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Welcome to Maldives

Assalaam Alaikum!

The time-honored Maldivian greeting, be it to a visitor or friend; it denotes the Islamic culture of the people and comes with a fervent wish for peace. For centuries our shores have been a haven of peace and tranquility for travelers.

Hospitality has been an inherent part of Maldivian culture and a part of island life. It has always been a land where visitors are welcomed with open arms, where people are ready to share.

Today we share our immense wealth of natural beauty and cultural diversity with the rest of the world.

Welcome to Maldives!









Maldives

The Sunny Side of Life

Specks of emerald green enveloped by dazzling turquoise waters like scattered beads in the ocean; white powdery beaches, tall palms lean on towards the sea, crystalline white sands giving way to crystal clear waters, shades of turquoise blend flawlessly with deeper hues of blue; pristine coral reefs and some of the most incredible underwater life on our planet.

Rising from the deep blue of the vast expanse of the Indian Ocean are more than a thousand islands and thousands more reefs that form the Maldives.



Maldives at a glance

Time	+ 5 hrs GMT		
Capital	Male'		
No. of Islands	1,190		
Inhabited Islands	200		
Resorts	91		
Population (2006)	298,968		
Major Industries	Tourism & Fisheries		
Currency	Rufiyaa		
Electricity	240 AC		
Working Hours:	Government:	7.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.	
		Sun to Thu	
	Private Sector: 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.		
		(Varies) Sat to Thu	
	Banks:	8.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.	
		Sun to Thu	



The Maldives consists of 1190 islands grouped into 26 natural atolls scattered over an area of 90,000 sq. km straddling the equator between latitudes 7°6" north and 0°42" south and longitudes 72°32" and 73°46" east.









Geography

The atolls of the Maldives are formed from coral structures. The atolls are part of a greater structure known as the Laccadives-Chagos Ridge, which stretches over 2000 kilometers. The islands are low lying with the highest point at approximately eight feet above sea level. Ring-shaped reef structures form the atolls and these reefs provide the natural defense against wind and wave action on these delicate islands.









History

The early history of the Maldives is enshrined in myth and legend. Archeological records indicate that the first visitors to the Maldives stepped ashore over 5000 years ago. According to folklore the Maldives was first colonized by an Indo-Aryan race between the fourth and fifth centuries B.C.







1st Century AD	Roman manual of navigation Periplus Mari	
	Erithraei mentions islands assumed to be Maldives	
2nd Century AD	Ptolemy refers to Maldives in his geography.	
362 AD	Roman historian records visit of delegation	
	to Rome bearing gifts to Emperor Julian.	
662 AD	Historical Chinese document records the	
	King of Maldives sent gifts to Chinese	
	Emperor Kao-Tsung of Tang Dynasty.	
1153	Maldives convert to Islam	
1558	Portuguese invade Maldives	
1573	Mohamed Thakurufaanu liberates Maldives from the Portuguese	
1752	The Malabars invade and rule for 3 months	
1887	Protectorate agreement with Great Britain	
1932	First constitution enacted	
1953	The first Republic	
1954	Failure of the first Republic	
1965	Independence from the British	
1968	End of the monarchy, beginning of the second Republic	
1972	Development of the first island resort	
1972	Arrival of first tourists to island resorts	









Weather and Climate

The Maldives has a tropical climate with warm temperatures year round and a great deal of sunshine. The warm tropical climate results in relatively minor variations in daily temperature throughout the year. The weather is determined largely by the monsoons; the Southwest monsoon from May to November and the Northeast monsoon from December to April.

The hottest month on average is April and the coolest, December. February is the driest with December to April being relatively dry. The Maldives is in the equatorial belt and therefore severe storms are rare.

Weather Stats 2007

Annual Rainfall: 2053 mm

Average Daily Sunshine: 7.6 hrs

Maximum Temperature :30.9 °C

Minimum Temperature: 25.2°C

Humidity %: 79 %

To get more information on weather http://www.meteorology.gov.mv

Diving

Maldives is home to some of the most diverse marine fauna and flora in the world. Tens of thousands of reefs, a thousand recorded species of fish, over two hundred species of coral and hundreds more species of other marine life; no wonder many see this as one of the greatest dive destinations on earth.

Dive Sites

There are thousands of dive sites; so numerous that you can literally swim over from one to the other. Only a small percentage of the Maldives reefs have ever been dived. Each dive site has its unique characteristics in form, fauna and flora, the currents and other elements that shape and mould them. Resorts concentrate on dive sites within a one or two-hour radius, while cruise boats cover more ocean and therefore a greater variety of sites.

Dive Facilities

The dive centre is one of the most important facilities in any resort. Each resort has a dive centre and are staffed by qualified dive instructors. Divers may, if they wish, bring along their own dive gear, however the centre carry a wide range of rental equipment. At resorts diving is conducted daily all year round. Even in Malé there are some dive centres, mainly serving the residents of Malé. There are two decompression chambers in the Maldives located in Kaafu Atoll and Ari Atoll.













