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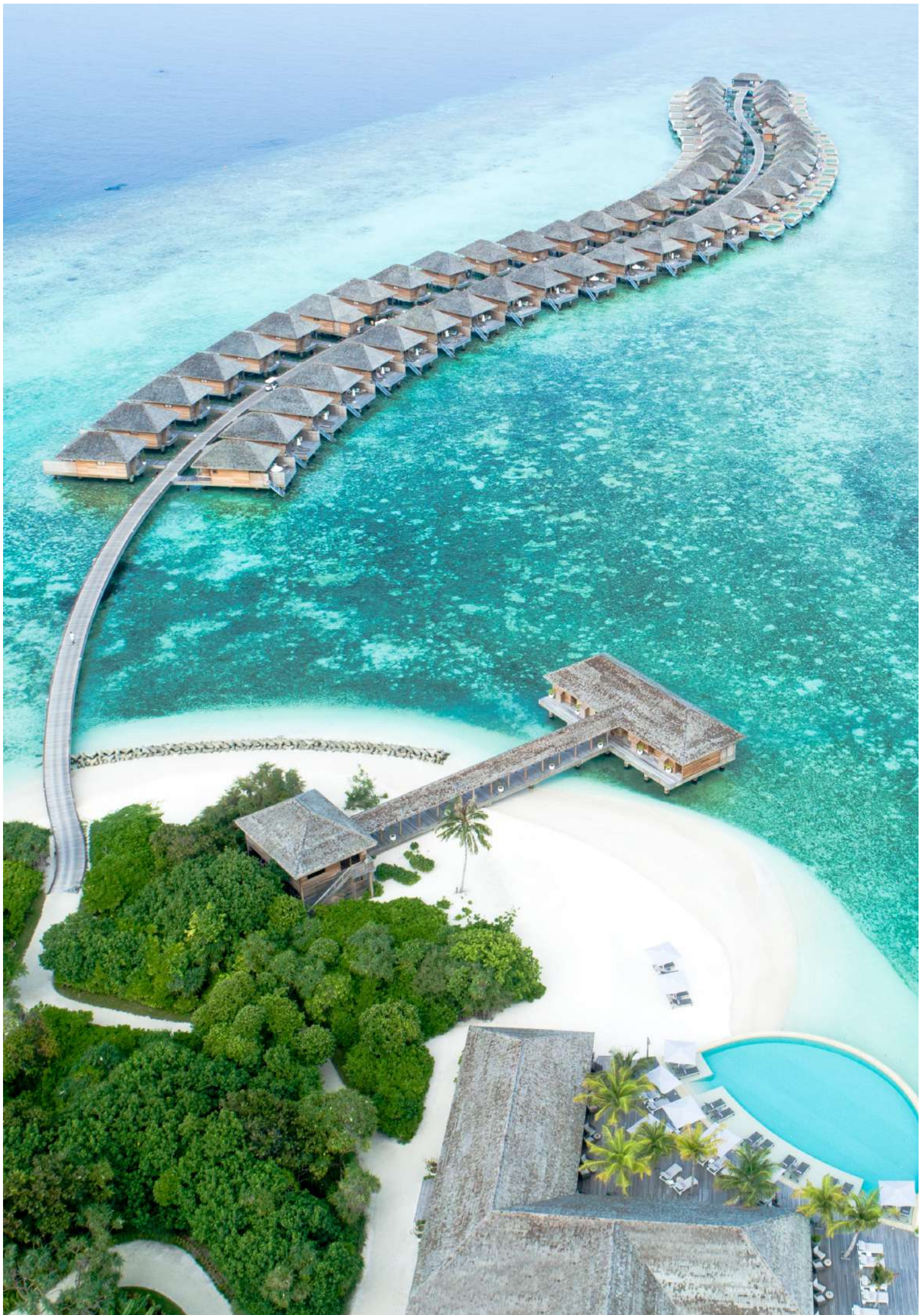
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A woman with long brown hair, wearing a large straw hat and sunglasses, is sitting on a white ledge. She is wearing a light blue, long-sleeved, off-the-shoulder shirt. She is looking out over a vast, clear blue ocean under a bright sky. The scene is captured from a side profile, showing her relaxed posture as she enjoys the view.

Welcome to Maldives
The Sunny Side of Life

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MALDIVES

Blessed with sugar-white sands, sapphire-blue seas, underwater marine treasures and some of the world's most luxurious resorts, the Maldives is the ultimate island getaway.

IT ALL STARTS WITH SUNNY SIDE

Composed of 1,190 coral reef islands forming an archipelago of 26 atolls, the Maldives are acclaimed as a tropical paradise of pristine beaches and clear cobalt and turquoise waters.

The country was formed from ancient volcanoes now hidden under the Indian Ocean. It is the planet's lowest country, resting at just 4 feet 11 inches above sea level.

They cover 35,000 square miles, making it one of the world's most dispersed nations. It is the least populated (300,000 people) and smallest nation in Asia, though its size belies its prominence as the world's most favourite tourist destination.

It is the perfect destination to tie off a multi-nation trip, particularly to Sri Lanka or India. Male is the international gateway to the Maldives via Hulhule Island, and the surrounding island resorts are accessed by private speedboat.

MALE

THE CAPITAL

If you are looking for some relief from the crowded metropolises of the West amidst natural beauty, then hop on a Male tourism. The sprawling capital of the Maldivian archipelago, Male island, Maldives, is located in the Kaafu Atoll. It is quiet urbanised and heavily built up. There are plenty of things to do in Malé as it has a character of its own that is worth exploring.

From colourful houses to graffiti and an absolutely communal atmosphere, you may spend some time here for blissfulness. There are plenty of Male Island resorts to choose from, for a great stay. During the high tourist season, it is a good idea to book the Male Island hotels in advance, to avoid last minute hassles.

Attractions of Male Island

On a visit to Male there are a lot of places to see such as the National Art Gallery, the local Fish Market, Sultan's Park and the National Museum. The island itself is a hive of activity and is pleasant and quirky too. There are a number of alcohol-free bars, restaurants that boast of lip-smacking cuisine and lively markets that set the pace of life here.

