



CULTURE, & LIFE. DISCOVER & ENJOY
MALDIVIAN CUISINE, CULTURE, & LIFE.



GUESTHOUSES



830
Guesthouses



15,533
Beds

Located in inhabited islands, surrounded by the same gorgeous views as the rest of the Maldives, but with the added benefit of rich local culture all around you. Guesthouses and homestays in the Maldives are the perfect opportunity to explore local islands, and discover and enjoy Maldivian cuisine, culture, and life.



Live like a local

When you stay in one of our many guesthouses or homestay options in the Maldives, you get to immerse yourself and live with the locals and enjoy the Maldivian way of life. The hospitality is unyielding, the people are helpful, friendly and eager to help you have the vacation of your dreams. These are small communities each with its own distinctive characteristics, some with exclusive dialects, food, culture, and traditions just waiting to be explored.

Our Guesthouses and homestay options range from luxurious to budget friendly, and holidays can be tailored to suit every need.



Your own pace for the slowlife

Guesthouse and homestay in the Maldives is a unique experience, even for repeat visitors to the Maldives. These stays give you the same vistas as any resort, the same oceans with its abundant marine life, but with the added option of travelling freely within the locals of the island or nearby islands. It's truly a freeing experience to be able to throw a few things in a backpack, get on a boat, and take a trip to a neighbouring island for lunch, just because you feel like it. The independence and freedom to move at your own pace is a truly exciting experience when it comes to a holiday in the Maldives.



The options are unlimited as we have so many guesthouses to choose from in all 26 atolls. You can customise your itinerary, choose from excursion packages, or curate your own - the choice really is all up to you.



Checklist of things to try at Guesthouse in the Maldives

Update your bucket list with some of our visitors' favourite activities in the Maldives:

- Have a traditional Maldivian breakfast of mashuni and roshi with sweet black tea, or tea time treats like hoonu gulha and caramel folhi - you will be craving more with every bite
- Pick a random ferry and go on an island-hopping adventure of your own choice and making
- Go diving, fishing & snorkelling off the beaten path with locals (they know the best spots!)
- Join an impromptu boduberu session on the beach, feel the rhythm of the drum beats and dance the night away under the stars
- Reconnect with nature and with yourself; listen to the waves cresting on the beach & let the freshness of the air astound you as all your stress melts away
- Take a tour of ancient mosques and cultural hotspots scattered throughout the nation
- Travel to the South of Maldives for an entirely unexpected and unforgettable experience not found anywhere else in the Maldives
- Rejuvenate yourself and connect with the earth by taking a mud bath in Fuvahmulah



Good to know tips



INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

The Maldives has 3 international airports, with the main one being Velana International Airport located in Hulhule island, connected via bridge to the capital, Male City, and modern metropolis, Hulhumale. Over 30 international airlines fly to the Maldives at regular intervals.



FERRY NETWORK, DHONIS & SPEEDBOATS

Regular ferries, dhonis, (boats) and speedboats help make travel between islands and atolls that much easier. These trips are cost-efficient, but take longer than seaplane trips, but are certainly the most convenient ways to travel for personal itineraries. Plus, speedboat rides can be as exhilarating as any adventure activity on the sea.



SEAPLANE

The Maldives is home to the largest fleet of seaplanes in the world, not surprising given the natural geography of our scattered islands. Seaplanes travel from all international airports to convenient locations near islands and island resorts, for ease of travel and some of the most breathtaking views you can imagine. Don't forget your camera, you will regret it.



COVID GUIDELINES

As of March 2022, the Maldives no longer require visitors to present a negative Covid-19 PCR test on arrival or prior to departure from the nation. However, visitors are required to present confirmation of having received their Covid-19 vaccination doses at least fourteen (14) days prior to their arrival to the Maldives.



ALCOHOL

Contrary to popular belief, the Maldives only has restrictions on the consumption of alcohol on inhabited islands. Visitors will find the wine flowing freely in resorts, liveaboards, and any and all tourist establishments outside of local islands. Visitors staying at local islands are free to take a trip to a moored liveaboard close-by or take an excursion to a resort should they want alcoholic beverages.



FREE VISA ON ARRIVAL

All visitors of all nationalities are welcome to the Maldives, with a free 30-day tourist visa provided to all visitors on arrival to the Maldives.



DRESS CODES AND BIKINI BEACHES

All visitors to local islands are requested to adhere to modest dress codes while on inhabited islands. However, there are specially designated Bikini Beaches in most popular guesthouse islands in the Maldives, so don't despair, you can still easily get your tan on without disruptions. There are no such dress code requirements aboard liveaboards or in island resorts.



LANGUAGE AND CURRENCY

The local language of the Maldives is Dhivehi, an indo-aryan language. However, you will find that almost every Maldivian is tri-lingual and speaks clear english along with one other language too, ranging from south asia to eastern european languages. It's always a good idea to inquire with your property beforehand if you would like someone who speaks your native language to assist you.

Similarly, while our local currency is known as Maldivian Rufyaa, almost every establishment in the Maldives will be happy to accept United States Dollars or Euros. Exchange rates for MVR to USD are fixed at MVR 15.42 for 1 USD.

There are several conveniently located money changing facilities too, located throughout inhabited islands. Currency exchange services are also available from the reception of your chosen property.