90 ft, Width 25ft, 3 Decks

Cruising speed 10 knots

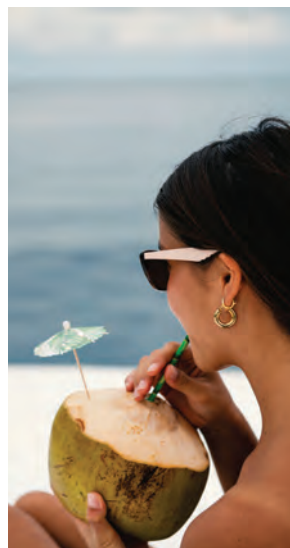
During 2018-19, Handhu underwent a major rejuvenation with full engine overhaul, 2 new generators & hull repairs/cleaning during 2 dry dockings. Fully repainted: Exterior & Interior with Hamptons style colour scheme. She looks and runs like a new boat.

Your safety & comfort is paramount to us.

- Lower Deck:** 7 guest cabins with lower double bed & upper single bed, Air conditioned & ensuite bathroom. **Note:** Only 5 cabins used for private charters unless prior arrangement. 2 cabins used for tour guide & boat manager.

- Main/Mid Deck:** Large Saloon/lounge/ Dining area with bar\*, Galley, Aft\* deck for fishing, Speedboat launch, outdoor shower and crew area. Forward deck features a fully shaded, 12-seater outdoor dining and substantial lounge plus surfboard storage (shaded)
- Upper Sundeck:** Massive open area with perimeter bench seating, sun-lounges, partial shade. Ideal for sunset drinks, functions, yoga etc.
- The Aft deck** is set up for fishing. Trolling for big game whilst travelling or casual bottom bashing at night with spotlights. Our favourite nocturnal activity and our crew love to assist.
- Onboard equipment:** 4.5 metre speedboat with 50hp outboard, Basic snorkeling and fishing gear, 1 x SUP etc.
- Brand new** high quality bed linen for 2020 season





## CATERING

**HIGH QUALITY FOOD PREPARED BY HANDHU'S, CHEF GOPAL WITH 11 YEARS' EXPERIENCE ONBOARD HANDHU. EVERY MEAL IS A DINNER PARTY.**

There is no set menu and every day is innovative. We cater for special dietary requirements and Gopal's vegetarian dishes are renowned.

### Example menu

#### BREAKFAST

Eggs cooked any way you like, sausages, pancakes, Fruit, Home-made baked beans, Mashuni (tuna & Coconuts mix) with Rote' bread. Washed down with good coffee/tea.

#### LUNCH

Fish or another protein curry, salads, vegetables, rice, fruit etc.

#### DINNER

Roasted Marinated chicken, Curry of the day, Rice, Salads, Vegetable, Fruit

**THE BAR** is always well-stocked with a variety of quality international beer, wine & spirits. **We can custom order for your group in advance of your trip.**

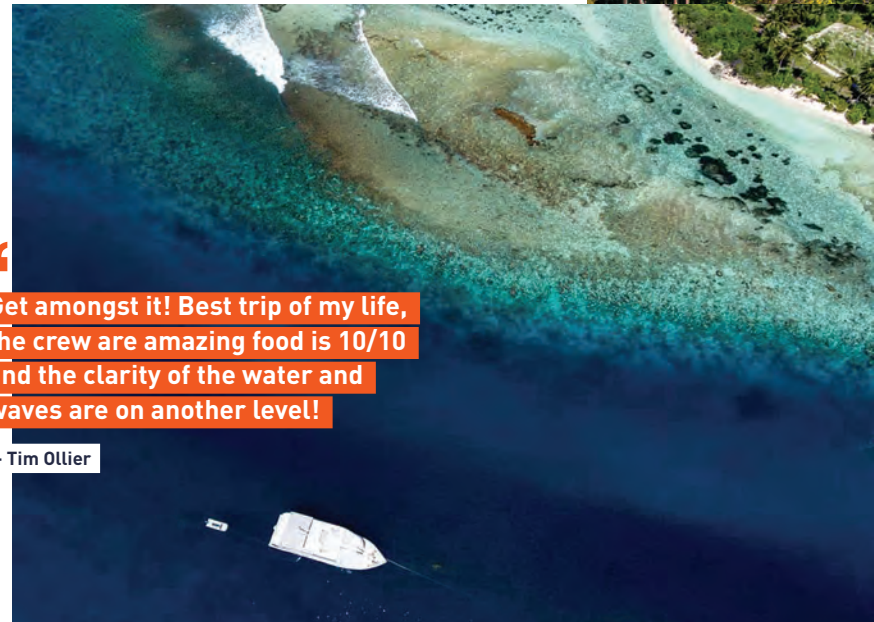
Espresso coffee machine and provisions for other hot drinks. Unlimited drinking water available from our onboard water maker providing quality filtered water 24/7.



**Thanks for an awesome time. Food and the crew were amazing and the waves were awesome. Thanks guys 🙏❤️**

— Oscar Langburne





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**Get amongst it! Best trip of my life, the crew are amazing food is 10/10 and the clarity of the water and waves are on another level!**

— Tim Ollier

## THE MALDIVES

**WELCOME TO THE MALDIVES, WHERE SANDS ARE WHITE AS THE SMILES OF THE LOCALS, WHERE FISH SWIM HAPPILY IN THE WARM WATERS OF THE INDIAN OCEAN, WHERE THE WEATHER IS A DREAM, AND THE DEEP RAYS OF THE SUN WAIT TO ENGULF YOU IN THEIR ARMS.**

**Maldives, the sunny side of life is blessed with magical and breathtaking displays of sunshine for the better part of a year. Similar to tropical countries, the Maldives enjoys a dry and wet season. Conveniently, the hot and humid weather is complemented with cooling sea breezes and periodic rain.**

Republic of the Maldives is a sovereign archipelagic nation positioned in the Indian Ocean. **Notably the South Asian Island nation has no counterpart in the entire world in terms of its unique geography and topography.**

**The Maldives comprises of 26 natural atolls** consisting of dual island chains. Incidentally the Maldivian language has the distinct pleasure of contributing to the English word “atoll”, which was derived from the Maldivian word “atholhu”.

There are channels of various sizes between the atolls used for navigation. For efficient administrative functioning, the 26 natural atolls are categorised into 20 administrative divisions. Particularly the island nation is located in a strategic area with access to major international sea routes in the Indian Ocean.

The Maldives, located on top of a vast underwater mountain range have around **1190 islands and sandbanks**. The pearl string like islands covers a land area of no less than 298 km<sup>2</sup>. **All the islands are encircled by a lagoon blessed with crystal clear water.** These islands are protected by a reef structure, housing one of the most exclusive and spectacular underwater life and above-water, world class surf breaks.

**Maldivians are esteemed around the World for their hospitality and affability towards their guests.** Currently the population of the Maldives is 341,256. Additionally close to 60000 registered foreigners reside in the country. Maldivians share a similar cultural heritage, history, ancestry, homeland, language and religion. These common factors are the reason for the unity and harmony prevailing in the alluring islands.

Maldivian ancestral roots can be traced back to Sinhala’s of Sri Lanka, Marathi’s and Gujarati’s of India, Arabs, Malays and Northern African dispositions. Accordingly, Maldivians emerged from a mixed race, which has enriched the culture and history of the country.

**Traditionally whenever guests visit a local island, the islanders will welcome them by serving a fresh coconut drink. This tradition has continued to this day.**





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# CONTACT US NOW TO PLAN YOUR PRIVATE CHARTER ONBOARD HANDHU



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