



OAG Overseas Maldives



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Our Travel Style

Our global network of local experts deliver the types of experiences that can't be Googled. Immersive trips that enable you to explore authentic local culture in a sustainable, experience-rich way. We love the highlights, but the real magic for us happens well away from a beaten path, the real life experiences you won't find in a search engine.

Maldives Sailing Adventure 8 days / 7 nights

About Your Trip

Start Location

Male

Finish Location

Male

Accommodation

7 nights Traditional Dhoni style boat

Rooming Requirements

Twin Share

Included Meals

Breakfast (7)
Lunch (7)
Dinner (7)

Transport

Per Daily Itinerary

Leader/Guide

English Speaking Leader throughout

Included Activities

Per Daily itinerary

Entrance/Admission Fees

Where applicable with included activities

Airport Transfers

Arrival and Departure transfers included on a group basis.

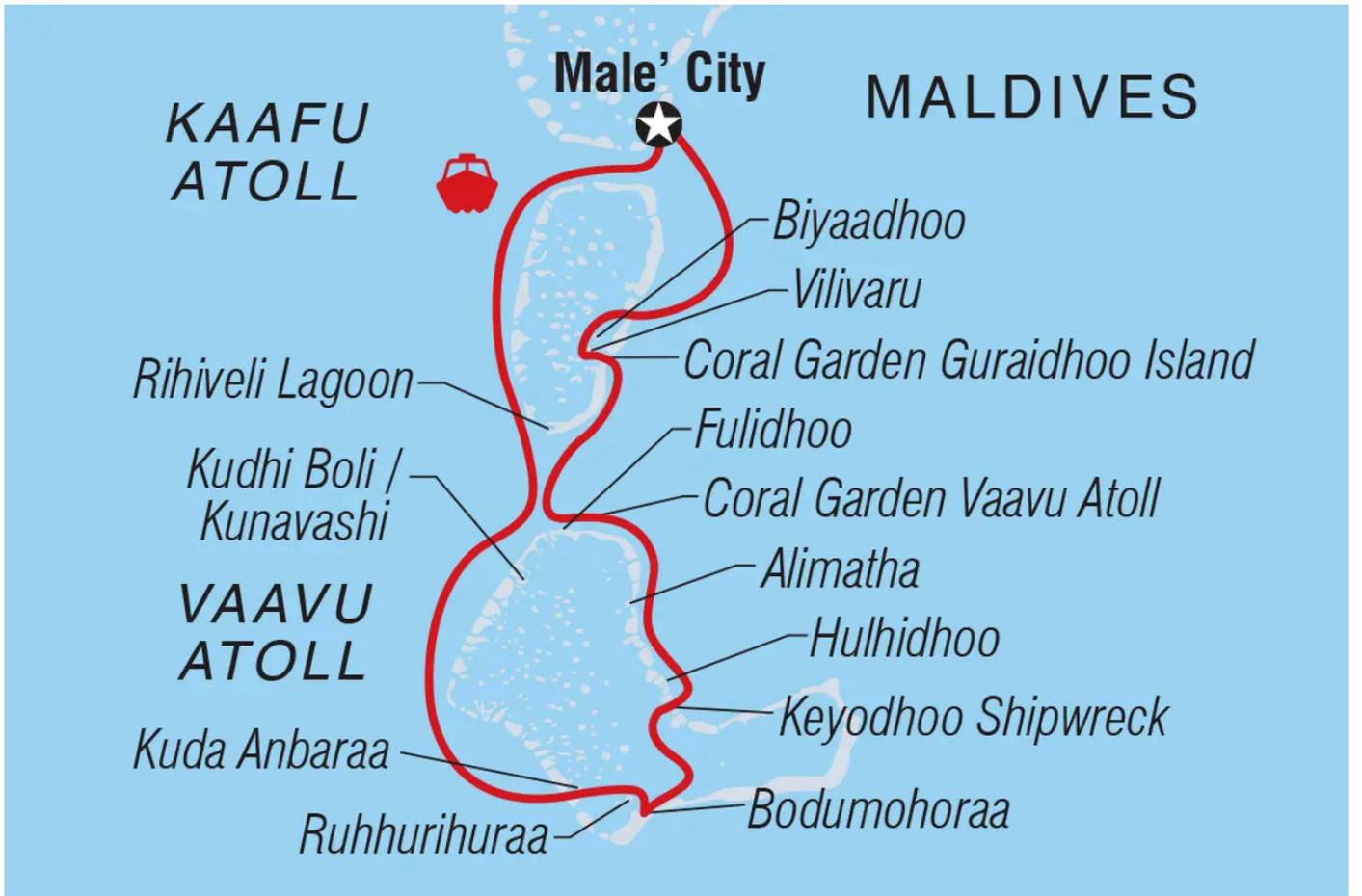
Support

24-hour support from our local office on +94 76 831 6000

Exclusions

- International Flights
- Any visas required
- Services not mentioned in the itinerary
- Late check out at hotels
- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary
- Drinks with included lunches and dinners
- Tips for leaders, guide and driver
- Expenditure of personal nature
- Personal Insurance
- Optional activities

We offset these emissions on your behalf. But we know that is not enough, so we also have a [carbon reduction target](#).



