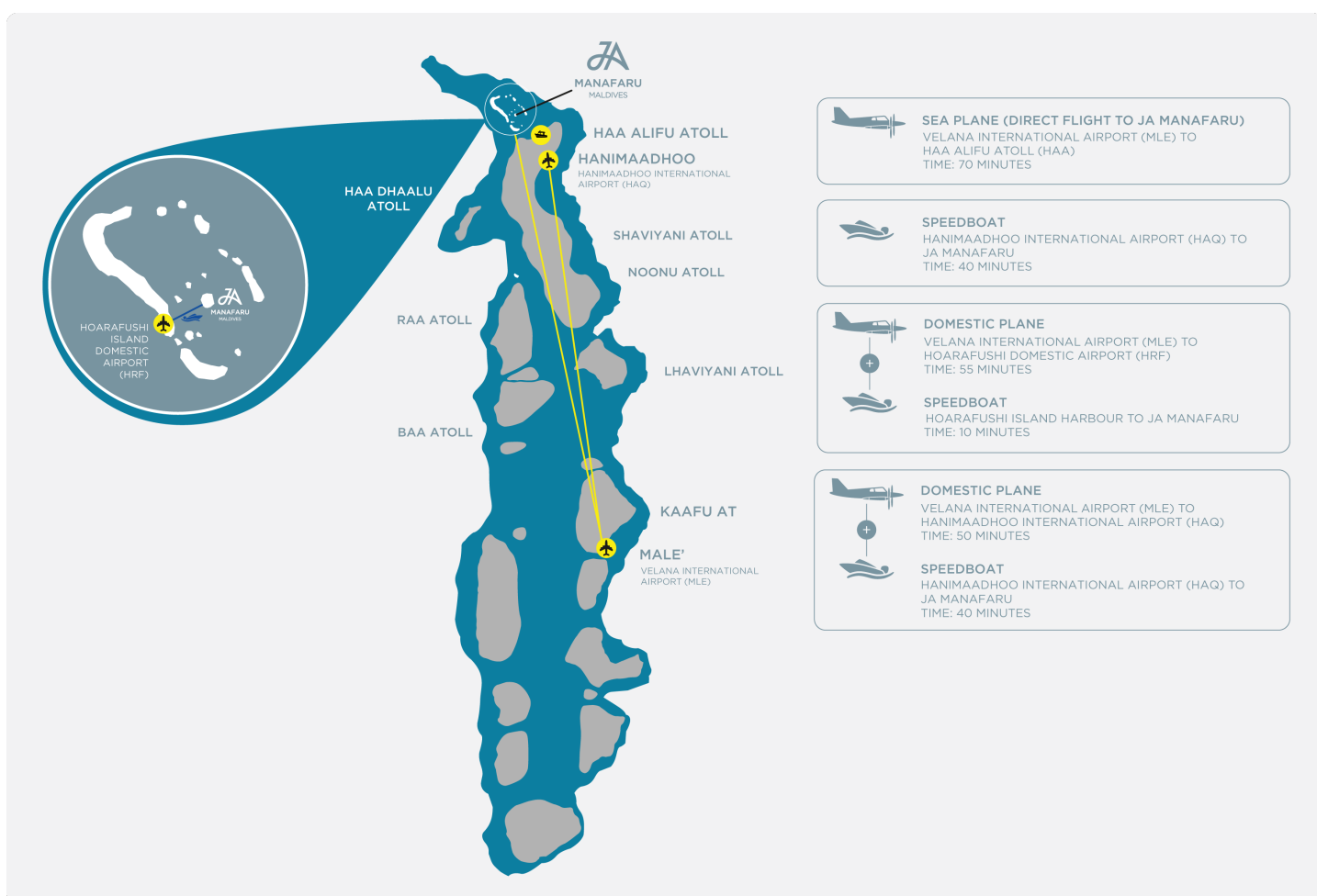


Transfers *Fact Sheet*

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For guests traveling to JA Manafaru, the journey begins at Velana International Airport with multiple convenient transfer options. The first is an adventurous seaplane ride, offering stunning aerial views of the Maldives' turquoise waters and coral islands before landing directly at the resort's jetty. Alternatively, travellers can opt for a domestic flight from Velana International Airport to either Hoarafushi or Hanimaadhoo, followed by a short speedboat transfer to the island.