Water Sports

All resorts without exception have water sports centres that provide a range of water sports and fun activities. The most popular among these are snorkeling, windsurfing and catamaran sailing. The water sports centres are equipped with boards and sails of different sizes and some offer courses for beginners and advanced windsurfers and sailors.

Among other popular water sports activities are parasailing, kayaking, kite-surfing, water-skiing and jet skiing. Some resorts even offer you the opportunity to try out your sailing skills on a local dhoni.

Surfing

Today surfing is the fastest growing water sport in the country, with several surf breaks that are documented and well-known by surf enthusiasts. The most important surf event is the annual international surf event which has placed Maldives firmly on the world's surf map.

Surfing Season

The best season to surf in the Maldives is the Southwest Monsoon from April to October. Surfers are most likely to enjoy the biggest swells from June to September. The surf generally ranges in size from 3-8 feet.

Surfing Breaks

The best known surf breaks are in the North and South Male' Atoll and most surfers stay in resorts close to these breaks. However cruise operators offer specialized surfing cruises, that give you the opportunity to test some of the less known surf breaks in the atolls further away from Male' Atoll.





Excursions

Almost all resorts offer an excursion program. Some of these programs are scheduled while others are tailor-made to suit individual needs. The scheduled programs often include island-hopping and night-fishing; unique terms for a unique destination.



An 'island-hopping' excursion would take you to another resort, an uninhabited island and an inhabited island all in a day-tour designed to give you a taste of the country. You would also get the opportunity to snorkel in the clear waters of a desert island and experience a barbecue on the beach. Some resorts take this a step further by conducting the excursion by sea plane.

Night Fishing

Night fishing is a special Maldivian form of evening entertainment in which you could enjoy the peace and stillness of the night under starry skies while you fish for snapper or grouper, and end the evening with a barbecue prepared with your very own catch

Photo Flights

Resorts also offer you the opportunity to savor the beauty of the Maldives from the air. While some resorts offer organized photo flights by seaplane, you have the option of arranging your own aerial expedition as well.

Male' Excursion

Male' Excursions are organized regularly by resorts in Male' Atoll, however some resorts in other atolls also offer you the opportunity to visit the capital during your stay. Male' is the political and commercial hub of the country. (see section on Male')











Spas

The Maldives' spas are in a world of their own. It is the perfect blend of luxurious therapies, health and beauty experiences and sensory stimulation complemented by the tranquil surrounding and blissful tropical beauty.

Spas offer a large number of therapies and facilities ranging from aromatherapy, massage to jacuzzis and saunas. Many of the treatments combine traditional Asian therapies with classic European spa techniques.



While some resorts own and operate their own spas, many of the resort spas are operated by spa chains.

Sports & Recreation Sports in Resorts

Resorts offer a variety of sports for the enjoyment of their guests; among which beach volleyball is the most obvious. However many resorts have tennis courts of exceptional quality and fully equipped gymnasiums complete with instructors. Badminton and squash courts are quite common in the resorts as well. Billiards, pool and a variety of board games are offered on most resorts.

Resort Entertainment

Entertainment in the evenings differs widely from resort to resort. Some resorts provide a more club-like atmosphere. They may have a weekly program of animation with professional entertainers. Almost all resorts offer disco and live music either with their in-house DJs and bands or visiting bands from Male. Some resorts include traditional dance and music in their entertainment programs.



Culture



Located at the crossways of the Indian Ocean shipping lanes on the main seaway around the Indian subcontinent, the Maldives has long been a meeting point for African, Arab, Malay and Indonesian mariners. Throughout the centuries these influences have shaped the Maldivian way of life. This can be seen from the many facets of Maldivian lifestyle such as dining, music, art and craft.

Music

Bodu Beru is the most popular form of music and dance in the country, believed to have been introduced in the early 19th century by African slaves. Historians believe that Thaara, which also holds a special place in local entertainment, have been introduced from the Middle East in the seventeenth century. Other forms of dance such as Bandiya Jehun have a strong South Asian flavor. Today western pop and Indian music is popular with the young and old.



Art & Craft

The Maldivians are skilled craftsmen. This can be seen in several of Maldivian arts and craft; the deft coral stone carvings at Hukuru Miskiiy, the intricate lacquer art, the fine mats woven by the women of Fioari in the south and the work of skilled calligraphers whose works old and new that can be viewed in mosques around the country.



