

# Maldives

## Travel Facts



### US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Maldives due to terrorism. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

### US Embassy/Consulate

US does not have an embassy in Maldives; US Ambassador to Sri Lanka and Maldives, is accredited to both countries; US citizens 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; <https://lk.usembassy.gov/>

### LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

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

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list>

### Climate

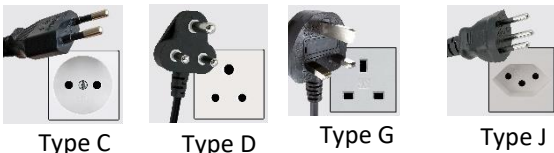
Tropical; hot, humid; dry, northeast monsoon (November to March); rainy, southwest monsoon (June to August)

### Currency (Code)

Rufiyaa (MVR)

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

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



Type C

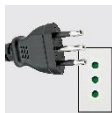
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Type K



Type L

### Major Languages

Dhivehi, English

### Major Religions

Sunni Muslim

### Time Difference

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

### Potable Water

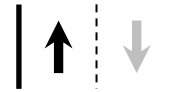
Opt for bottled water

### International Driving Permit

Suggested

### Road Driving Side

Left



### Tourist Destinations

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