

MALDIVES TRIP NOTES

The Maldives consists of 1200 idyllic islands in the Indian Ocean, and offers visitors the opportunity to experience living on an (almost) private island. Every resort in the Maldives is on its own island, ranging in size from tiny to extensive. In addition to paradisaical beaches, luxurious accommodation and sumptuous fine dining, the Maldives offer world class diving and snorkeling. The richness and variety delights; in the reef, colorful corals and tropical fish await, while in deeper waters manta rays, turtles and even whale sharks are to be found. Best of all? The water temperature is so warm that diving without a wetsuit is possible - a rare treat.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

U.S. citizens with a passport that has at least 6 months validity and two blank visa pages do not require a visa to enter the Maldives; an entry permit will be given on arrival. Travelers of other nationalities must inform your travel agent, who will advise on your requirements.

MEDICATIONS & INNOCULATIONS

No medication or vaccinations are required for entry to the Maldives. There are no covid-related health requirements for entry to the Maldives.

CURRENCY

The Maldivian Rufiyaa is the official currency of the Maldives. The US Dollar is the most popular foreign currency. However, other international currencies can also be exchanged at the banks and authorized moneychangers.

A convenient currency converter can be found at <http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/>

CREDIT CARDS

American Express, Visa and Mastercard are widely accepted, Cash is needed for shopping at markets on Male, and for tips.



TIME DIFFERENCE

Male is 9 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time, 12 hours ahead of Pacific Standard Time.

ELECTRICITY

The electric system is 220-240 Volts. The plug sockets are usually 3-pin UK type.

For more information on plugs and voltage, please visit

<http://www.worldstandards.eu/electricity/plugs-and-sockets/>

LANGUAGE

The official language is Divehi which is an ancient form of Sri Lankan Sinhalese, however, English is widely spoken at resorts and in Male.

CLIMATE

Weather is pleasant year round in the Maldives. There are two main seasons, the winter months of October to May tend to be dryer and the summer months of June to September are more humid. The hottest month of the year is April with an average daily maximum of 90 F and an average low of 84 F. The coolest month of the year is November with an average daily maximum of 86 F and an average low of 80 F.

TIPPING GUIDELINES

Tipping in the Maldives is not compulsory, a 10-12% service charge is already added to everything, however, tipping staff members who go out of their way to please is an appreciated gesture.

This information is provided as a guideline to the country you will be visiting, and is up to date to the best of our knowledge. Further information is available to you on the official site

<https://visitmaldives.com/en>