National Holidays and Festivals 2009

1-Jan	Thursday	New Year Holiday
26-Feb	Thursday	National Day
9-Mar	Monday	Prophet Muhammad's Birthday
29-Mar	Sunday	The Day Maldives Embraced Islam
26-Jul	Sunday	Independence Day
27-Jul	Monday	On the Occasion of Independence Day
22-Aug	Saturday	Beginning of Ramadan
20-Sep	Sunday	Fit'r Eid Day
21-Sep	Monday	On the Occasion of Fit'r Eid Day
22-Sep	Tuesday	On the Occasion of Fit'r Eid Day
3-Nov	Tuesday	Victory Day
11-Nov	Wednesday	Republic Day
26-Nov	Thursday	Haj Day
27-Nov	Friday	Al'h'aa Eid Day
28-Nov	Saturday	On the Occasion of Al'h'aa Eid Day
29-Nov	Sunday	On the Occasion of Al'h'aa Eid Day
30-Nov	Monday	On the Occasion of Al'h'aa Eid Day
18-Dec	Friday	Islamic New Year Holiday

Travel to Maldives

Although geographically isolated the Maldives is easily accessible by air from anywhere in Southeast Asia, Middle East and Europe. Colombo is an hour's journey away by air, from Singapore and Dubai it takes about four hours and from Europe it takes nine to eleven hours to reach Male'. (see section on Airlines under Need to Know)



Malé International Airport

Male' International Airport is on an island that only houses the airport and related facilities. The airport located on Hulhule Island is a modern well-equipped airport with all the facilities and services one would expect from an international airport. The airport complex houses terminals for arrivals and departures, landside shops and airside duty free shops, restaurants, medical facilities, bank, post office and other services. The island also houses the airport hotel.

What to pack

The Maldives is warm throughout the year. Light, cotton and linen wear is ideal. Pack lots of tee shirts, beachwear, and wraparound skirts, cotton shirts and shorts. For visits to inhabited islands, where most of the streets are of compact sand, or Malé where the streets are paved, sandals are easy to walk on. Some essential items include swimwear, sunglasses, sunscreen and a hat or a cap. If your travel plan includes traveling to many islands, a mosquito repellent may become handy.



Immigration/Visa

Tourists are issued a maximum of 30-day tourist visa on arrival. A valid travel document is necessary. Visa extensions are granted by the Department of Immigration and Emigration in Malé.



Customs

The import of firearms, drugs, pornography and idols of worship are prohibited. Dogs, pigs, and pork products are also prohibited for import by tourists. Alcohol imported under a special license is available in all the resorts. Similarly pork products are available at most of the resorts as well. Prohibited products such as alcohol brought in by passengers are bonded and released at departure.



Health Requirements

An international certificate of inoculation against yellow fever and cholera is required by visitors arriving from infected countries.



MTPB at the airport

The Maldives Tourism Promotion Board has a counter at the airport arrival terminal to provide information and assistance to tourists arriving in the country and provide a variety of brochures in different languages for guests.

Resort Transfer

If you have a booking with a resort, transfer is usually arranged prior to your arrival. The options of speedboat or seaplane transfer where available is for you to choose from. For transfer to resorts close to the airport, motorboat or dhoni transfer is quite convenient. Even if you make a resort booking while in Malé, transfer arrangements are often made by the resort.

The Maldives has one of the largest seaplane fleets in the world, not surprising for a country with 99% ocean and more than a thousand islands. The low altitude seaplane journey offers you the additional opportunity to experience a breathtaking bird's eye view of the country.





Departure Tax

The airport departure tax which is US\$ 12.00 is usually included when you purchase your airline ticket.



Duty Free Shopping is only available at the departure terminal at Malé International Airport. The lounge has specialized shops with a wide variety of international brands selling well known products at competitive prices. The duty free lounge has shops for toys, souvenirs, perfume, electronics, watches, fashion accessories, jewellery, liquor, tobacco and confectionery.





Male' the Capital



Malé with a population of about 100,000 is the commercial and political hub of the Maldives. It is home to all government ministries and departments, all of the larger companies, banks, communications and the key institutions that control the nation's economic and social life.

Malé consists of five districts or wards; four on the island of Male, A fifth on Villingili, the island to west of Male just 10 minutes away by boat, a sixth on Hulhumale which is 20 minutes away by boat. The Male International Airport is on Hulhule Island, a couple of miles to the north east of Malé.

Male' Map 11 14.11 € H ENTRAL **PLACES OF INTEREST** - Islamic Centre (10 - K) Local Market (12 - L) - Presidential Palace (12 - K) - Friday Mosq - National Museum and Sultan Park (10 - J) Fish Market (11 - L) = President's Office (8 - K) - Mulee-Aage

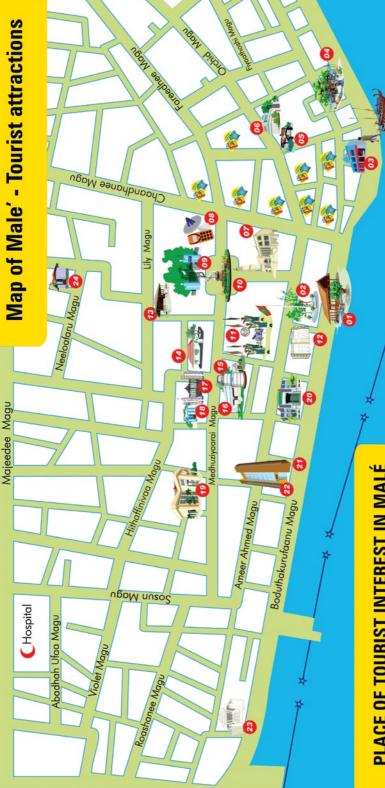
- Peoples Majlis (7 - J)