Snorkeling off the coast of Male and submarine trips are popular attractions and visitors even carry approved food into the submarine to attract sea-life and get a closer look. A walk along the pier is a must on a visit here and the busy ports will always give one something interesting to watch.

Things To Do at Male Island

There are many things to do at Male Island that can make a vacation to this exotic destination worthwhile. One could head to the Old Friday Mosque known as Hukuru Miskiy at Male Island to explore the history of the tropical destination. This is the oldest mosque in the Maldives that is quite famous for its architecture and design.

One can also go swimming at the Artificial Beach that looks no less than a natural beach. It is hard to even notice the difference. The water at this crescent-shaped beach is shallow making it perfect for a nice swim. The local fish market at Male Island can also be checked out to get the local feel and vibe.

DIVE MALDIVES

Experience the magic underwater



Welcome to one of the most established dive destinations in the world. Formed entirely of coral islands of which the reefs are its foundation, the Maldives offers a choice of exciting dive sites that would suit the beginner as well as the most seasoned dive enthusiast.

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Maldives is home to an amazing range of marine life. Over 2000 species of fish ranging from a myriad of reef fish with their vibrant colors to large pelagics inhabit the reefs and waters around the islands.

Due to the unique geography of the country, there are a variety of dive sites accessible from anywhere in the country. A dive school is an essential part of any resort and there is a dive center in each of the guesthouse islands.

Dive centers are equipped with high quality dive gear and are staffed by qualified professional dive instructors. Dive excursions to a variety of dive sites are organized daily by the dive centers. They also offer dive courses for beginners as well as advanced divers, in a variety of languages, leading to professional dive certification. The shallow lagoons of the islands offer the perfect environment to learn diving.

Dive schools on some of the island offer whale shark and manta excursions with experienced dive guides. Well known sites offer divers the opportunity to enjoy the rich marine life of fish and corals that the Maldives is so well known for.

Mantas roam in groups entering channels and even the shallower lagoons of islands along the reef edge. A ten-minute boat ride from your island and you can be in the water in the presence of mantas, gracefully swimming around you.

A liveaboard holiday offers the opportunity to experience a variety of dive sites in several atolls. For the avid diver this could be one of the most convenient ways to experience diving in the Maldives.

All islands have their own reef to explore, a short walk or swim across the shallow lagoon and you could be snorkeling over the island's house reef. Or take a snorkeling excursion to enjoy the pristine reefs around the island.

LIVE ABOARD

Explore & experience more on your holiday



A cruise on a liveaboard is a great way to experience the Maldives. It's a great opportunity to explore more of the country. You are on the move throughout your holiday, each day a different taste, a new experience.

No matter what you desire you get the chance to experience more of the Maldives on a liveaboard. Surfing, diving or simply cruising, a liveaboard will take you to more surf breaks more dive locations and more atolls. Liveaboards offer you an opportunity to visit various islands across many atolls, offering you a glimpse of life on the islands.



The vessels come in various sizes and standards. While some offer luxurious settings, with spacious accommodation, sprawling sun decks, accompanied with sumptuous buffets that could easily match the luxury of a resort, other more affordable options are also available. En-suite bathrooms private air-conditioned cabins, fresh hot and cold water, lounge salons with comfortable seating are standard on all vessels.

Liveaboards are especially ideal for avid divers who wish to experience a range of dive sites in various atolls or fervent surfers who wish to get a taste of what the various surf spots along the atolls have to offer.

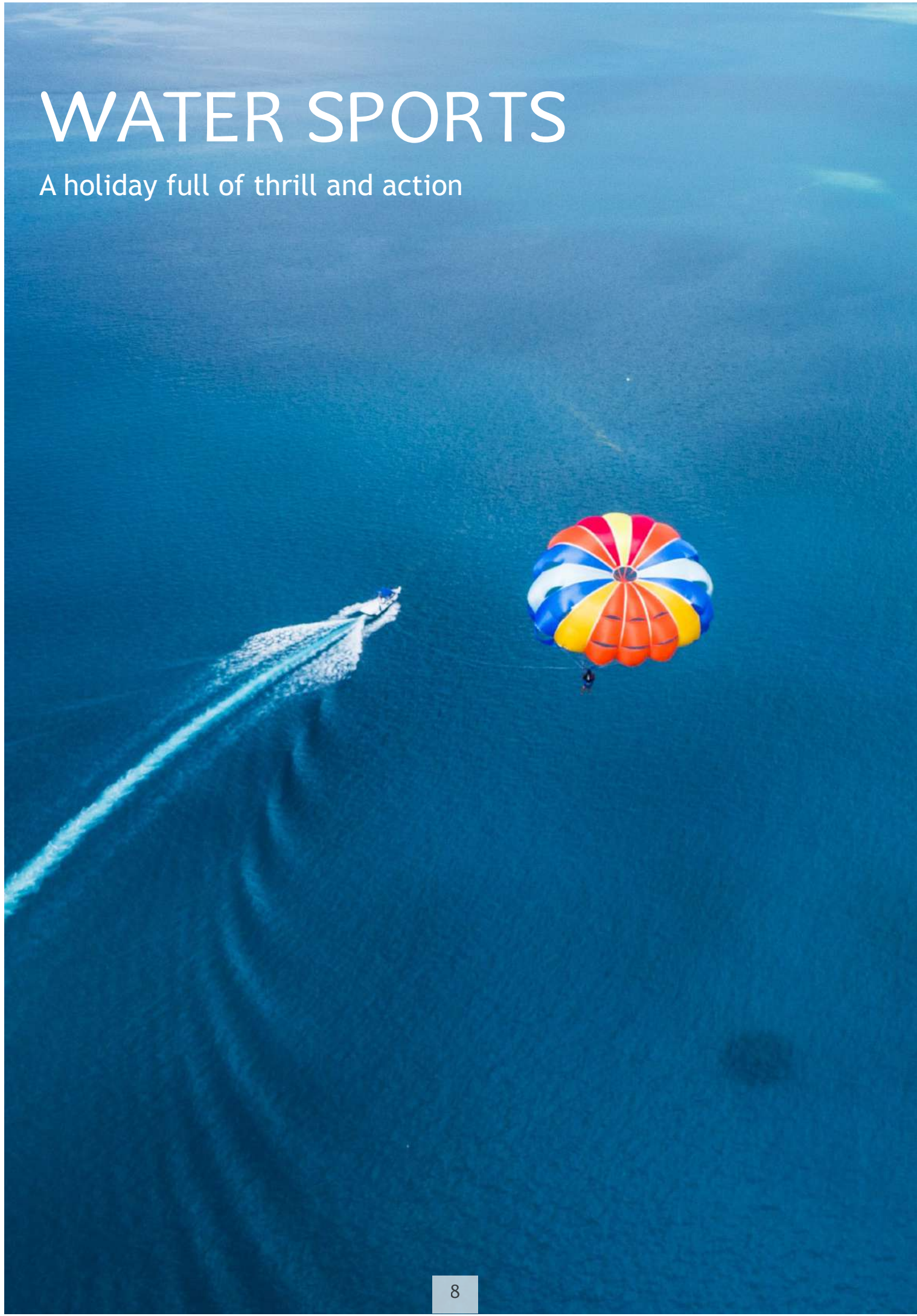
Diving on liveaboard offers you a complete immersion into diving in the Maldives. The vessels are well equipped with high quality dive equipment and staffed with professional guides. A support dive vessel accompanies most liveaboards on dive tours. They provide easy access to dive sites once your vessel anchors at the various points along its route.