For those arriving on international flights at Hanimaadhoo, the resort is just a 40-minute direct speedboat ride away, ensuring a swift and scenic arrival. No matter the route, each option promises a seamless and scenic start to your stay at JA Manafaru



Arrivals to *JA Manafaru*

SEAPLANE TRANSFER

Seaplane Transfer (01st Feb 2025 to 09th May 2025 & 15th Oct 2025 to 30th Apr 2026)

Destination	Duration	Approx Departure Timings	Frequency
JA Manafaru	70 min – 90 min	10:30 - 12:30	Daily
JA Manafaru	70 min – 90 min	13:30 - 16:00	Daily

Seaplane Transfer (10th May 2025 to 14th Oct 2025)

Destination	Duration	Approx Departure Timings	Frequency
JA Manafaru	70 min – 90 min	11:30 - 14:00	Daily
JA Manafaru	70 min – 90 min	13:30 - 16:00	Mon & Sun

**A limited number of flights are shared with Hideaway Island Resort within the same Atoll.

DOMESTIC TRANSFER

Domestic Transfer (10th May to 25th Oct 2025)

Destination from Male	Flight Duration	Speedboat to the Domestic Airport	Approx Departure Timings	Frequency
Kulhudhuffushi (HDK)	55 min	45 min	08:55 – 09:55	Daily
Hanimadhoo (HAQ)*	60 min	45 min	11:40 – 12:40	Daily
Hoarafushi (HRF)	55 min	10 min	14:15 – 15:15	Tue /Thur/Sat
Hanimadhoo (HAQ)*	60 min	45 min	15:20 – 16:20	Daily
Kulhudhuffushi (HDK)	55 min	45 min	19:05 – 20:00	Daily
Hanimadhoo (HAQ)	60 min	45 min	19:15 – 20:15	Sun/Thur

*Stopover at another domestic Airport

**The domestic transfer timings may change or be canceled according to the Maldivian Airline schedule. Kindly contact the resort for more information.

OTHER OPTIONS

Private Seaplane Charter is available, please contact our Reservations Team for more details.

Departures From *JA Manafaru*

SEAPLANE TRANSFER

Seaplane Transfer (01st Feb 2025 to 09th May 2025 & 15th Oct 2025 to 30th Apr 2026)

Destination	Duration	Approx Departure Timings	Frequency
Male Airport	70 min – 90 min	06:00 – 06:30	Daily
Male Airport	70 min – 90 min	13:00 – 15:00	Daily

Seaplane Transfer (10th May 2025 to 14th Oct 2025)

Destination	Duration	Approx Departure Timings	Frequency
Male Airport	70 min – 90 min	06:00 – 06:30	Daily
Male Airport	70 min – 90 min	13:00 – 15:00	Mon & Sun

**A limited number of flights are shared with Hideaway Island Resort within the same Atoll.

DOMESTIC TRANSFER

Domestic Transfer (10th May to 25th Oct 2025)

Destination to Male	Flight Duration	Speedboat to the Domestic Airport	Approx Departure Timings	Frequency
Hanimadhoo (HAQ)	60 min	45 min	05:00 – 06:00	Mon/Tue/Fri/Sat
Hanimadhoo (HAQ)*	60 min	45 min	05:10 – 06:10	Sun/Wed/Thur
Kulhudhuffushi (HDK)	55 min	45 min	10:30 – 11:30	Daily
Hanimadhoo (HAQ)*	60 min	45 min	13:10 – 14:10	Daily
Hoarafushi (HRF)*	55 min	10 min	15:40 – 16:40	Tue /Thur/Sat
Hanimadhoo (HAQ)	60 min	45 min	17:00 – 18:00	Daily
Kulhudhuffushi (HDK)	55 min	45 min	20:40 – 21:40	Daily

*Stopover at another domestic Airport

**Guests must leave the resort 2 hours before their domestic flight departure to board on time.

**The domestic transfer timings may change or be canceled according to the Maldivian Airline schedule. Kindly contact the resort for more information.