- Medu Ziyara

Main jetty (10 - L)

- Jumhooree Maidaan (10 - K)





<u>PLACE OF TOURIST INTEREST IN MALÉ</u>

01 Jumhooree Faalan (Official jetty)

06 Theemuge (Presidential Palace)

02 Jumhooree Maidhaan

04 Fruit & Vegetable Market 03 Fish Market

08 Dhiraagu

05 Masjid Sultan

Muhammad Shamsuddeen

14 Dharumavantha Rasgefaanu Miskiy 13 Kalhu Vakaru Miskiy (Kalhu Vakaru Mosque) 12 Police Headquarters 09 National Museum & Sultan Park 07 Islamic Center & Masjid Sultan Mohamed Thakurufaanu Al-au'zam

15 Minaret of Hukuru Miskiy 16 Hukuru Miskiy (Republic Monument)

18 Medhu Ziyaaraiy (Tomb of Abul Barakaathul Yusuful Barbari)

11 National Security Service

22 MTPB (Maldives Tourism Promotion Board)

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19 People's Majlis (The Parliament)

20 President's Office 21 Bank of Maldives

23 Nasandhura Palace Hotel 24 Boduthakurufaanu Ziyaaraiy (Tomb of Sultan Mohamed Thakurufaanu Al-au'zam) Shopping Area







Sights of Male'

Hukuru Miskiiy

The Hukuru Miskiiy or Friday Mosque built in 1656 during the reign of Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar contains some of the finest samples of Maldivian workmanship. The walls are built with finely fluted coral blocks with elaborate coral carvings. Inside the mosque are intricate wooden engravings. The minaret of the Hukuru Miskiiy was built in 1667.



The Presidential Palace, Theemuge is one of the most important attractions for those visiting Malé and is on the itinerary of any tour in Malé. The design and architecture of the palace combines the grandeur of local tradition with modernity. The palace is on Orchid Magu west of the main shopping area.





Mulee-aage

Mulee-aage was built just before the First World War by Sultan Shamsuddeen III for his son. The Sultan was deposed and his son never took office. In 1953, during the First Republic Mulee-aage was designated as the Presidential Palace and was the official residence of the president until the new Presidential Palace was built.



Islamic Centre

The Islamic Centre opened in 1984, is located between Meduziyaaraiy Magu and Ameeru Ahmed Magu. The Centre's most important feature is the grand mosque, Masjidul Sultan Mohammad Thakurufaanu al A'zam which holds up to 5,000 people. In addition to the Grand Mosque, the Islamic Centre houses a conference hall, an Islamic library and classrooms.



Sultan Park & Museum

The Sultan Park and the National Museum are part of the old Sultan's Palace and Palace grounds during the time of the monarchy. The Museum opened in 1952 and displays a large variety of objects and artifacts from times gone by. The collection comprises of relics from the pre-Islamic times to royal antiquities belonging to different monarchs. The Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. except Fridays and public holidays.



Medhuziyaaraiy

Just opposite the small park adjoining the Hukuru Miskiiy, is the tomb of Abu-al Barakaat, to whom the nation pays its respects for bringing to our shores the enlightenment of Islam in 1153.



The 'Artificial Beach'

It may sound strange in a country renowned for its beaches, however it is true that the residents of Malé get to enjoy an artificial beach built on the eastern side of the island. The beach is ideal for swimmers and those who cannot go to the nearby islands to enjoy the beach. There are food outlets and benches in the area where one can sit down and enjoy the scenery.



Markets

Fish Market

One of the most exciting places to visit in Malé is the Fish Market. The market really comes to life in the afternoon when dhonis, or the local fishing boats start arriving with their catch. Maldivians buy fresh fish for their homes every day and a visit to the fish market is part of the day's program for many.



A little further to the west of the fish market is the aptly named Local Market. The market consists of a series of stalls that stock the produce of islands from all over the Maldives. This is the place to be if you wish to sample some of the local fruits or preserves.





Eating Out

Wherever you are in Malé, there is a restaurant, a 'coffeeshop', or a 'teashop', or an eating establishment of some sort near you. Each type offers a different type of food and social experience.

