

# Ultimate Maldives 8-Night Luxury Escape: Seaplane Transfers & Private Chef

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Destination  
**Maldives**



Duration  
**8 Nights 9 Days**



Starting from  
**Rs. 4,50,000 / person**

## ITINERARY ROUTE

✓ **North Malé Atoll – Private Island Resort · 8N**

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## Overview

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Experience the quintessential Maldives getaway with seaplane transfers, an intimate private island resort stay, and an exclusive private chef dinner. This 8-night / 9-day package blends relaxation, marine adventures, and cultural discovery – ideal for couples, honeymooners, and luxury-seekers.

### Highlights:

- Seaplane transfer: Scenic transfer from Velana International Airport to the resort
- Private Island Resort accommodation in an overwater villa or beach villa
- House Reef snorkeling and guided marine excursions
- Sandbank picnic & sunset experience
- Dolphin cruise and optional fishing experience
- Private chef exclusive dinner
- Day trip to Malé for cultural sightseeing

Important note: Seaplane transfers operate during daylight hours only; schedule subject to arrival/departure timing. Please confirm international flights to align with seaplane windows.

#### ✓ **What's Included**

- ✓ 8 nights accommodation at a North Malé Atoll private island resort (choice of beach villa or overwater villa)
- ✓ Return seaplane transfers (Velana Airport " Resort)
- ✓ Daily breakfast buffet; selected meals as specified
- ✓ One exclusive private chef dinner (private beachfront or in-villa) – bespoke menu
- ✓ Guided house reef snorkeling excursion
- ✓ Dolphin cruise and traditional fishing experience (shared basis)
- ✓ Non-motorized water sports (kayak, paddleboard, basic snorkeling gear)
- ✓ One spa credit (value specified at booking)
- ✓ Meet & greet and assisted transfers; all resort taxes and service charges
- ✓ Porterage and luggage handling

#### ✗ **Not Included**

- ✗ International flights to/from Malé (Velana International Airport)
- ✗ Arrival/departure taxes or visa fees (if applicable)
- ✗ Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- ✗ Premium drinks, specialty dining, and a la carte restaurant charges unless specified
- ✗ Motorized water sports (jet ski, flyboard) and private boat charters unless pre-booked
- ✗ Additional spa treatments beyond included credit
- ✗ Personal expenses, gratuities, and optional shore excursions not listed above
- ✗ Note: Single supplements, peak-season surcharges, and resort black-out dates may apply.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

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Day

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### **Arrival & Seaplane Transfer to Private Island**

Arrive at Velana International Airport (Malé). Meet-&-greet service at the arrival hall followed by an assisted transfer to the seaplane terminal. Enjoy a scenic seaplane flight over turquoise atolls to your private island resort. Check-in, welcome drink, resort orientation, and evening at leisure to watch the sunset from the beach or your villa.

Tip: Seaplane schedules run in daylight – late arrivals may require an overnight in Malé (on request).

Day

2

### **Resort Orientation, Relaxation & Private Chef Introduction**

Start the day with a leisurely breakfast. Enjoy a guided resort orientation and villa tour. Meet your private chef and discuss a bespoke dinner menu for one of the evenings. Afternoon at your own pace: relax on the white-sand beach, swim in the lagoon, or sip cocktails at the bar.

Included: Welcome drink and resort orientation.

Day

3

### **Guided Snorkeling at the House Reef**

After breakfast join a guided snorkeling trip to the resort's renowned House Reef – explore vibrant corals, schools of tropical fish, and possibly reef sharks and turtles. A short marine briefing and gear fitting precede the excursion. Return for sunset yoga or an oceanfront stroll.

Tip: The house reef is best explored on calm mornings; photography-friendly conditions.

Day

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### **Sandbank Picnic & Sunset Photography**

Board a short boat ride to a pristine sandbank for a private picnic. Swim in shallow turquoise waters, sunbathe, and enjoy a curated picnic basket prepared by the resort. Stay for a spectacular isolated sunset and return to the island for a relaxed evening.

Special: Perfect for romantic photos or proposals.

Day

5

### **Dolphin Cruise & Traditional Fishing Experience**

Head out on an early morning dolphin cruise to observe playful spinner dolphins in their natural habitat. Later in the day join a traditional Maldivian fishing trip – learn local techniques and try your hand at line fishing. Catch can be prepared by the chef on request.

Note: Dolphin sightings cannot be guaranteed but are commonly observed in these waters.

Day

6

### **Active Water Sports & Lagoon Adventures**

Spend a full day enjoying water sports: stand-up paddleboarding, kayaking, snorkeling, and optional motorized activities (jet ski, flyboard available at extra cost). For a calmer option, take a guided glass-bottom boat ride to view marine life.

Included: Non-motorized water sports. Motorized sports are available locally (extra).

Day

7

### **Half-Day Excursion to Malé – Culture & Markets**

Take a scheduled transfer to Malé for a half-day cultural tour. Visit the historic Hukuru Miskiy (Old Friday Mosque), stroll Sultan Park, explore the Local Fish Market, and browse the colorful shops. Return to the resort for an afternoon spa treatment or leisure time.

Tip: Carry light local-currency cash for small purchases and souvenirs.

Day

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### **Spa Day & Private Chef Exclusive Dinner**

Indulge in a signature spa treatment (spa credit included) and relax by the pool. In the evening, enjoy a gourmet private chef experience: a personalized multi-course dinner served at a secluded beachfront location or in-villa, tailored to your preferences.

Highlight: One private chef dinner included. Advance menu preferences required.

Day

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### **Departure – Final Swim & Seaplane Transfer to Malé**

Enjoy a final breakfast and a short morning swim or stroll. Check out and transfer by seaplane back to Velana International Airport for your international departure. Resort check-out assistance and luggage handling provided.

Important: Plan international flights after the seaplane arrival window; allow recommended connection time.

## **🔍 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.

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## ❓ **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.

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## ❓ **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.

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## 🔍 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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