While most of the liveaboard routes are through the central atolls, several liveaboards also offer routes to the southern and northern atolls. The standard length of a tour is around seven days, but some offer longer tours that would cover more of the atolls.

Barbeques on the beach, snorkeling in pristine reefs, visits to various resorts are part of every liveaboard tour. Dance under the stars and breathe in the fresh air as you cruise through the pristine atolls of the Maldives.

WATER SPORTS

A holiday full of thrill and action



With crystal clear waters, expansive reefs and shallow lagoons around the islands, the Maldives is ideal for a vast variety of water sports for beginners and the more advanced alike. A host of fun watersports activities are on offer wherever you are in the Maldives. You don't have to be an expert to enjoy the waters, there's something for everyone.

Fun in the sun with a splash; take on banana boat riding for the thrill with friends and family. If you are seeking a more relaxed ride, paddling around the island in a canoe on a lazy afternoon is probably the ideal choice.

Find peace windsurfing across the lagoon, feel the wind in your hair and spray on your face as you skim across the waves. Resort watersports centers offer a variety of boards for beginners and advanced windsurfers. Learn to sail with the professionals, many watersports centers offer courses in windsurfing and sailing.



Maldives is well established in the surfing circuit. With an average water temperature of around 28-degree Celsius, conditions are good throughout the surfing season from mid-February to November. While several surf points are accessible from resorts, the best way to surf the Maldives is on a liveaboard, which could take you to several atolls during your holiday.

It's not all about the water. Several resorts offer a range of sports on dry land. Tennis, beach volleyball and badminton are just some of the more common games on offer.

In the Maldives, your holiday is what you want it to be. There's abundant activity for everyone, yet you can choose to lounge on the beach absorbing the sun and the fresh air and bask in the sound of the waves that lap the shore.

Wakeboarding and kite surfing offer a greater adrenaline rush as you cut through the water, trying out various maneuvers and turns over the shimmering waters of the lagoon. For the seriously adventurous there's jet skiing and for the daring there's flyboarding, a thrill-seeker's dream.

Parasailing offers a calmer, smoother ride, yet offers the thrill of being suspended in the air, gliding gently over the islands and the reefs, giving you a unique bird's eye view and a sense of calm and peace way above the goings on in the world.

Fishing may sound quite ordinary, but in the Maldives, it is more than just fishing. Night fishing and big game fishing are on offer in many of the resorts and guesthouse islands. And if you are serious about fishing try out a local fishing vessel to experience close up, the pole and line fishing that Maldives is so famous for.

ISLAND TOURISM

Holidays with the locals



From tiny little cozy four-bedroom properties to large fifty room hotels, there are various sizes and styles of accommodation to choose from. No matter where you stay the atmosphere is relaxed, friendly and comfortable. You are free to explore the island at your leisure and choose the various activities on offer.

There is a wide range of food options on offer on most of the island, especially those that are well established as guesthouse destinations; from cafes offering local fare which consists of rice and local flat breads, curries, local sweet and savory snacks to classy little eateries offering international cuisine.



While some guesthouses may have their own watersports facilities and services, there is a choice of independent watersports and dive centers on most islands. Try out jet skiing, or kite surfing to get that rush of adrenalin, or choose parasailing to enjoy the view of the island or spend an afternoon canoeing around the island.

Excursions to sandbanks, other island towns and uninhabited islands are organized by guesthouses or watersports and excursion centers in the islands. Half-day and full-day excursions often include snorkeling at pristine reefs and barbeque lunches on the beach as part of the excursion packages.

With an abundance of reefs, the Maldives offers the best options for diving both for beginners and seasoned divers. Each guesthouse island would have well known dive sites on their daily dive excursion menus. Well-equipped dive centers in the islands organize day and night dives for beginners as well as advanced divers.

The beach is one of the key elements during any holiday in the Maldives. Not surprisingly all the islands have wonderful beaches that you can enjoy. Many have sections of the beach exclusively reserved for holidaymakers.

Guesthouse islands come in various sizes and some have their very own specialties. Some are quieter than others with just a couple of guesthouse properties. Some islands boast exquisite sandbanks while others may have mantas and whale sharks frequenting the waters nearby. Other islands may offer you the chance to experience nature reserves, mangroves or other features that are distinctly unique to those specific atolls or islands.

WEDDINGS & EVENTS

Fairytale Weddings & the honeymoon of your dreams!



