

# Maldives Luxury Short Stay: Overwater Bungalow Experience

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Destination  
**Maldives**



Duration  
**4 Nights 5 Days**



Starting from  
**Rs. 1,25,000 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

✈ Malé · IN

✈ Private Atoll Resort – Overwater Bungalow · 3N

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## Overview

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A premium 4-night, 5-day Maldives tour package designed for travelers seeking a quick, unforgettable escape. Enjoy world-famous turquoise waters, vibrant coral reefs and private overwater bungalow living. This Maldives Beach tour package combines the convenience of a short itinerary with immersive island experiences: seaplane transfers, a house reef snorkel, a sunset cruise and a private sandbank picnic.

### Highlights:

- Overwater Bungalow Stay with direct lagoon access
- Seaplane Transfer for stunning aerial views
- House Reef Snorkeling and optional diving trips
- Private Sandbank Picnic and Sunset Dolphin Cruise
- Time to relax at a luxury spa and savor Maldivian cuisine

This itinerary is ideal as a 4 and 5 Maldives Beach tour package alternative for travelers who want a short luxurious beach package with high-impact experiences.

Tip: Book seaplane transfers early to secure preferred timings; seaplane travel is weather dependent.

### ✓ What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation: 1 night in Malé hotel + 3 nights in an Overwater Bungalow (double occupancy)
- ✓ Transfers: Meet-and-greet, seaplane transfers (round-trip) between Malé and resort
- ✓ Meals: Daily breakfast; 2 island dinners (welcome and special candlelit dinner)
- ✓ Activities: Guided house reef snorkeling, private sandbank picnic, sunset cruise (shared)
- ✓ Taxes & Service Charges: All local taxes and resort service charges
- ✓ Concierge: 24/7 resort assistance and itinerary support
- ✓ Note: Specific meal plans and inclusions may vary by resort; upgrades (full board/all-inclusive) available on request.

### ✗ Not Included

- ✗ International flights to/from Malé
- ✗ Maldives visa fees (if applicable) and travel insurance
- ✗ Optional activities (certified dives, private excursions, spa treatments) unless specified
- ✗ Personal expenses, gratuities and portorage
- ✗ Fuel surcharges or unforeseen government-imposed charges
- ✗ Tip: Add travel insurance that covers seaplane transfers and marine activities for full protection.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

1

### **Arrival and Malé City Introduction**

Arrive at Velana International Airport (Male). Meet-and-greet followed by hotel transfer and check-in. Spend the afternoon exploring Malé: visit the Old Friday Mosque (Hukuru Miskiy), Sultan Park and the vibrant fish market. Evening welcome dinner at a rooftop restaurant featuring Maldivian seafood specialties.

Important: If your international flight arrives late, you may prefer to transfer directly to the resort the following morning (seaplane schedules permitting).

Day

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### **Seaplane Transfer and Overwater Bungalow Arrival**

Transfer by seaplane to the private atoll resort – enjoy breathtaking aerial views of the atolls. Check in to your Overwater Bungalow with private deck and direct lagoon steps. After settling in, relax on your deck, take a guided house reef snorkeling session to meet colorful reef fish and corals.

Suggested evening: Sunset cocktail on the deck followed by a beachside dinner under the stars.

Day

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### **Island Activities: Snorkeling, Spa & Sandbank Picnic**

Start the day with a guided snorkeling excursion along vibrant coral gardens. Return for a rejuvenating spa treatment (optional) featuring local coconut-based therapies. In the afternoon, take a private boat to a secluded sandbank for a curated picnic and swimming. Finish with a relaxed evening and chef's tasting menu showcasing fusion Maldivian cuisine.

Note: Snorkeling gear is usually provided by the resort; confirm fittings at check-in.

Day

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### **Adventure & Leisure: Dolphin Cruise or Diving**

Choose between an early morning dolphin-watching cruise or a certified dive (for certified divers) to explore deeper drop-offs and manta ray cleaning stations. Afternoon at leisure—kayaking, paddleboarding or simply sunbathing on your private deck. Conclude with a special sunset cruise followed by an intimate candlelit dinner on the beach.

Tip: Book dives and dolphin cruises in advance, especially in peak season.

Day

5

## Departure: Return to Malé and Fly Home

After breakfast, check out and transfer by seaplane back to Malé. If time permits, enjoy a quick souvenir shopping stop or a short city photo tour before heading to Velana International Airport for your departure. Farewell to the Indian Ocean and the turquoise lagoons.

Important: Seaplane schedules are aligned with international flight windows – confirm your international flight time with the resort team the night prior to departure.

## ? 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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