Restaurants

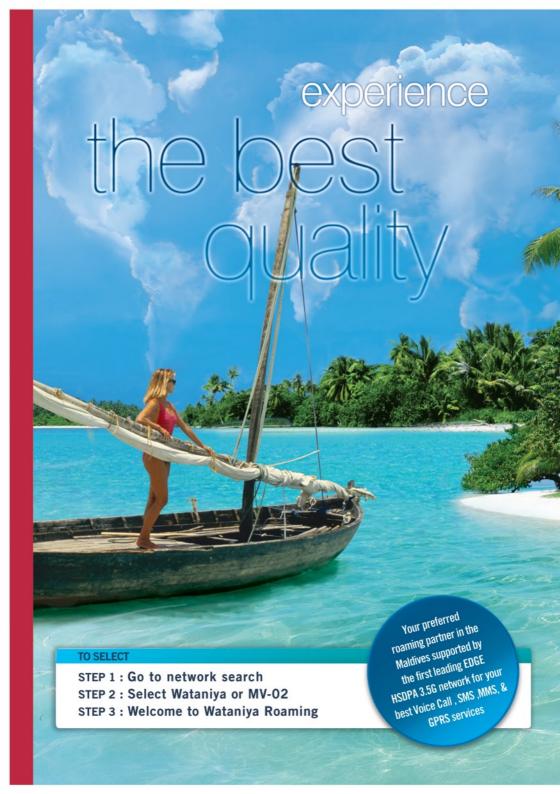
There are several restaurants, some of which are air-conditioned and others providing a more relaxed open-air concept. Restaurants range from those offering sophisticated international menus to those serving more localized Asian and European dishes. Some are open from breakfast, while others are open from lunchtime. All restaurants close at 1.00 a.m. in the morning.

'Tea Shops'

The traditional Malé 'teashop' is still the most popular amongst the locals. Here you get to enjoy local foods and are sometimes noisy with lots of activity. There are several teashops scattered around the island. If you are in a hurry this is the ideal place as they serve the local version of 'fast food'. Teashops open early in the morning some as early as 5.00 a.m. and close at 1.00 a.m.









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Coffee Shops

The coffee shop is the modern version of the teashop. Coffee shops serve a variety of snack and quick meals such as noodles and fried rice. Mostly small and cozy, they offer good meals at lower prices compared to restaurants. Coffee shops open in the morning between 8.00 a.m and 9.00 a.m and remain open until 1.00 a.m in the night.



Sport & Recreation

Maldivians are avid sports fans and enjoy playing and watching a wide range of sports and games. Football is the most popular sport in the country and there are several tournaments of different levels held throughout the country each year. Volleyball, swimming, basketball, cricket, athletics, badminton and tennis tournaments are significant events in the national sports calendar.

Facilities in Male'

There are several gyms, fitness clubs and aerobic centres in Malé, with professional equipment and trainers. Billiards and pool are increasing in popularity and there are a few snooker and pool centres in Malé.

Maldives is known for its diving and spas, and Malé is no exception. Although few in numbers, there are diving centres and spas right here in the capital.

Surfing is one of the fastest growing sports in the country. Malé Point, a recognized surf break, south east of Malé, is popular with local surfers.





Shopping

Malé is the commercial hub of the Maldives and there are a variety of shops, serving the needs of the 80,000 residents of the city and the thousands of shoppers who come to Malé from the islands. While the neighborhood convenient stores may be open at 6.00 or 7.00, shops in the main streets open around 9.00 or 10.00 in the morning. All shops close at 11.00 p.m. Shops are closed for 15 minutes for prayer times.

Souvenir Shops

The northern end of Chaandhanee Magu is famed for its souvenir shops, however there are few other good souvenir shops located elsewhere in the city. Souvenir shops offer a variety of souvenirs, local handicraft, tee shirts, batiks and a variety of books on the Maldives in different languages.

Bookshops

There are several bookshops and stationery shops in Malé. The main bookshops stock a variety of educational books for students, fiction and nonfiction and children's books from well-known international publishers.

Majeedhee Magu

Majeedee Magu and other main streets are lined with shops selling clothing, shoes and a variety of other products. Some shops specialize in internationally renowned brands of sports goods, clothing and lifestyle products, and electronics. Shops are open from morning till 11.00 p.m.





Post & Communications







Telephone Services

Telephone and mobile phone services in the country are provided by Dhiraagu, the Maldives telecommunications company. GSM Mobile phone services are also provided by Dhiraagu and Wataniyya Telecoms; post and prepaid services are available. Roaming arrangements are available for customers of major mobile operators in the world.

Online

There are several cyber cafés located in different areas of Malé. Internet services in the Maldives are provided by two ISPs licensed by the government.

Postage & Courier Service

The Maldives Post Limited provides postal services in addition to their express courier service EMS. Most of the international courier services are also represented in Malé.

Money Matters

Currency/Money Changers

The local currency is the Rufiyaa. A Rufiyaa is 100 Laari. The Rufiyaa is in denominations of 500, 100, 50, 20, 10 and 5 Rufiyaa notes, 1 and 2 Rufiya coins and 50, 25, 10, 5, 2 and 1 Laari coins. The exchange rate as of December 2004 is MRf. 12.75 against the United States Dollar. All resorts, hotels, most major shops and restaurants are authorized money changers and can accept payment in most major currencies and by credit card.

