

A Journey to the Maldives: Your Ultimate Travel Guide

Greetings!

Welcome to the Maldives, a slice of paradise in the heart of the Indian Ocean. With its pristine white sandy beaches, crystal-clear turquoise waters, and luxurious overwater villas, the Maldives is a dream destination for travelers seeking serenity, adventure, and a touch of luxury. Let us take you on a journey through this idyllic island nation, exploring the best times to visit, must-try activities, and tips for making the most of your stay.

The Best Time to Visit the Maldives

The Maldives enjoys a tropical climate, making it a year-round destination. However, the best time to visit depends on your preferences and the experiences you seek.

1. **High Season (November to April):** This is the dry season, characterized by clear skies, calm seas, and plenty of sunshine. It's the ideal time for beach lovers, snorkelers, and divers. Be prepared for higher prices and increased demand during this period, especially from December to March.
 2. **Shoulder Season (May and October):** These months mark the transition between dry and wet seasons. While occasional rain showers are expected, you'll still enjoy sunny days and fewer crowds. It's also a great time for budget-conscious travelers.
 3. **Low Season (June to September):** The wet season brings monsoon rains and stronger winds. While not ideal for sunbathing, it's an excellent time for surfing enthusiasts, as the waves are at their best.
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Visa Information for Indian Travelers

Traveling to the Maldives as an Indian citizen is a hassle-free experience, thanks to the visa-on-arrival facility offered to Indian passport holders. Here are the key details to keep in mind:

1. **Visa-on-Arrival Facility:** Indian citizens are eligible for a free tourist visa on arrival in the Maldives. This visa is valid for up to 30 days, making it convenient for both short getaways and longer vacations.
2. **Documents Required:** To avail of the visa-on-arrival, ensure you have the following:
 - A passport valid for at least six months from the date of entry.
 - A confirmed return ticket or an onward journey ticket.
 - Proof of accommodation, such as a booking confirmation from a hotel or resort.

- Sufficient funds to cover your stay, although a specific amount is rarely checked.
- 3. **Extension of Stay:** If you wish to extend your stay beyond 30 days, you can apply for an extension at the Maldives Immigration Office. Extensions are granted for up to an additional 60 days, subject to approval.
- 4. **Customs and Entry Rules:** Upon arrival, you will need to complete a health declaration form, which is typically submitted online before travel. Be mindful of prohibited items, such as alcohol, pork products, and religious materials, which may be restricted when entering local islands.

With straightforward visa procedures and warm hospitality, Indian travelers can focus on enjoying their Maldivian adventure without worrying about entry formalities.

Before beginning, we would like you to upload your passport, PAN, and travel documents to [abctravel_supporting_docs.com](https://abctravel.supporting_docs.com).

For honeymoon couples we would like you to upload wedding invitations as well.

Activities and Experiences in the Maldives

Whether you're an adventure seeker, a honeymooner, or a family traveler, the Maldives offers something for everyone. Here are some of the most popular activities to indulge in:

1. **Snorkeling and Diving:** The Maldives is home to an abundance of marine life, vibrant coral reefs, and famous dive sites like Banana Reef and Maaya Thila. Swim alongside manta rays, whale sharks, and colorful fish for an unforgettable underwater experience.
2. **Island Hopping:** Discover the unique charm of both inhabited and uninhabited islands. Visit local fishing villages to experience the Maldivian way of life or relax on a secluded island for a private picnic.
3. **Overwater Villas:** Staying in an overwater villa is a quintessential Maldivian experience. Wake up to the sound of gentle waves, enjoy direct access to the lagoon, and watch breathtaking sunsets from your private deck.
4. **Water Sports:** Try your hand at windsurfing, jet skiing, paddleboarding, or kayaking. For thrill-seekers, parasailing and kitesurfing are also available at many resorts.
5. **Underwater Dining:** Treat yourself to a meal at one of the Maldives' iconic underwater restaurants, such as Ithaa Undersea Restaurant. Dine while surrounded by stunning marine life — a truly unique experience.
6. **Dolphin Watching Cruises:** Set sail on a traditional dhoni boat and watch playful dolphins dance in the waves. These sunset cruises are a highlight for many visitors.

7. **Spa and Wellness:** Unwind with a spa treatment inspired by traditional Maldivian techniques. Many resorts offer overwater spa pavilions for a truly relaxing experience.
8. **Bioluminescent Beaches:** Witness nature's magic on Vaadhoo Island, where the shorelines glow with bioluminescent plankton at night, creating a surreal and romantic atmosphere.

Package Costs and Flight Information

Some of the basic packages and resorts which we offer are:

	Sea Plane	Snorkeling	Botique Property	Pool Villas	Family Friendly	Pocket Friendly	Shared Transfer	24*7 Concierge	Honeymoon Special	Nights	Resort (Star)	PRICE (In Rupees)
Adaraan Select Hudhuranfushi						YES	YES	YES		4	4.5	80050
Cocogiri Island Resort Maldives		YES	YES			YES	YES	YES		4	4.5	64478
Amaya Kuda Rah	YES		YES	YES		YES	YES	YES		3	4.5	89853
Reethi Faaru Resort	YES						YES	YES		4	4.5	71795
Sun Siyam Olhuveli					YES		YES	YES		3	4.5	84807
Adaraan Prestige Vadoo							YES	YES	YES	3	4.5	97640
Angsana Velavaru	YES			Y			T	T		3	4.5	117759

The table above highlights the package costs for each of the resorts. To ensure the best deals, flights should ideally be booked at least three months in advance. Typically, flights are booked with IndiGo Airlines, and the cost ranges between ₹25,000 and ₹45,000 per person. Planning early not only helps secure lower prices but also ensures a smoother travel experience. We recommend confirming the flight trips at least 45 days in advance.

We provide an interactive service to book flights, hotels, and activities. There are various options through which you can select your meal preference and apply any coupon codes you have.

All hotels have a check-in time at 2 PM and check-out at 11 AM.

For more details on the packages, visit www.abc_travel_packages.com. For travel insurance, explore options at www.abc_travel_insurances/maldives.com and secure your insurance at least 15 business days before your trip. Payments for flights, hotels, insurance, and activities can be made at www.abc-travel-booking-maldives.com.

For honeymoon couples, check out our special packages at www.abc-travel-maldives-honeymoon.com for exclusive discounts and activities. Families can explore special offers, including cribs for children, family dinner packages, and elderly-friendly options at www.abc-travel-maldives-family.com.

Flexible payment plans, including monthly installments and one-time UPI payments, are also available.

Tips for a Memorable Trip

1. **Pack Light:** Resort wear, swimsuits, and lightweight clothing are all you need. Don't forget reef-safe sunscreen and a hat to protect yourself from the tropical sun.
2. **Respect Local Customs:** While the Maldives is predominantly a Muslim country, resorts have a more relaxed atmosphere. However, if you visit local islands, dress modestly to respect the culture.
3. **Plan Ahead:** Book your accommodations and activities in advance, especially during the high season. This ensures you get the best options and avoid last-minute disappointments.
4. **Currency and Payments:** The Maldivian Rufiyaa is the local currency, but US dollars are widely accepted. Most resorts and shops also accept credit cards.
5. **Stay Hydrated:** The tropical climate can be dehydrating, so drink plenty of water and keep yourself refreshed.

A Paradise Worth Visiting

The Maldives is more than just a destination; it's an experience that lingers in your heart long after you leave. Whether you're basking in the sun, exploring vibrant coral reefs, or enjoying a candlelit dinner under the stars, every moment in the Maldives feels like a dream come true. So pack your bags and get ready for a journey of a lifetime. Paradise awaits!