OTHER OPTIONS

Private Seaplane Charter is available, please contact our Reservations Team for more details.

Airfares

Our airline partners offer the following fares each way from 1st March 2024 to 11th January 2026

Per Person	Seaplane	Hoarafushi	Hanimaadhoo
Adults	300+	200+	200+
Children 2-11.99	274+	135+	135+

- The above fares are per person, per way, include a check-in luggage allowance of 20kg and hand luggage allowance of 5kg, airport lounge access for arrival and departures, vehicle transfers from international airport to the seaplane terminal and boat transfers where required.
- An additional check-in luggage allowance of 7kg is permitted for an extra charge.
- The speedboat transfer to the resort is also included in case of Domestic flights, based on a minimum of 2 guests.
- Prices are in USD and subject to 16% government taxes. Effective July 1, 2025, T-GST rises by 17%.
- Infants under the age of 2 years fly complimentary.
- Seaplane transfers include vehicle travel from Velana International Airport at Male' to the seaplane terminal and lounge access for arrival and departure.

* Prices are subject to change.

Frequently Asked Questions

When do I notify the resort of my flight booking?

We request you do this at the time of booking. This allows the team to organise flights in advance to make for an improved arrival and departure experience.

How will I know if I will be on a seaplane or a domestic flight?

This will depend on your international flight timing and seaplane seat availability. There could be an instance where the domestic flight option will offer a better connection which will reduce waiting time to get you to the resort earlier or closer to your international departure time on return. Flights may be consolidated to provide a single option.

Are seaplanes direct?

The resort books charters with TMA and in most cases, is a direct flight to JA Manafaru. If there is limited bookings, there are times where we will work with Hideaway Island Resort which is within the same Atoll to still be able to operate the Seaplane. This is a 20-minute speedboat trip to Hideaway Island Resort.

How many people can fit on a seaplane?

Due to the distance from Male', seaplanes can accommodate up to 12 passengers and luggage depending on total weights. Please confirm your international flight as soon as possible so we can secure your transfer.

Do I have to book my own domestic transfers?

JA Manafaru will take care of all your bookings as there is no way to book these flights yourself.

Are domestic transfers faster than seaplanes?

This depends on your international flight timing and the scheduled transfer time. However, seaplanes are generally door to door.

Do seaplanes and domestic airlines operators on time?

There are many reasons for the departure delay which may occur such as busy airport congestion, fuelling, air traffic and international airline schedule. JA Manafaru cannot be held responsible for any delay caused by local carrier.

Is there a public transport option?

No. There are no public transportation options between JA Manafaru and other destinations due to the vast distances between islands and atolls in the archipelago.

Can I make my own transfer arrangements?

Yes, you can make your own transfer arrangements with a third-party vendor. However, we strongly advise against this as we cannot guarantee the reliability of such services. These third-party arrangements will not include additional vehicle or boat transfers or lounge access. External boat transfers are subject to landing fees.

How will the airport team find me?

Our Airport Team will be waiting in the international arrival hall, bearing a sign saying 'JA Manafaru'. Your name will not be on the board, but our team will have your name on a discreet guestlist. If you cannot find our team, please go to counter number E-17 for assistance.

What happens if I can't see your airport representative?

In the event of you not being able to locate our airport representative, please contact our team on +960 766 0195 or +960 766 0204

Is travel insurance mandatory for the Maldives?

No. However, international travel can be unpredictable, so travel insurance is highly recommended.

What happens if there's a delay to the flight schedule?

