



# LIVEABOARDS



**159**  
*liveaboards*



**2,949**  
*Beds*

Maldives is 99% water so what better way to explore our isles than onboard a liveaboard, an all inclusive, on the go accommodation option. You can cruise through the vast oceans, island hop, picnic on sandbanks, fish and dive whenever you please?

# Vacation luxuriously... on the move

If the vacation of your dreams is to be pampered with luxury with a bit of adventure on the side, this is the perfect option for you. And the best thing? Liveaboards provide you with the ultimate privacy.

We've got liveaboards of varying sizes, with 3 to 25 cabins. Smaller liveaboards will accommodate one group/couple at a time while larger ones limit the number of people who can stay onboard as well. You can choose to book the whole vessel for ultimate privacy or join in on an existing group and make some vacation friends.







# Truly the best of both worlds

Liveaboard vacations are the best way to explore the thousand isles of the Maldives. Each liveaboard comes complete with a private chef, dining and entertainment options, especially when it comes to watersports. If you want to truly experience the Maldives, not just one island, but any and all islands that catch your eye, then this is the dream vacation for you.

It's perfect for divers and dive-enthusiasts who want to explore the endless depths of the ocean with rich marine life during a snorkelling or diving session, and cruise across the Maldivian seas to different islands and atolls, all the while taking in the seascapes consisting of all hues of imaginable blues. Some liveaboards also allow you to travel to the best surfing points in the Maldives, anchor nearby and enjoy the best waves.

# Tailored to your individual needs

Liveaboards also offer you the option of creating your own itinerary or choosing one of the many tailored packages which is carefully curated to ensure you make the most of your stay onboard a liveaboard.

Maldives liveaboards are also very popular for MICE travellers. Business negotiations go so much better on the deck of a private cruise, while simultaneously fishing and enjoying ice-cold cocktails. And what place can possibly offer more peace, privacy, and seclusion for those ever-so-important meetings with the most important clients, than the middle of the Maldivian seas, with the dark blues of the ocean blending in with the hues of the horizon as far as the eye can see.





# Checklist of things to try aboard a Liveaboard

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



- ☐ Make your own itinerary of islands to visit in the Maldives... you have 1,192 equally gorgeous islands to choose from
- ☐ Cruise into a Maldivian cotton-candy sunset and dance with pods of friendly dolphins
- ☐ Laze the day away sunbathing on a private deck, cocktails and canapes in hand
- ☐ Fishing, and then stopping by a private sandbank to BBQ your catch under the night sky
- ☐ Get your diving licence at some of the most sought after dive spots in the world
- ☐ Visit Hanifaru Bay and snorkel in the (harmless) manta ray feeding frenzy cyclone!
- ☐ Make friends with many different species of sharks at Fuvahmulah, in the South of Maldives
- ☐ Sleeping under the stars on a liveaboard deck
- ☐ Explore the vast oceans, snorkel or dive and encounter unique marine life



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# 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 in 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 Rufiyaa, 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.