TREAD THE SOFT WHITE SANDS OF THE BEACH AS YOU WALK HAND IN HAND, LETTING THE GENTLE WAVES LAP YOUR FEET. FEEL THE BREEZE ON YOUR FACE AND IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE SOFT MUSIC OF THE RUSTLING OF THE PALMS.

YOU LEAVE FOOTSTEPS BEHIND, AS YOU COLOR THE DREAMS OF YOUR LIFE AHEAD. THERE IS NO BETTER PLACE FOR ROMANCE, WHERE ALL THE INGREDIENTS FOR LOVE COME TOGETHER IN PERFECT HARMONY, WHERE YOU COMMIT OR RECOMMIT TO EACH OTHER TO LOVE AND TO CHERISH FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIVES.

Finally, you have decided to tie the knot. A great way to make the occasion memorable is to have the affirmation of marriage and the wedding celebration in the Maldives.

You don't need to be married to celebrate a symbolic marriage in Maldivian resorts. A symbolic wedding is ceremonial, and it is a great way to commemorate your romantic bond.

You may choose where your wedding ceremony is held in the resort; a sandbank, sailboat, jetty, or in a special pavilion erected on the beach, the choice is endless, and it is yours. Some weddings have even been performed underwater.

Do you want a touch of Maldivian culture at your wedding? The occasion can be a fusion of the conventional and local tradition, with the couple dressed in Maldivian traditional attire and local Bodu Beru drummers providing the music.

Take a 'renewal of vows' perhaps on a wedding anniversary, as a means of expressing and confirming enduring love for your spouse. Celebrate the years together and have a memorable holiday together at the same time.

No matter where you stay in the Maldives, there's a sense of romance that you cannot evade.

Love is in the air, wherever you are. No wonder the Maldives is one of the most desired honeymoon destinations for couples ready to tie the knot, across the world.

Candlelit dinners under starry skies, exclusive upgrades and bespoke experiences-for-two make for an extra special start to married life. Some resorts allow special rates and complimentary extras for couples on honeymoon up to six months after the day of their wedding.

Many resorts come with open-to-the-stars bathrooms, private plunge pools and ladders leading directly down into the lagoon. From the balcony, views stretch to the horizon as the moon bathes you and your partner in its seductive glow.

A resort that's dedicated to romance, a bungalow nestled in the lush vegetation, a villa over water looking out on the horizon, a wedding on the beach, a renewal of vows, it's yours to choose. Whatever you choose, you will carry with you, boundless memories for the rest of your journey together.

GASTRONOMY

A journey that would tickle your taste buds



Resorts in the Maldives offer unforgettable culinary experiences for the discerning foodies. While some resorts offer carefully curated programs of gastronomic events throughout the year, no matter where you are planning to spend your holiday be ready to tickle your taste buds with a variety of international and local delights sumptuously spread out at mealtime buffets.

Gastronomy is an essential element of some of the resorts, where attention to detail is crucial. Some of the restaurants in the resorts boasts the most authentic experiences that gourmets can enjoy anywhere in the world. Some of the signature dishes offered by the best of the resort restaurants are world renowned.

Standalone specialty restaurants are part of the identity of many of the resorts. Get ready to indulge in authentic favorites dished out by renowned international chefs flown in from around in the world.



Be it traditional Maldivian, or something more international chefs in the resorts offer a culinary journey for you to enjoy; an experience that is as unforgettable as your holiday in the Maldives.

Maldivian cuisine occupies its own special place in the culinary world. It's a unique fusion that has evolved over centuries of interaction with cuisines from around the Indian Ocean and further afield.

Fish and coconut are the essentials in Maldivian cuisine be it sweet or savories. Curries with unique Maldivian twists to savor, sweets made from endemic local produce and 'short eats' that can fill you up on the go are part of the traditional Maldivian cuisine.

Be it a once in a lifetime dining experience in an underwater restaurant, dinner for two in the moonlight, or a frivolous barbeque on the beach, the Maldives has a host of gastronomic delights that would suit every visitor.

GUESTHOUSES

Local islands, local experience



600 Guest Houses



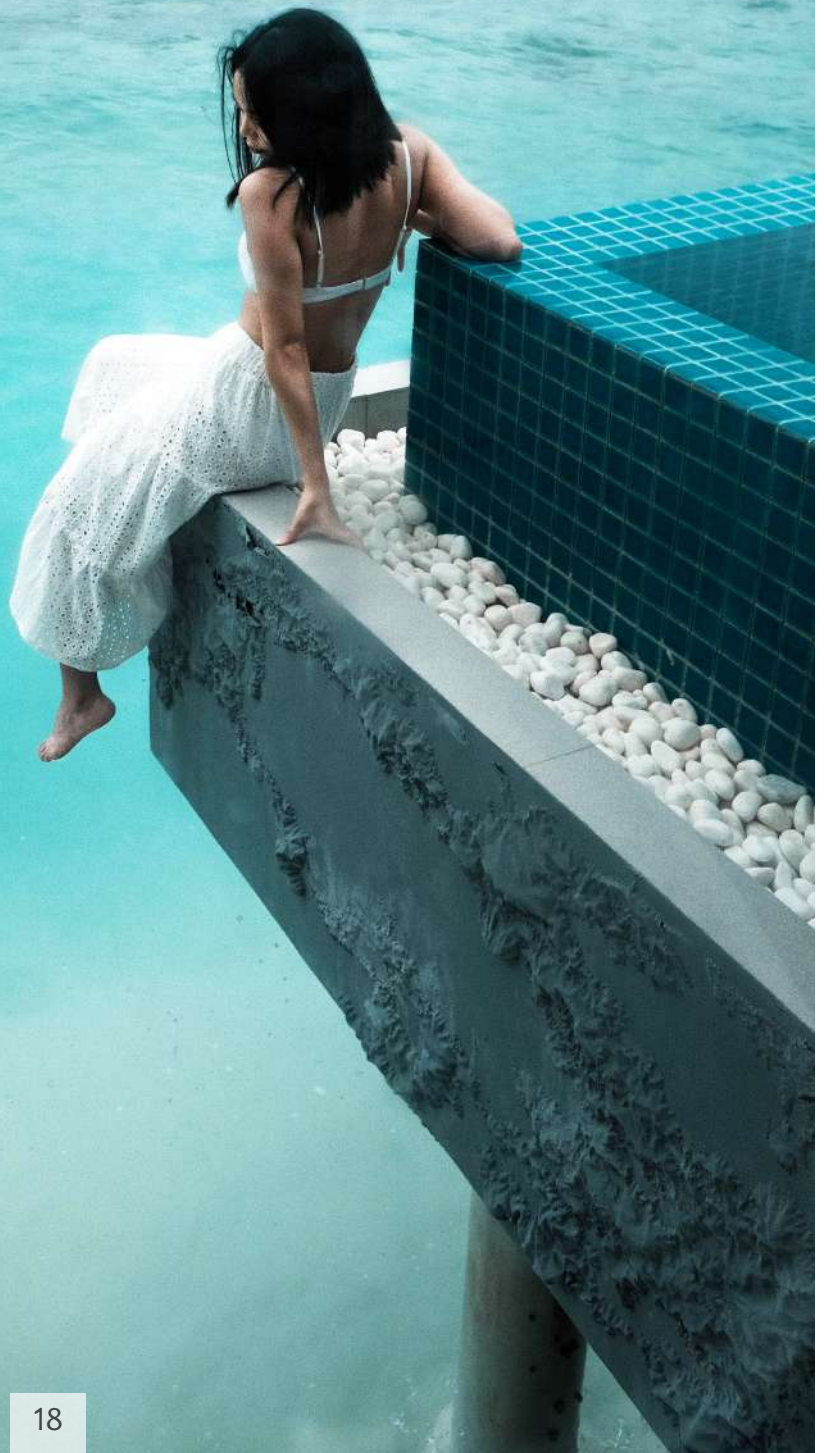
If you are more inclined to get a taste of local life, then one of the many guesthouses in a local island could fulfil your thirst for the new.