In rare instances, due to circumstances beyond the control of the operator and/or JA Manafaru (such as unfavourable weather conditions), the flight may depart later than scheduled, resulting in missed international flight. Neither the operator nor JA Manafaru will assume liability for any resulting expenses. We recommend guests reclaim any expenses through their travel insurance.

What happens if my International flight is delayed?

Our team will follow your flight arrival and departure time and we will endeavour to find the next available domestic flight time for you with the airline.

What should I do if my international flight lands after the last flight is scheduled?

Our reservations team can advise you of suitable accommodation options nearby to Velana International Airport. You would be booked on the first available flight the following day.



Private Transfer *Journey*

Travel in style with a charter flight. Our Reservations Team can assist booking private aircraft with airline partners as well as arrange speedboat transfers to JA Manafaru.

A private seaplane flight for up to 12 guests takes approximately 70-minutes and prices start from USD \$6,000+ per way.

Larger aircraft are available for private transfers to Hoarafushi or Hanimaadhoo airports, which are a 10-minute and 45-minute speedboat journey, respectively.

Please contact the Reservations Team at reservations.manafaru@jaresorts.com who will advise on the best option and secure a charter flight booking with at least 14-days' notice.

NOTE: Flights are operated by commercial airlines and are subject to availability and scheduling.

Private jet arrivals may land at Maafaru International Airport in Noonu Atoll. The Reservations Team can assist in booking an onward seaplane charter from Maafaru directly to JA Manafaru – journey time approximately 40-minutes.

Ease Your Journey | Cip Service

For a smooth landing and take-off our Reservations Team can assist you to book your VIP arrival and departure service with CIP. You will be greeted at the stairs of the plane and taken to the CIP lounge via private vehicle. Customs and Immigration formalities are taken care of while you enjoy refreshments. The lounge staff will collect your luggage and the JA Manafaru Airport Team will assist you in checking in for your onward journey.

This costs USD \$250+ per way for lounge access for up to three hours and can only be booked once our Airport Team are in receipt of your passport. This service is subject to availability.

Terms and Conditions

As these are commercial airlines, please note the following guidelines:

- Check-in counters open 90-minutes prior and close 30-minutes before the scheduled departure time.
- The airlines reserves the right to change the aircraft, timing or route
- Please note the above departure & arrival times are subject to change depending on international flights and Trans Maldivian Airlines (TMA) and Maldivian Airlines operations.
- Seaplanes can only fly during daylight hours and weather can affect timing and transfers.
- We have scheduled two daily seaplane transfer for high season and one daily seaplane transfer for low season. The seaplane seats are subject to availability and will be allocated on first come, first serve basis.
- Domestic airports require you to check in 60 minutes prior to departure.
- For a seamless connection to your onward route to & from the resort, it is important to provide the resort's Reservations Team with the international arrival and departure flight details, as well as full passport details (including name in passport, passport number, date of birth, nationality, and gender) for all travellers at the time of confirmation. This will enable us to make necessary arrangements and ensure a smooth travel experience for you and your fellow travellers.
- Seaplane seat confirmation will be advised at the time of booking and is subject to availability.
- Due to operational requirements or overweight loads, there may be instances where alternative transfers or luggage transfers maybe required.
- Fares include the luggage allowance mentioned and any excess luggage will be charged at \$3 per kilogram
- Prices and schedules are subject to change by the airlines
- Hand luggage must not exceed 20" x 12" x 7"
- Full Terms and Conditions of carriage are available on the airline's website
- Prices are in USD and subject to 16% Government taxes. Effective July 1, 2025, T-GST rises by 17%.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

JA Manafaru reserves the right to enter into new agreements with other airline partners, therefore current agreements with partners mentioned on this factsheet may be changed or terminated without prior notice.

Bookings and Inquiries

The Reservations Team will assist with booking internal flight transfers. To help secure the best possible option, please send your international flight and passport details to reservations.manafaru@jaresorts.com at least 14-days prior to your arrival. If the details are received within 14-days, the team will aim to secure the best available alternative service.

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