

The Maldives scattered like a string of pearls southwest of Sri Lanka, occupy 90,000 square metres in the beautiful, turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean. 1,190 tropical islands make up the 26 atolls, giving the Maldives their unique appearance, making them one of the most popular diving areas in the world.

A proud history and culture has evolved from the first settlers. There are Arabic, African and south Asian influences due to its geographical location.

You find this evident in local cuisine and hospitality. Arriving in the Maldives is a unique experience. Malé international airport is on an island all by itself. After collecting your luggage, a speedboat or seaplane whisks you off to your chosen resort in the Maldives. Beautiful beaches, fantastic diving, great range of accommodation, delicious food and friendly people - Welcome to The Maldives with Travelpack.

# The Maldives

destination paradise

## ESSENTIAL Information

Please note that for flights which arrive early into the Maldives or late at night or for departures early in the morning it may be necessary to overnight in Male in order to meet transfer schedules. Travelpack can arrange this at the Hulhule Island Hotel which is located on the airport island.

### VISA

Visitors require a passport valid for more than 6 months from the date of arrival, onward tickets, proof of accommodation and sufficient funds for the duration of the stay.

### CURRENCY

The local currency is Maldivian Rufiyaa. The US dollar is also widely used in tourism related business.

### HEALTH

Make sure your vaccinations are up to date. It is always advisable to check with the Foreign Office and the Department of Health for updates prior to your travel. We always recommend you purchase Travel Insurance.

### TRAVELLING TIME

Maldives is approximately 11 hours by non-stop flight from the UK.

### LOCAL TIME

GMT + 5 hours

### FURTHER INFORMATION

Major credit cards are accepted widely throughout Maldives. Good all year around destination for couples and families. Great for diving and water sports.

### PRICES

LOW SEASON - would be around May to Mid-July.

MID SEASON - would be around April to August.

HIGH SEASON - would be around December to January.