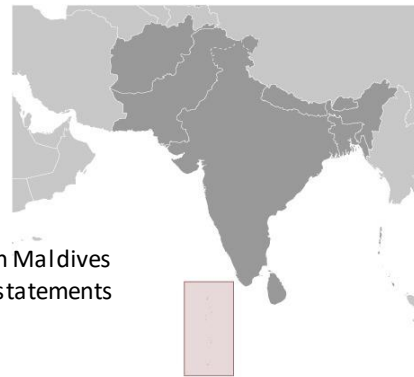


# Maldives

## Travel Facts



### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Maldives due to terrorism. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 30 days.

### US Embassy/Consulate

US does not have an embassy in Maldives; US Ambassador to Sri Lanka and Maldives, is accredited to both countries; US citizen may call US Dept of State (202)-501-4444 for emergencies; alternate contact is the Embassy to Sri Lanka +94 (11) 249-8500; US Embassy Colombo, 210 Galle Road, Colombo 03, Sri Lanka; [colomboacs@state.gov](mailto:colomboacs@state.gov); <https://lk.usembassy.gov/>

### LGBTQ+ Travelers

When venturing abroad, LGBTQIA+ travelers can face unique challenges since laws, attitudes, and legal protections vary from country to country. Consult the website via the link below to learn what precautions to take before and during your trip.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html>

### Telephone Code

960

### Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 102; Fire: 999; Police: 119

### Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Maldives: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza. <http://www.who.int/>

### Climate

Tropical; hot, humid; dry, northeast monsoon (November to March); rainy, southwest monsoon (June to August)

### Currency (Code)

Rufiyaa (MVR)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, D, G, J, K, L



### Major Languages

Dhivehi, English

### Major Religions

Sunni Muslim

### Time Difference

UTC+5 (10 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

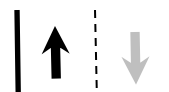
Opt for bottled water

### International Driving Permit

Suggested

### Road Driving Side

Left



### Tourist Destinations

National Museum; Sultan Park; Tsunami Monument; Republic Square; Rasfannu; Male Waterfront; Friday Mosque; Muleeage Palace

### Major Sports

Soccer, tennis, baseball, badminton, basketball, table tennis

### Cultural Practices

Maldivians are incredibly warm, welcoming and friendly people who will go above and beyond to make your holiday truly unforgettable.

### Tipping Guidelines

If staying in a hotel for a few days or more and the staff has demonstrated good service, a gratuity of \$2 (USD) per day is suggested. Tipping guides \$10 (USD) per day is appropriate.

### Souvenirs

Hand-woven wicker and reed mats, woven baskets, shell and stone jewelry, tree-sap-carved lacquered boxes and other carved wooden items

### Traditional Cuisine

Garudiya — a clear fish (typically tuna) broth

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