Experience your holiday in a local island and still get to enjoy all the serenity and fun the Maldives has to offer.

Diving, watersports, excursions are all on offer at guesthouses around the country. Many offer exquisite spa treatments as well. It's excitement for the whole family, romance for honeymooning couples, great fun for friends travelling together to experience a great time together mixed in with adventure.

HOTELS

Business with pleasure



50+

Luxury Hotels

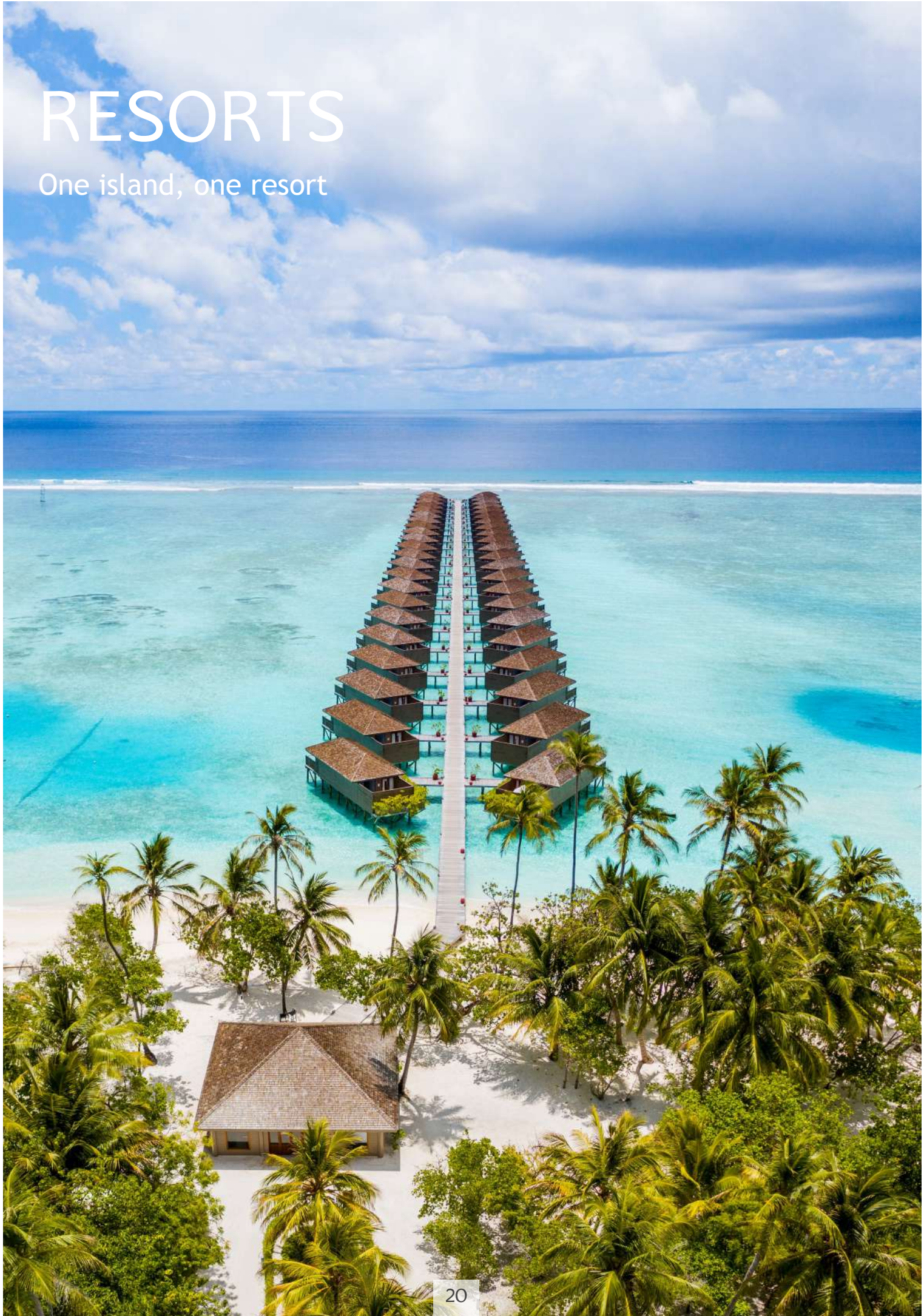


Hotels are a great choice if you wish to combine business with pleasure. While hotels are located in convenient locations in the city providing you access to your business needs, they also offer great getaway packages that would certainly fit in with your interests.