The Bank of Maldives Airport Branch located at the arrivals terminal also offers money changing services. If you are in need of Rufiyaa while in Malé, banks would be the most convenient choice.

Banks

The Bank of Maldives is the national bank and has several branches in Male.' The Bank also has branches in some of the other major population centers such as Seenu Atoll Hithadhoo, Haa Dhaalu Atoll Kulhudhufushi and Lhaviyani Atoll Naifaru. There is also a branch of the bank at Malé International Airport. Other banks include HSBC, State Bank of India, Bank of Ceylon and Habib Bank.



ATMs

Most of the banks represented in Malé provide automatic teller machine (ATM) services. There are several Bank of Maldives ATMs and ATMs of other banks conveniently located at several key points in Malé, which offer regular ATM services as well as credit card services for some major credit cards.



Getting Around

Taxis

Although Malé is relatively small you may need the services of a taxi especially if it is raining. In Malé taxis charge between Rf. 20.00 - 25.00 per stop, with an extra charge of Rf. 5.00 for luggage carried. Although taxis can be hailed on the street, the norm in Malé is to call one of the many taxi centres that operate in the city.



Airport Ferries

Ferries to the airport charge Rf 10.00 per person before midnight and Rf 20.00 after midnight. If you are in a large group it may be more convenient and economical to charter one. The price for chartering a ferry is Rf 250.00 before sunset and Rf 350.00 after sunset. The airport ferry jetty, jetty no.9, is located in Boduthakurufaanu Magu, Henveiru, close to Nasandhura Palace Hotel.

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Inter Atoll Air and Sea Transport

There are four regional airports in the country. Island Aviation operates regular scheduled flights to Gan in Seenu Atoll, Kadhdhoo in Laamu Atoll, Kaadedhdhoo in Gaafu Dhaalu Atoll and Hanimaadhoo in Haa Dhaalu Atoll from Malé International Airport. There are no scheduled domestic passenger and cargo ships, however many travel between Malé and the atolls on a regular basis.



Seaplane Services

Bookings for seats or for private charters of seaplane can be organized from Malé, from the airport or from the resorts.









Speedboat and Dhoni Services

Dhonis are convenient only to travel to short distances mainly because of their slow speed. Dhonis are especially convenient for diving and excursions. There are several companies providing speedboat and dhoni charter services in Malé.



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Sustaining the Environment

Maldivians live close to the elements and therefore have a deep rooted respect for the environment around them. Both tourism and fisheries follow strict environment friendly methods and guidelines either through tradition or rules and regulations.

The Government of the Maldives and the Ministry of Tourism understand the importance of protecting and preserving the environment for sustainable tourism, hence the policies and practices focus on safeguarding the beautiful but fragile environment of the Maldives.



Protected Marine Areas

The 25 marine protected areas under the Law on Protection and Preservation of the Environment are:

1 North Maalhosmadulu	Vilingili Thila
2 South Maalhosmadulu	Dhigali Haa / Horubadhoo Thila
3 Faadhippolhu	Fusheevaru Thila
4	Kureddhoo Kandu Olhi
5 Male' Atoll	Makunudhoo Kandu Olhi
6	Rasfaree and the enclosed reef
7	Thamburudhoo Thila
8	Gaathugiri / Ad'dhashugiri
9	Giraavaru Kuda Haa
10	Dhekunu Thilafalhuge Miyaruvani
11	Kollavaanee in the centre of Gulhifalhu
12	Emboodhoo Kandu Olhi
13	Guraidhoo Kandu Olhi
14	Lankan Thila
15 Ari Atoll	Maayaa Thila
16	Orimas Thila
17	Mushimasmigili Thila
18	Kudarah Thila
19	Karibeyru Thila
20	Faruhuruvalhibeyru
21 Felidhu Atoll	Miyaru Kandu
22	Vattaru Kandu
23 Mulaku Atoll	Lhazikuraadi
24 North Nilandhe Atoll	Filitheyo Kandu
25 South Nilandhe Atoll	Fushi Kandu

Protected Marine Life

Fishing or collection of these species is prohibited.

Black Coral
Triton Shell (Conch Shell)
Giant Clam
Berried and Small Lobsters
Turtles
Napoleon Wrasse
Dolphins
Whale Shark Whales







Protection

of Areas & Species in the Maldives

Protected Dive Sites

15 important marine dive sites were established as marine protected areas in 1996, registered in the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Water and managed by the Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation. In 1999 additional 10 dive sites were declared as protected areas established in the Ministry of Home Affairs. Anchoring, and fishing except for traditional bait-fishing and destructive activities are strictly prohibited in these sites.

