

# Maldives Diving Adventure: PADI Courses and Reef Safaris

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Destination  
**Maldives**

Duration  
**7 Nights 8 Days**

Starting from  
**Rs. 1,45,000 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

✓ **North Malé Atoll Resort - 7N**

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## Overview

an immersive 7-night / 8-day Maldives tour package designed for divers and ocean-lovers. This Maldives Adventure tour package combines professional PADI certification courses (Discover Scuba / Open Water or Advanced options), daily guided reef safaris, and signature experiences such as night dives, wreck dives, and manta/whale shark safaris (seasonal). Ideal for beginners seeking certification and certified divers looking for guided adventure, this Maldives Adventure package delivers vibrant coral gardens, abundant marine life, and comfortable island-resort stays.

### Highlights:

- PADI Open Water Course (or Discover Scuba for non-cert divers)
- Guided Reef Safaris & boat dives at top sites
- Night Dive & Wreck Dive experiences
- Manta Ray / Whale Shark snorkel safaris (seasonal)
- Local island visit & cultural exchange
- Sunset cruise and leisure day for snorkeling or spa

Tip: Peak manta and whale shark seasons vary by atoll – check seasonal notes when booking. Minimum age for PADI Open Water is 10; medical clearance may be required.

### ✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation for 7 nights at the North Malé Atoll resort (twin/double basis)
- ✓ Daily breakfast, select lunches and dinners as per meal plan
- ✓ All transfers (speedboat or seaplane) between Malé and the resort
- ✓ PADI course fees for the selected course (Discover Scuba or PADI Open Water) including course materials, pool/confined sessions, and required certification dives
- ✓ Guided reef safaris and boat dives as per itinerary (tank & weight included)
- ✓ One night dive and one full-day reef safari (boat, guide)
- ✓ Local island visit and cultural walk
- ✓ Use of house reef snorkel gear for leisure snorkels
- ✓ Professional dive guides and PADI-certified instructors
- ✓ Taxes and service charges
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### ✗ Not Included

- ✗ International flights to/from Malé
- ✗ Dive insurance and personal travel insurance (mandatory dive insurance recommended)
- ✗ Rental of full scuba equipment (BCD, regulator, dive computer) unless pre-booked – basic tank & weight included
- ✗ Alcoholic beverages and minibar items
- ✗ Optional extras: spa treatments, advanced PADI specialties (unless pre-selected), private transfers, photography/videography services
- ✗ National park or marine protection fees (if applicable at certain sites)
- ✗ Any personal expenses, tips, or optional activities not specified in inclusions
- ✗ Important: Guests must complete a diving medical questionnaire. Certain medical conditions require physician clearance before diving. Seasonal sightings (manta, whale shark) are not guaranteed and depend on weather and timing.

This Maldives tour package and Maldives Adventure tour package inclusions are designed to give you a complete diving learning path and guided reef exploration.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

**1**

### **Arrival, Welcome Briefing & Resort Transfer**

Arrive at Velana International Airport (Malé). Meet our representative and transfer by speedboat or seaplane to your resort in North Malé Atoll. Check in, settle into your room, and attend a welcome orientation and safety briefing with the dive team. Evening at leisure with a briefing about the week's PADI schedule and reef safaris.

Day

**2**

### **Discover Scuba (Intro) or First Day of PADI Open Water**

Morning introduction to scuba theory and equipment. Guests can choose a Discover Scuba Dive (guided shallow water experience) or begin the PADI Open Water course with confined-water skills and one open-water orientation dive. Practice basic skills in shallow, protected areas followed by a short reef snorkel in the afternoon. Bring dive medical form if required.

Day

**3**

### **PADI Open Water – Confined Skills & Two Open Water Dives**

Continue the PADI Open Water course: finish confined-water skills in the morning and complete two open-water certification dives at calm reef sites in the afternoon. Certified divers use this day for guided reef safaris – exploring coral bommies and schooling fish. Equipment rental available; advance sizes recommended.

Day

**4**

### **PADI Open Water Completion or Reef Safari (Certified Divers)**

Complete the final open water dives to earn the PADI Open Water Certificate, or for already-certified divers spend the day on a full-day reef safari boat trip visiting 2–3 top sites, including a possible wreck dive. Afternoon return for relaxation, sunset photography, and optional spa.

Day

**5**

### **Advanced Options & Specialty Dives – Night Dive Experience**

Choose to start an Advanced Open Water module or specialty dives (Deep, Night, Navigation). In the late afternoon, prepare for a guided Night Dive to see nocturnal reef life and biofluorescence. Non-divers enjoy a guided manta/whale shark snorkel (seasonal) or island-hopping snorkel safari.

Day

**6**

### **Full-Day Reef Safari Boat Trip & Local Island Visit**

Embark on a full-day boat safari visiting remote atoll sites – drift along channels, snorkel above vibrant reefs, and search for manta rays or whale sharks depending on season. Afternoon stop at a local island to experience Maldivian culture, crafts, and a short walking tour. Evening barbecue or themed dinner back at the resort.

Day

7

### **Leisure Day – Optional Dives, Spa & Sunset Cruise**

Free day to relax or add optional activities: extra guided dives, sunset cruise with dolphin-watching, water sports (kayak, SUP), or a spa treatment. This day is ideal for practicing buoyancy, taking photo dives, or finishing additional PADI specialties.

Day

8

### **Final Dive, Checkout & Departure**

Optional early morning dive or snorkeling session on the house reef. Check out after breakfast, transfer back to Velana International Airport, and depart. Confirm international flight times when booking transfers.