Hotels in the city also offer dive excursions to dive points around Male', excursions to resorts and other islands and convenient connectivity to all regions of the country.

RESORTS

One island, one resort



160+ Resorts



From the super luxury frequented by the world's travel elite to the more affordable, the resorts of the Maldives have one thing in common. Each resort boasts its very own private island and its yours to enjoy. Private beaches, sumptuous meals, a host of activities that will certainly quench your thirst for whatever you have in mind.

Be it the thrill of diving, the excitement of watersports, exquisite spas, and amazing excursions they offer it all.

While some are focused on family holidays others may offer a higher degree of adventure and activity. Whatever resort you choose you can be assured of your freedom, peace of mind and adventure, together with the impeccable service Maldives is so well known for.





DISCOVER

Maldives

GEOGRAPHY

The Maldives is a nation of islands in the Indian Ocean, that spans across the equator. The country is comprised of 1192 islands that stretch along a length of 871 kilometers. While the country covers an area of approximately 90,000 square kilometers, only 298 square kilometers of that is dry land. The islands are grouped into a double chain of 26 atolls.

The country's unique geography mesmerizes the visitor. Reefs that offer bands of color, tiny jewel-like islands rimmed with the whitest of soft sand surrounded by the clearest shallow waters that one can imagine. Only 200 of the islands are inhabited, and a select few on each of the atolls are resorts and some of the islands are used for industry and agriculture.

The beauty of the Maldives is not only above the water. The Maldives is home to about five percent of the planet's reefs that comes with an explosion of color contributed by soft and hard corals that form them. The reefs are home to a thousand species of fish. Lured by the rich nutrients that flow in with the currents, large pelagic fishes such as manta rays and whale sharks also make the Maldives their home.

PEOPLE

While very little is known about the ancient history of the Maldives scholars and historians believe that the Maldives is an old nation populated well over 2500 years ago. The Maldivian race is the result of several waves of settlement from various parts of the Indian subcontinent and thousands of years of interactions of people of different races and ethnicities that crisscrossed the Indian Ocean over several centuries.

The country's culture and traditions and the diverse physical traits of the people bear witness to the fact that the country was, due to its geographical location, a melting pot of people and cultures.

The Maldivian language is Dhivehi, an Indo-Aryan language with its origins in Sanskrit. The most recent census in 2020 enumerated the population at 487,660 people. A third of the population lives in Male', while the rest live in 200 island scattered across the length of the country. The livelihood of Maldivians traditionally depended on the seas, fishery being the main source of sustenance. While fishery still contributes significantly to the economy in terms of employment and income, tourism is the main source of income for the Maldivian economy today.

CULTURE

Although home to just over half a million people the Maldives has its own unique culture and traditions. While heavily influenced by various cultures around the rim of the Indian Ocean, the Maldivian culture, craft and traditions have been shaped by the island environment and the seas that surround us. Dhivehi is the language of the Maldivian people. Our current script, Thaana is unique and was developed from Arabic numerals around the 16th century.

Maldivians are master boat builders. The traditional Maldivian boat, dhoni has been shaped over centuries, resulting in a craft that perfectly suits the various conditions of the seas. The traditional cuisine is heavily based on fish and coconut, with several dishes that have no parallels anywhere in the region. Our music and dance display strong influences of East Africa, Arabia and the Indian subcontinent. There is a rich tradition of Maldivian crafts; lacquered wooden ornaments, finely woven reed mats, and coral carvings are crafts that have been passed down through several generations.

THE ENVIRONMENT

The Maldives has one of the most delicate environments anywhere on the planet. Coral reefs are the foundation of the islands. They offer protection to the tiny islands as its natural defense system, and the country's economy depends heavily on the health of its reefs and ecosystems.

Several conservation efforts are underway to protect the valuable marine environment of Maldives. While several marine species and birds are protected by law, protected areas have been designated to ensure the conservation of specific ecosystems and the rich biodiversity of the country. This includes designated nature reserves in islands of various atolls to protect wetlands and mangroves and the protection of marine areas and the designation of biosphere reserves that covers coral reefs, islands, sea grass beds and mangroves.

Several resorts too conduct their own programs. While some programs conducted by resorts focus on the protection and rehabilitation of sea turtles, others are engaged in cutting edge research on regeneration of coral reefs. Several community education programs are also conducted by resorts for school children and the community at large.

Non-governmental organizations also play an important role through their voluntary programs and conduct regular beach and reef clean up programs. Visitors to Maldives are advised to carry back their own non-biodegradable waste and to take care not to stand on, touch or remove coral structures while snorkeling or diving.

CONNECTIVITY

The Maldives is well connected with the rest of the world. Several flights from Europe, Middle East and South East Asia operate to Velana International Airport, the main gateway to the Maldives. The highest international traffic is from Colombo, Sri Lanka, various Indian cities and Dubai, while several scheduled and charter flights bring in passengers from all major European capitals, and South East Asian cities. Once in the Maldives you can travel to any of the twelve domestic and international airports to which several daily flights are operated. Scheduled ferry services also operate from Male' to most of the atolls.

If you are travelling to a resort, your transfer will most likely be prearranged at the time of booking your accommodation. Transfers to resorts around the airport are by speedboat and transfers to resorts and islands further afield are by seaplane.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Time 5 hours ahead of GMT

International telephone code +960

Electricity 240 volts

Mobile Services - Prepaid SIM cards are available from two mobile service providers at the airport. The SIM cards can be used for local and international call and for data.

Currency - The Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR) is the local currency. All major credit cards are accepted in the country.

Visa - All nationalities receive a 30-day visa on arrival, provided that you have a valid passport, an onward ticket to continue your journey and a reservation at a tourist facility or enough funds to cover your stay in the country.

