



Surfing FAQ

Q: What is the best time of the year to surf at Niyama?

A: Vodi, Niyama's house wave, can be surfed year round. The peak surf season is from March to October. Winds are stronger during the middle of the peak season, and there is more consistent and larger surf. From November to February there can still be fun waves, however swell is less consistent. This can be a good thing if you are a beginner to intermediate surfer.

Q: Is there a wave I can surf that breaks at Niyama?

A: Yes, there is a world class left hander that breaks off the southern tip of the resort island and is only a short walk or bike ride away from your villa and a short paddle out.

Q: Are there other waves I can get to?

A: Yes! There are a few good options near Niyama which our surf guides will advise when and where to go, and you can access by our surf transfer service.

Q: If I'm feeling really adventurous and would like to discover waves further away from Niyama would it be possible to do so using a seaplane or speed boat?

A: Absolutely, this is a great option if you would like to discover surf spots at other atolls.

This service is subject to availability but can be organized. If know you are interested in doing this, please get in touch before your stay.

Q: Are their waves at Niyama suited for all skill levels?

A: For beginners we offer surf coaching in the lagoon or 'the Channel' which is a fun learners wave. Please note that 'the Channel' breaks over reef, and can only be accessed with a boat during lessons as it is far from the shore. During the off-season (November-February), the waves at Vodi are more accessible for intermediates and those looking to improve their surfing.

Vodi, Kasabu, and the other waves we access are fun yet challenging, high quality reef breaks suitable for intermediate and advanced surfers.



Q: What coaching courses are available for beginners?

A: Beginner Lagoon Lesson: For guests that have never surfed before. Guests will learn the basics of surfing including correct body position on the board, how to stand up, and other essential skills in a safe, calm environment. These sessions run for an hour.

Beginner Coaching Course: The coaching course is either for guests who have completed the beginner lagoon lesson, or who have previously attended a beginner lesson. These lessons are conducted at our beginner surf spot where the guests will practice riding waves with an instructor. These sessions run for 2 hours.

Q: Can I request a private coach to be with me during the lessons or a surf transfer in order to give me more specific feedback to help me improve quicker?

A: Yes, one on one sessions can be done with one of our professional surf instructors to help you improve your surfing!

Q: Do you have a surf photographer?

A: Yes, we have a surf photographer on the island from March-October that can take photos of you surfing during your stay at Niyama. The photographer can be requested for single or multiple sessions. Packages are also available.

Q: If I need to purchase replacement surf gear i.e. fins, leashes etc. Is there somewhere on the island I can do so?

A: Yes, we have a full surf specific retail section offering fins, wax, zinc, traction pads, leashes and all the other surf essentials.

Q: How can I stay in touch with what's happening at Niyama regarding surf?

A: We are glad you asked! You can follow @niyamasurf on Instagram, and you can watch our Vodi surf camera on Surfline (<https://www.surfline.com/surf-report/vodi-maldives/5c7459b1229e690001df4450>) and Magic Sea Weed (<https://magicseaweed.com/Vodi-Surf-Report/4623/>). This camera is also available in your room during your stay!