## **? Frequently Asked Questions**

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### **? When is the best time to visit the Maldives and what's the weather like?**

The best time to visit the Maldives is during the dry season from November to April, with peak conditions from December to March. During this period, expect clear skies, calm seas, and excellent underwater visibility for snorkeling and diving. Temperatures remain tropical year-round (26–32°C). The wet season (May–October) brings occasional tropical showers and livelier seas, but it's also the best time for surfing and manta ray encounters, especially in Baa Atoll. This period offers better value with fewer crowds. Note that the Maldives has no 'winter' or snow – it's tropical throughout the year. The country is 30 minutes behind Indian Standard Time, which is helpful for planning transfers and activities.

### **? How do I reach the Maldives from India and what are the transportation options?**

The easiest way to reach the Maldives from India is by direct flights to Velana International Airport (MLE) near Malé. Multiple airlines operate direct flights from Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Kochi, Chennai, and Thiruvananthapuram, with flight times ranging from 2–3.5 hours. Once in the Maldives, transportation options include speedboats (10–120 minutes to resorts), scenic seaplanes (daytime only to distant atolls), domestic flights to regional airports followed by speedboat transfers, and budget-friendly public ferries for local islands. Within Malé and Hulhumalé, taxis are available. Most resort transfers are pre-arranged and included in packages, so confirm your transfer method when booking accommodation.

## ❓ **Do Indian citizens need a visa to visit the Maldives?**

Indian citizens receive a free 30-day visa on arrival in the Maldives - no advance application required. You'll need a valid passport with at least 6 months validity, confirmed accommodation booking, return flight tickets, and sufficient funds for your stay. The immigration process is straightforward at Velana International Airport. Ensure you have your hotel confirmation or guesthouse booking details readily available, as immigration may ask for these. If you plan to stay longer than 30 days, you'll need to apply for an extension through Maldivian immigration authorities. The visa allows for tourism purposes only, and you cannot work on a tourist visa.

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## ❓ **What are the local transportation options within the Maldives?**

Transportation in the Maldives is primarily water-based due to its scattered island geography. Speedboats are the most common option for resort transfers and inter-island travel, taking 10 minutes to 2 hours depending on distance. Seaplanes offer scenic transfers to distant atolls but operate only during daylight hours. Domestic flights connect to regional airports like Gan, Maafaru, and Hanimaadhoo, followed by speedboat connections. Public ferries provide budget-friendly inter-island transport but are less frequent and slower. Within Malé and Hulhumalé, taxis and buses are available. On resort islands and local islands, walking and bicycles are common due to their small size. Most resort transfers are pre-arranged, so coordinate with your accommodation.

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## ❓ **What accommodation options are available and which areas should I stay in?**

The Maldives offers accommodation for every budget. Luxury resorts feature overwater villas and beachfront suites on private islands, with options like Conrad Maldives, Baros, and Gili Lankanfushi. Mid-range resorts like Kurumba and Meeru offer excellent value with good facilities. Budget travelers can stay in guesthouses on local islands like Maafushi, Fulidhoo, or Ukulhas, which offer cultural experiences and are significantly cheaper. North and South Malé Atolls provide quick speedboat access from the airport. Baa Atoll is perfect for manta ray encounters, while South Ari Atoll offers whale shark experiences. Choose based on your priorities: quick transfers (Malé Atolls), marine life (Baa/Ari), or budget (local islands). Book early for peak season (December-March).

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## 🔍 What are the must-visit attractions and places in the Maldives?

Top attractions include Malé City with its Grand Friday Mosque, Islamic Centre, and vibrant local markets. Hulhumalé offers family-friendly beaches and a relaxed atmosphere. Baa Atoll's Hanifaru Bay is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve famous for seasonal manta ray aggregations (June–November). South Ari Atoll is renowned for year-round whale shark encounters. Addu Atoll lets you cross the Equator and explore WWII history. Vaadhoo Island occasionally displays bioluminescent 'Sea of Stars' phenomena. Don't miss house reef snorkeling, sunset dolphin cruises, private sandbank picnics, and island-hopping to experience local culture. Each resort typically has excellent house reefs for snorkeling, and many organize excursions to nearby attractions. The key is choosing your base atoll according to your interests.

## 🔍 What local food and cuisine should I try in the Maldives?

Maldivian cuisine centers around fresh seafood, coconut, and rice. Must-try dishes include Mas Huni (shredded tuna with coconut and chili, served with roshi flatbread), Garudhiya (clear tuna broth with rice and condiments), and Rihaakuru (rich tuna paste). Sample hedhikaa snacks like gulha (tuna dumplings), bajiya (curried pastries), and bis keemiya (vegetable rolls). Coconut and seafood curries range from mild to spicy. Resorts offer extensive international menus with vegetarian and Jain-friendly options. In Malé, try Seagull Café House for local flavors or Sala Thai for excellent Thai cuisine. Local islands provide authentic Maldivian experiences at lower prices. Fresh tropical fruits, coconut water, and locally-made ice cream are perfect for the tropical climate.

## ★ Traveller Reviews



**Vinayak Rao**

★★★★★ 5/5

### Dreamy Honeymoon

Our honeymoon here was nothing short of a dream. Private beach dinners and romantic strolls made it picture-perfect.



**Heena Verma**

★★★★★ 5/5

### Unbeatable Views

Waking up to such breathtaking views every day was surreal. The photographs don't even do it justice!



**Nitin Mathur**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **Best Vacation Ever!**

This has honestly been the best vacation we've ever had! We fell in love with the islands, the view, the food, everything!



**Sandeep Kaur**

★★★★☆ 4/5

### **Traveling with Friends**

Great place to travel with friends! We had a fantastic time trying out all the activities together.



**Reema Joshi**

★★★★★ 5/5

### **Incredible Marine Life**

Every snorkeling session revealed stunning coral reefs and vibrant fish. A true marvel of nature!

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