Taxes - A Tourism Goods and Service Tax (TGST) of 12% is levied on all goods and services at tourist establishments. A Green Tax of US\$ 6.00 per person per day is payable for guests staying at tourist accommodation except guest houses where the Green Tax is US\$ 3.00 per person per day.

Travel and transfer - Speedboat transfer is the norm to resorts close to the International Airport. The rest is covered by seaplane or domestic flight. If you are travelling to Male you can take a taxi from the airport. Several daily flights operate from Velana International Airport to the 12 domestic and international airports in the country. Scheduled ferries also operate from Male to many of the atolls.

Alcohol - Import of alcohol by individuals is not permitted. However, alcohol is available at all the resorts.

Weather - Year-round temperature hot tropical climate. The average high temperature is 31.5 degree Celsius and the average low temperature is 26.4 degree Celsius. The Southwest monsoon from May to October brings rain and the Northeast monsoon from November to April is generally sunny.



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Tips - On the go

Choose Your Airplane Rides Wisely

One of the most important tips for first-time visitors to the Maldives is to choose regional or domestic flights from Middle East Asia as these are cheaper options. Choosing a flight to Male and then a speedboat for Maldives transportation between islands to reach the specific islands will be affordable although you can also choose a round trip seaplane ride which will be unforgettable, though expensive. You can also choose the Maldivian domestic flight for the transfer. Flights can get delayed and there is also no scheduled time for seaplane transfer within its dawn-to-dusk window. So try to plan for the flight that lands in the first half of the day to get transferred to the island before 4 PM, otherwise you have to spend the night at Male and take the earliest transfer the following day.

Follow The Basic Unwritten Rules Of The Land

Planning during the 1-month period of Ramadan is a no-no as many hotel staff will be out for meeting families. Also, the availability of food during the daytime will be a challenge and many services and shops will be closed, especially during the time of prayer. Don't expect to get pork and alcohol. Also, one of the most major Maldives travel tips to follow at this time is to ensure you are decently covered, especially knees, shoulders, abdomen, chest, and elbows while visiting the local islands. When you are planning a trip to the Maldives the rules are for the time when one is taking a trip to the local islands but quite relaxed at the resort islands and one can dress the way they want to. There is also a restriction on the public display of affection and homosexuality is taboo as well.

The Bioluminescent Beach Must Not Be Missed

Visiting the Baa Atoll should be among the top 10 travel tips to know before you go as this will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience to see the planktons emitting luminescent toxins during the night under the sky, creating a starry look on the ocean bed. This is one of the most unique things to do in the Maldives. There are many resorts offering bioluminescent tours, but you must verify their authenticity first. Make sure you check the timing of this phenomenon beforehand when you are planning or figuring out how to travel to the Maldives, so you can pick the islands or resorts for your stay accordingly.

Accommodation & Transportation

When figuring out how to travel to Maldives, you must have all your options in hand to consider properly. Depending on the average cost of Maldives vacation, you can either go for the less expensive hotels on the local islands or make the best out of the luxury and privacy at the five-star resorts on private islands. Choosing those which offer excursions, airport transfers, and ferry service is a good idea according to tips for the Maldives given by previous travelers. Check out the restaurants, bar, pool, kid-friendliness, reef condition around the island and of course, the view around. For those traveling with kids, choosing overwater villas can be a bad choice as they can be unsafe for them to play or climb on jetties. But living amid the reef fishes, rays and corals can be tantalizing.

Go For All-inclusive Or Half-board Facilities

When you are out on the beaches or enjoying water sports in Maldives, going for the all-inclusive deals can be quite expensive. All-inclusive buffet breakfast and lunch can be a great choice while half-boards will include breakfast, lunch, and drinks with access to A-la-carte restaurants according to many Maldives travel tips. Before choosing a deal, make sure there are coffee, drinks, and special delights included, any activities or excursions offered, and whether there is a kid-friendly menu available if you are traveling with kids. Checking these things in advance is only going to make your Maldives trip fun and easier.

Pack Wisely

While considering how to go to the Maldives with proper packing, make sure you don't pack pork, alcohol or tobacco products (without health warning) along with any religious books. Coming to one of the most important accessories, do carry a water-resistant or underwater camera with a polarizer to shoot all the action on land and underwater. All Maldives travel tips will tell you to carry snorkeling, surfing, or diving gear to cut down on renting cost and stick to your budget. Carry minimal tropical-friendly clothing, swimsuits (for private islands), sunscreen, toiletries, surf wax, personal care products, and medical emergency kit.

Don't Carry Alcohol In The Country

The Maldives is a country that is slightly Muslim dominated and the only place where someone can enjoy a drink without any worries, is at the private resorts. One of the best Maldives travel tips we can give you is to not carry alcohol while entering the country. There is a risk of them being taken away or the travelers might be fined by the custom.

Don't Forget Your Sunscreen

Being a tropical location, it is necessary for travelers to bring sunscreen with them to protect the skin from being damaged. But make sure to not plan on buying the sunscreen from the Maldives, as it is very expensive on the island. And alongside that also ensure that you try to use reef-safe sunscreen as the chemicals in other sunscreens damages the magnificent and preserved coral and marine life.

Bikinis Are Not Allowed Everywhere

Try not to disregard the conservative culture of the Maldives which is still prevalent in the local islands. Practice modesty and wear bikinis or skin-tight clothing only when at the resort islands. On the local islands, there are some "bikini beaches", which are specially meant for tourists to visit.

Avoid Changing Places Frequently

While planning a stay in the Maldives, make sure to pick just one hotel or resort and spend your vacation there rather than doing island hopping. Moving from one place to another in the Maldives is quite hectic and it doesn't seem like a seamless transfer. Apart from Male, one has to hire a speedboat or seaplane to travel from one island to another.

