

## Maldives Travel Guide – Paradise on Earth

Think turquoise lagoons, sugar-white sand, coral gardens, and dreamy overwater villas. The Maldives is a sanctuary for honeymooners, families, divers, and anyone chasing pure island bliss.

### **31 Best Time to Visit**

- November–April: Dry, sunny, calm seas—perfect for snorkeling, diving, and sunsets.
- May–October: Wet season brings short showers, great surf swells, and lower prices.

### **Must-Visit Destinations**

#### **Male & Hulhumalé – Urban Gateway**

- Visit local markets, mosques, and seafront promenades for a taste of Maldivian life.

#### **Resort Islands – Private Luxury**

- Overwater villas, fine dining, world-class spas, and pristine house reefs.

#### **Ari Atoll – Big-Marine Encounters**

- Dive/snorkel with whale sharks and manta rays; superb visibility.

#### **Baa Atoll – UNESCO Biosphere Reserve**

- Hanifaru Bay for seasonal manta aggregations; thriving coral ecosystems.

#### **Local Islands – Authentic Culture**

- Guesthouses, community-run excursions, and budget-friendly island-hopping.

### **Travel Tips**

- Currency: Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR); USD widely accepted at resorts.
- Transfers: Speedboats, domestic flights, and seaplanes—confirm timings with your property.
- Dress code: Modest wear on local islands; swimwear/resort wear at private islands.
- Marine etiquette: Reef-safe sunscreen; avoid touching coral and marine life.

### **Suggested Itineraries**

- Honeymoon Classic (5–7 Days): Male → Resort Island (OW villa) → Sunset cruise.
- Dive Odyssey (7–10 Days): Male → Ari Atoll → Baa Atoll (seasonal Hanifaru).
- Budget Island-Hopping (6–8 Days): Male → Local Island (2) → Sandbank/picnic trips.

## Final Word

Every shade of blue lives here. From dawn snorkels to starlit dinners over water, the Maldives turns simple days into unforgettable memories.

 Ready to plan your journey? Let Viattra guide you there.