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INTRODUCTION

Maldives - A Symphony of Sea, Sky, and Serene Luxury

Just a short hop from Chennai, Mumbai or Bengaluru, the Maldives offers the perfect extension to any Indian itinerary—whether you've marveled at Rajasthan's palaces, savored Kerala's backwaters, or danced through Goa's beaches. This archipelago of 26 atolls unfolds like a postcard beyond India's southern horizon: powder-white sands lapped by turquoise lagoons, overwater villas rising on stilts above coral gardens, and gentle trade-wind breezes scented with coconut and frangipani.

Here, days drift between sunrise yoga on your private deck, snorkeling through rainbow fish in your resort's house reef, and sipping masala-spiced mocktails as the sun ignites the horizon. Evenings glow with lantern-lit dhow cruises, where Bollywood-style romances come alive under a canopy of stars. For Indian honeymooners, it's the ultimate "I do" celebration—candlelit dinners on deserted sandbanks, floral-petal baths infused with jasmine, and couples' spa rituals weaving in Ayurvedic oils and indigenous seabed minerals.

The Maldives isn't just a place to relax—it's a seamless fusion of familiar warmth and exotic discovery. Dive alongside manta rays just as easily as you might chase monsoon-fed waterfalls back home; indulge in fresh coconut curries alongside classic Maldivian garudhiya; then unwind in barefoot luxury where every sunset feels like the grand finale of a South Asian odyssey. For Indian travelers seeking a blissful transition from vibrant culture to serene seclusion, the Maldives awaits—your private stretch of heaven, just one visa stamp and a two-hour flight away.

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How Easy Is It to Visit the Maldives?

The Maldives warmly welcomes travelers with hassle-free entry, seamless transfers, and island-hopping made simple—just a short flight or sea link from India delivers you to pure tropical bliss.

Visa Process

Visa-on-Arrival

• All nationalities enjoy a free 30-day tourist visa on arrival at Velana International Airport (MLE). No pre-approval needed—just present a passport valid for ≥6 months, proof of onward travel, and a confirmed resort or guesthouse booking.

Extensions

• Tourist visas can be extended up to 90 days by applying at the Immigration Office in Malé or through your resort's Front Desk.

Connectivity & Transport

By Air

• Direct flights link Malé with Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai, Bangalore, and Kochi (1.5–3 hrs). Carriers include IndiGo, SpiceJet, Air India, and SriLankan Airlines.

Airport Transfers

- Speedboat transfers (20–60 min) connect Malé to nearby resorts.
- Seaplane transfers offer a scenic aerial ride to outer atolls (daylight only).
- Domestic Flights land at regional airports (Gan, Dharavandhoo), followed by a short speedboat hop.

Inter-Island Ferries

• Public ferries and fast dhoni services link local inhabited islands—ideal for budget travelers or cultural day-trips

Currency Exchange & Payments

Currency

• Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR) is the local legal tender, but USD and major credit cards are accepted virtually everywhere.

ATMs & Exchange

• ATMs at the airport, Malé, and larger resorts dispense MVR. Currency exchange counters are also available in Malé and at key resorts.

Cashless Ease

• Most resorts operate on all-inclusive packages—meals, activities, and even tips c billed to your villa account, minimizing the need for cash.





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Extend Your India Trip with a Tropical Escape

Just a two-hour flight south from Chennai, Mumbai, or Bengaluru, the Maldives awaits as the ultimate luxury add-on to your Indian itinerary. Swap bustling bazaars and palaces for powder-white sands, turquoise lagoons, and over-water villas in this island paradise—where every sunset feels like a celebration.

- **Barefoot Luxury**: Stay in iconic over-water bungalows or secluded beach villas with direct lagoon access.
- **Underwater Wonderland:** Snorkel or dive world-class reefs teeming with manta rays, turtles, and kaleidoscopic fish.
- **Romantic Seclusion**: Candlelit sandbank picnics, sunset dolphin cruises, and spa rituals infused with coconut and Ayurvedic oils.
- All-Inclusive Ease: Resorts handle transfers, meals, and activities—so you can simply unwind in paradise.

FEATURE	DETAIL	
Capital	Malé	
Currency	Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR) (USD widely accepted)	
Official Language	Dhivehi (English universally spoken in resorts)	
Time Zone	UTC + 5	
Visa for Foreigners	Visa-on-Arrival: 30 days free (extendable to 90 days) (Except Israeli Passport)	
Ideal Stay Duration	5 to 8 days	
Climate	Tropical: The southwest monsoon (wet season) lasts from mid-May to November, the northeast monsoon (dry season) occurs from January to March. December and April are transitional months.	