Protected Dive Sites in the Tourism Zone since June 1995

No	Atoll	Dive Site	Local Name	GPS loca	ation
1	Male' Atoll	Makunudhoo Channel	Makunudhoo kandu Olhi	N 04 33′	E73 22'
2	Male' Atoll	Rasfari island and the outside reef	Rasfaree aai vashaigenvaa faru	N 04 24'	E73 20'
3	Male' Atoll	H.P Reef	Thanburudhoo Thila	N 04 19'	E73 34.5'
4	Male' Atoll	Banana Reef	Gaathu Giri nuvatha Adhdhashu Giri	N04 14.5′	E73 32'
5	Male' Atoll	Giravaru Kuda Haa	Giravaru Kuda Haa	N04 13'	E73 24.5′
6	Male' Atoll	Lions Head	Dhekunu Thila Falhuge Miyaruvani	N04 11'	E73 25.5'
7	Male [,] Atoll	Hans Hass Place; Kikki Reef; Dragons Mouth	Gulhi falhuge medhugai onna kollavaani	N04 10.5′	E73 28'
8	Male' Atoll	Emboodhoo Channel	Emboodhoo Kandu Olhi	N04 05'	E73 32'
9	Male' Atoll	Guraidhoo Channel	Guraidhoo Kandu Olhi	N03 54'	E73 28'
10	Ari Atoll	Maayaa Thila	Maaya Thila	N04 05'	E72 51.5′
11	Ari Atoll	Orimas Thila	Magau Thila	N03 59'	E72 57'
12	Ari Atoll	Fish Head	Mushimasmigili Thila	N03 57.5′	E72 55'
13	Ari Atoll	Pink Shark Thila	Kuda Rah Thila	N03 34'	E72 55′
14	Vaavu Atoll	Miyaru Kandu	Dhevana Kandu	N03 35'	E73 30'
15	Lhaviyani Atoll	Fushifaru Kandu	Fushifaru Kandu	N05 29'	E73 31'

Protected Dive Sites in the Tourism zone since October 1999

No	Atoll	Dive Site	Local Name	GPS location	
1	Baa	Dhigali Haa or Horubadhoo Thila	Dhigali Haa	N05'08.842	E73'02.430
2	Dhaalu	Fushi Kandu	Fushi Kandu	N03 00'	E72 55.9′
3	Faafu	Filitheyo Kandu	Filitheyo Kandu	N03 2.30	E73 13.0
4	Lhaviyani	Kuredhu Express	Kuredhu Kanduolhi/Kuru Kanduolhi	N05′ 33.5	E73' 29.0
5	Meemu	Hakura Thila	Lhazikuraadi	N02 56'	E073 32'
6	North Ari	Kari Beyru Thila	Kari Beyru Thila	N04' 05.6	E73′ 57.2
7	North Male	Nasimo Thila/ Paradise Rock Blue Caves / Virgin Reef / Blue Shadow	Lankan Thila / Kalhi Bodu Thila	N04' 17.133	E73' 32.180
8	Raa	Anemone City	Vilingili Thila	N05′ 32.0	E72′ 58.4
9	South Ari	Madivaru	Faruhuravalhi Beyru	N03,35.5	E72,43.5
10	Vaavu	Vattaru Kandu	Vattaru Kandu	N03 13.5	E73 25.5

Other Protected Areas

Apart from the designated marine protected areas, the following islands are conserved and protected from exploitation.

- · Hurasdhoo in North Ari Atoll
- · Hithaadhoo in Gaaf Alif Atoll
- Rasfari in Kaafu Atoll

Protected Birds

White Tern (Gygyis alba monte), bird commonly found in Addu Atoll and southern atolls was declared as a protected species in June 1996 by the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Water.

Since 15 July 1999, 22 bird species are protected in the Maldives, MHHE Circular 1/96/34 (02 June 1996). Catching, maltreating, trading and keeping in captivity, removal of eggs and destruction of nesting grounds of these birds were banned effective from January 01, 2000, MHHE Circular 10-C/99/24 (11 July 1999)

For more information on the bird species please visit the following website; http://www.environment.gov.mv/index2.htm

Marine species banned from export (as of December 1996) in the Maldives include:

Black Corals
 Eels
 Trochus Shells
 Bigeye scad under 6"
 Triton shells
 Skates and Rays

Pearl Oysters
 Dolphins
 Lobsters and lobster meat

• Whales • All types of corals (except organ pipe coral)

Parrot FishAll types of Bait FishPuffer Fish

Marine species prohibited from killing, catching and collection or extraction in the Maldivian waters include:

- Dolphins {since 15 May 1993, Notice No: FA-A1/29/93/14 (15-05-1993)}
- Berried female lobsters and those less than 25cm in total length {since 15 May 1993, Notice No: FA-A1/29/93/14 (15-05-1993)}
- Whales {since 15 May 1993, Notice No: FA-A1/29/93/14 (15-05-1993)}
- Giant Clams {since 15 May 1993, Notice No: FA-A1/29/93/14 (15-05-1993)}
- Triton Shells {since 15 May 1993, Notice No: FA-A1/29/93/14 (15-05-1993)}
- Black Coral {since 01 January 1995, Notice No: FA-A1/29/95/01 (01-01-1995)}
- Napoleon Wrasse {since 24 June 1995, Notice No: FA-A1/29/95/39 (24-06-1995)}
- Whale Shark {since 24 June 1995, Notice No: FA-A1/29/95/39 (24-06-1995)}
- Turtles {for 10 years since 24 June 1995, Notice No: FA-A1/29/95/39 (24-06-1995)}

Sharks

Under Fisheries Law 5/87, in September 1998 MoFA banned fishing of sharks for a period of 10 years within a 12 mile distance from the following atolls;

1- Baa Atoll 2- Lhaviyani Atoll
3- Malé Atoll 4- North Ari Atoll
5- South Ari Atoll 6- Vaavu Atoll

7- Seenu Atoll

The following destructive fishing methods are also banned:

- · Use of dynamite or explosives;
- Use of guns or any other such devises to catch fish;
- · Use of chemicals to collect or catch fish;
- Use of scuba gear to collect sea cucumber and lobsters.

Protected Marine Species



Local Name: Ihi
Common Name: Lobster
Scientific Name: Leucaena Leucocephala



Local Name: Sangu Common Name: Triton Scientific Name: Terminalia Cattapa



Local Name: Maahulhubu Landaa Common Name: Napoleon Wrasse Scientific Name: Cheilinus Undulatus



Local Name: Koamas

Common Name: Dolphin

Scientific Name: Premna Obtusifolia



Local Name: Fehurihi Common Name: Whale Shark Scientific Name: Hibiscus Tiliaceous



Local Name: Bodumas Common Name: Whale Scientific Name: Guettarda Speciosa



Local Name: Vela / Kahanbu Common Name: Hawksbill and Green Turtle Scientific Name: Morinda Citrifolia



Local Name: Endheri
Common Name: Black Coral
Scientific Name: Pandanus Odoratissimus

Do's and Don'ts

- Cover yourself properly when visiting inhabited islands and Male. For men shorts and a shirt are acceptable.
 Women are expected to cover their bodies and thighs.
- While swimming trunks, bikinis and other beachwear is the norm on the resort, they are not acceptable on inhabited islands.
- Remember that nudism in public places is prohibited.
- Traditionally Maldivians eat with their fingers. If you wish to follow the local tradition keep in mind that it is considered unhygienic to touch food with the left hand. If in doubt use a spoon.
- Be conscious of the delicate local environment. Do not touch or pick corals when diving or snorkeling.
- The Maldivians use the Islamic greeting "Assalaam Alaikum" to greet friends and strangers alike. "Shukuriyya" means thank you.









Useful DhivehiWords & Phrases

Pronunciation

a as in but

ee as in leek u as in put e as in red ev as in bav oa as in boat ai as in eve

i as in big

oo as in moon

o as in pot

Numbers One Ekeh Two Dhevh Three Thineh Four Hathareh Five Faheh Haeh Six Seven Hatheh Eight Asheh Nine Nuvaeh Ten Dhihaeh Twenty Vihi Thirty Thirees Forty Saalhees Fifty Fansaas **Fasdholhas** Sixtv Seventy Haivdhiha Addiha Eighty Ninetv Nuvadhiha

Greetings

Hundred

Hello As-salaam Alaikum How are you? Haalu Kihineh? Good Raganlhu

Sathevhka

Aharen dhanee

Small Talk

I am going

Where? Kobaa?

Why? When? Who? Thank you Whose? What?

Come
Yes
No
Don't know
Who is that?
Them
Whose is this?

Me Him/Her Male Female

Time

Night

What time is it?

Clock /watch

Dawn

Morning

Noon

Afternoon

Evening

Keevve? Kon iraku? Kaaku? Shukuriyyaa Kaakuge? Kon echcheh? / keekay? Madu kurey Aadhey Aan Noon Neynge E ee Kaaku? F meehun Mee kaakuge? Aharen Ma Eyna Firihen

Anhen

Gandin Tea Short eats Gadi Rice Fathis Curry

Fathis Hedhunu Mendhuru Mendhurufas Haveeru Reygandu Today Miadhu
Tomorrow Maadhan
Yesterday lyye
Now Mihaaru
Later Fahun

At the Market

How much is this? Kihaa Varakah? Cheap Aau hevo Expensive Agu bodu Fruit Meyvaa Banana Dhonkevo Mango Anbu Falhoa Papaya Mas Fich Reef Fish Faru mas **Dried Fish** Hiki mas Vegetables Tharukaaree

In the Restaurant

Sai Hedhika Short eats/savories Baiv Riha Fish curry Mas riha Chicken Kukulhu Beef Gerimas Water Fen Milk Kiru Sugar Hakuru

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