Seaplanes Are Wonderful There In Maldives

The experience of flying to the Male International Airport is stunning. Tourists, who love to explore some wonderful Islands and places to visit in Maldives, you will have to bear some extra buck if they wish to cherish the journey by seaplane which starts from around US\$200 but the views are really eye-pleasing that it is worth spending penny while traveling. Whenever you are booking the hotels there in the Maldives, you need to make sure that you book the seaplanes also in advance as these seaplanes are scheduled and available as per the demand and you will be getting the booking confirmation only just one night before you start your trip to the Maldives.

Spend At Least One Night In A Water Bungalow

You don't visit such breathtaking tropical destinations with glamorous overwater villas every day. So, when you're in the Maldives, make the most of this opportunity, even if it means spending just a little more. Your Maldives trip plan is incomplete without the experience of the crystal clear turquoise ocean right under your feet, especially if you're on your honeymoon in Maldives. While Maldivian beach villas are also pretty awesome, nothing can beat the experience of staying in a water bungalow where you will wake up to gorgeous sunrises and can slide right into the ocean from your room itself! Therefore, if you are planning to spend few days in those water bungalows and not being able to figure out what to prepare for the Maldives trip, this article will help you to understand the nature of the trip that you can plan for.

Drone Photography? First Check If They're Allowed

Who wouldn't want to capture that incredible mix of white Maldivian beaches and blue waters from the skies? But if you're planning on bringing a drone to the Maldives, then there are some things you must consider. Many resorts in Maldives have a "No Drone" policy to foster the protection of their guests' privacy and violating these could land you in serious trouble. So the major travel tips for Maldives will always tell you to check with your resort if they would allow you to fly drones on the island that you're staying on.

From November To April Is The Best Time To Visit Maldives

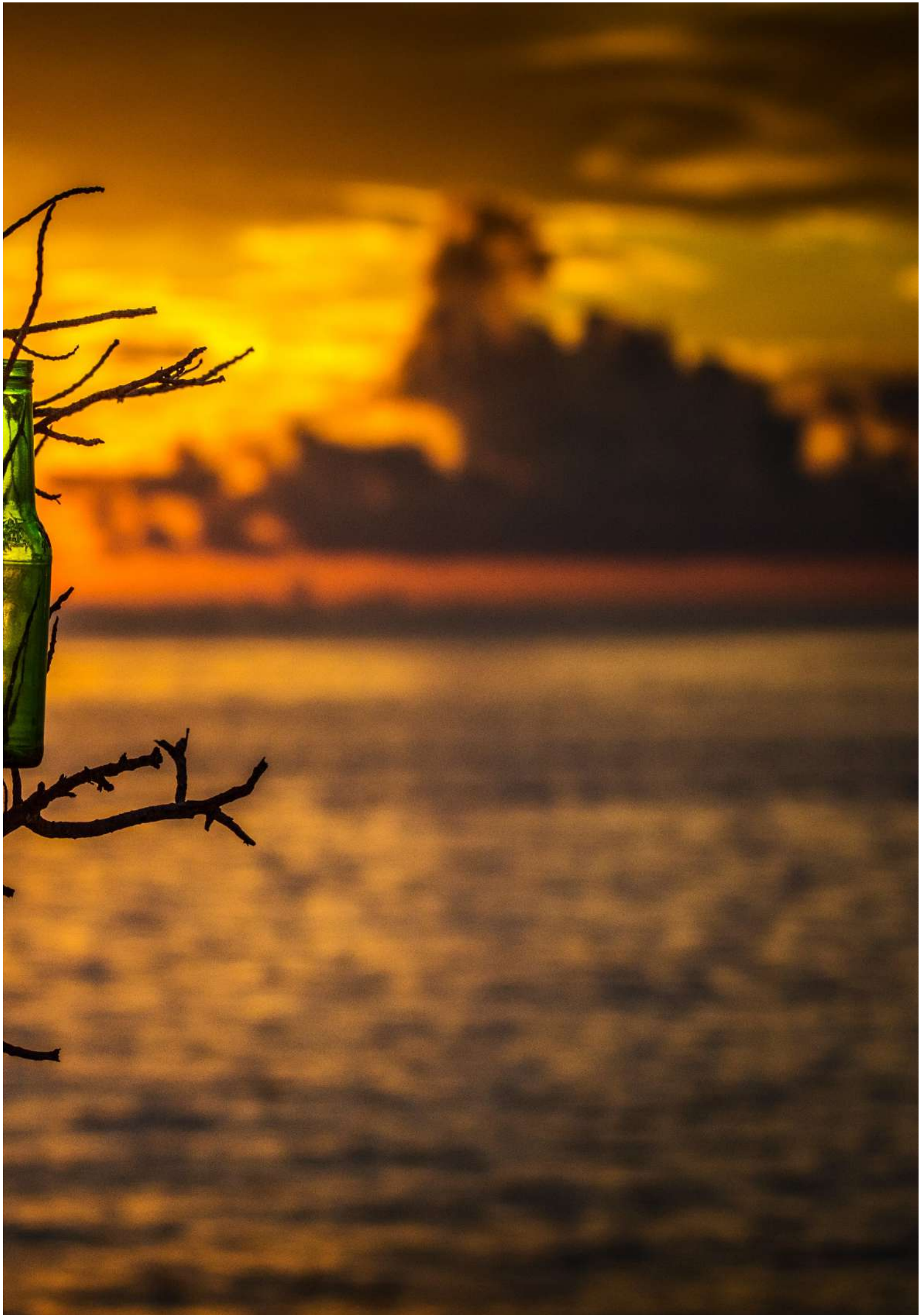
When you are planning to visit the Maldives, you must have an understanding of the climate over there so that you can have a memorable trip to the Maldives. Well, the best time to visit different Islands in Maldives. Usually, vacationers love to visit there in the Maldives in the month of December and the rush for visitors continue till the month of March. The Maldives are pretty much with perfect weather with an average temperature of 32 degrees Celcius.

Should You Tip Or Not?

Tippling is not a conventional practice in the Maldives therefore, it is not an obligation to tip in this country. Whether staying at a hotel or eating at a restaurant, you will see that giving tips for the service is not a common practice in the Maldives like it is in many other countries.

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