Maldives Highlights at a Glance

Why Choose the Maldives After India?

After exploring India's vibrant culture and historic marvels, the Maldives offers a seamless transition into pure relaxation and romance—your private island retreat, just one short flight away.

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How to Get There – Seamless from India

Fly straight from India's major airports to Malé International Airport (Velana International). From there, a swift speedboat or scenic seaplane transfer whisks you to your island sanctuary in under an hour.

INDIAN CITY	FLIGHT DURATION(ON AN AVG.)	AIRLINES
Delhi	4 hours	IndiGo, Air India
Mumbai	3 hours	Air India, IndiGo, Go First
Chennai	4.25 hours	IndiGo, SpiceJet, Air India, SriLankan Airlines(Via colombo)
Bangalore	2 hours	IndiGo
Kochi	1.40 hours	IndiGo, Maldivian

Transfers from Malé International Airport

TRANSFER TYPE	DETAILS	TYPICAL TIME(APPROX.)
SPEEDBOAT	Direct boat transfers to resorts in North and South Malé Atoll. Staff greets you at the dock.	20–60 minutes
SEAPLANE	Daylight-only scenic flights to mid- and outer- atoll resorts. Land right on your lagoon.	30–45 minutes
DOMESTIC FLIGHT + BOAT	Fly on a Dash-8 to regional airports (e.g., Dharavandhoo, Gan), then a short speedboat hop to resort.	1–2 hours total
PUBLIC FERRY	Budget-friendly ferries connect Malé to inhabited local islands—perfect for cultural day trips.	1–4 hours (varies)

Pro Tip:

- Seaplane schedules run only until late afternoon-plan international arrivals accordingly.
- Speedboat transfers operate around the clock, ideal for late-night flights.
- Resorts coordinate all transfers for you-simply provide your flight details in advance.

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Top Experiences in Maldives — Add Depth to Your South Asia Tour

Top Experiences in the Maldives – Your Island Extension from India

Marine Adventures

- Snorkel House Reefs: Step off your villa deck into vibrant coral gardens teeming with parrotfish, butterflyfish, and graceful sea turtles.
- Dive with Mantas & Whale Sharks: Head to Hanifaru Bay (Baa Atoll) or South Ari Atoll for seasonal gatherings of manta rays and gentle whale sharks.
- Night Snorkel & Bioluminescence: Glide beneath a starlit sky as plankton glow around your fins—an otherworldly underwater light show.
- Sunset Dolphin Cruise: Sail on a traditional dhoni at dusk to watch spinner dolphins bow-ride and leap against a fiery horizon.

Luxury & Romance

- Overwater Villa Stay: Wake up above turquoise waters in a private bungalow-step directly into the sea from your deck.
- Private Sandbank Picnic: Escape to a pristine sandbank for a candlelit dinner, chilled champagne, and total seclusion.
- Underwater Dining: Dine beneath the waves in an all-glass restaurant surrounded by reef sharks and tropical fish.
- Spa & Wellness Retreats: Indulge in couples' Ayurvedic massages, hot-stone baths, and yoga pavilions overlooking the lagoon.

Culture & Local Life

- Malé City Tour: Explore the Friday Mosque's intricate coral-stone carvings, bustling fish markets, and colorful local bazaars.
- Local Island Excursion: Visit an inhabited island to meet craftsmen, sample mas huni and roshi at a teashop, and tour a boatyard.
- Bodu Beru Performance: Experience traditional drumming and dance under lantern-lit skies-feel the rhythm of Maldivian heritage.
- Marine Conservation Visit: Tou

Sample 5-Day Maldives Extension Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Malé \rightarrow Speedboat to resort \rightarrow Sunset dolphin cruise

- Day 2: Overwater villa check-in \rightarrow Reef snorkel \rightarrow Couples' spa ritual
- Day 3: Seaplane to Hanifaru Bay → Manta snorkeling safari → Beachfront dinner
- Day 4: Morning yoga \rightarrow Private sandbank picnic \rightarrow Underwater restaurant dinner

Day 5: Malé city tour \rightarrow Local island visit \rightarrow Depart for India

Why Wait?

Extend your Indian adventure with a slice of Maldivian paradise—where every moment is a postcard, and luxury meets nature in perfect harmony. A quick flight and a speedboat ride bring you to pure serenity, creating memories that sparkle like the Indian Ocean itself.

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