Safe and responsible travel, always.

As you look to get back on the road, we continue to ensure our trips are safe for everyone. That includes our travellers, our leaders and crew and the people we visit along the way. Our health and safety policies follow recommendations from the World Health Organization and the World Travel & Tourism Council's (WTTC) Safe Travel protocols for tour operators. Before we resume trips in any destination, our itineraries undergo a comprehensive risk assessment and audit, while leaders and suppliers will complete COVID-19 health and safety training. We have also introduced specific policies around testing and vaccination for your safety.



Who we are

For over 30 years we've been taking travellers around the globe, on small group tours with like-minded Intrepid people. Our extensive COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines ensure your wellbeing is looked after during your travels.



Safe travels

We're with you every step of the way through our value chain - from our suppliers, to our on ground operations and leaders.



Certified B Corp

When we became certified as the world's largest travel B Corp in 2018, it was not only our official pledge to be a responsible business, but also a promise to be the best travel company for the world.

About your Tour Leader

Tour leader

On this trip you will be accompanied by one of our tour leaders. The aim of the tour leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible.

Your leader will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the places visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. We aim to support local guides who have specialised knowledge of the regions we visit. If you were interested in delving deeper into the local culture at a specific site or location then your leader can recommend a local guide service in most of the main destinations of your trip.

Maldives Sailing Adventure Itinerary

Day 1: 28th February 2027

Destination: Male - Rihivelli Lagoon

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Assalaa mu alaikum! Welcome to the Maldives. When you arrive in Male at the airport, you'll be met at 12pm by a local representative. You'll then take a small boat to the marina where your Dhoni (traditional sailing boat) will be waiting for you. There will be a safety briefing onboard before you set sail. Settle into your cabins, meet your small crew and start sailing, watching the expanse of the Indian Ocean as you go. Stop for a swim near a sandbank in warm waters between 27 and 30 degrees Celsius. Tonight, you'll have your first night aboard the boat in Rihivelli Lagoon, falling asleep to the gentle rocking of the boat under a clear sky full of stars.

Included activities

South Male Atoll - Swim stop

Accommodation

Overnight boat

Special information

Your sailing time today will be approximately 3 hours.

Your trip starts at 12pm at Male International airport. Please provide your flight details so we can ensure your flight is on time. Upon arrival, after clearing customs, exit the arrivals terminal and go to counter number E2 (located outside of the arrivals terminal) where you will meet your Intrepid leader. You'll then take a small boat to the marina where your dhoni (traditional sailing boat) will be waiting for you.

Day 2: 1st March 2027

Destination: Rihivelli Lagoon - Kudi Boli / Kuna Vashi (Vaavu Atoll)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wake up in the lagoon this morning, surrounded by clear, light blue waters – you might even be lucky enough to see your first dolphins of the adventure! Maybe hop straight in the calm waters for a morning swim, then sail through the lagoons of Vaavu Atoll, soaking up the paradisaical scenery on your way to Khudi Boli. When you arrive, take to the water for a snorkel among the large expanses of coral that shelter hundreds of shimmering fish. Back on the boat, maybe open one of the books in the library to learn more about the varieties and species here. If you like fishing, maybe go with the captain on the motor dinghy and catch some fresh fish for tonight's dinner on board.

Included activities

Rihivelli Lagoon - Swim stop

Kudi Boli - Snorkelling

Accommodation

Overnight boat

Special information

Your sailing time today will be approximately 4.5 to 5 hours.

Day 3: 2nd March 2027**Destination: Kudi Boli / Kuna Vashi - Anbaraa - Ruhhurihuraa (South Vaavu Atoll)****Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Sail southwest of the Atoll today, for a full day of snorkelling around one of the small untouched islands, Ruh Hurihuraa. Dive into the warm waters and discover some of the most beautiful bottoms and drop-offs of the island. If the weather's good, you'll spend the night close to the island. Otherwise, at the end of the afternoon, you'll sail for the lagoon of Bodu Mora – an uninhabited island reserved for oceanographic scientists.

Included activities

Ruhhurihuraa - snorkelling

Loabi Reef - Bongo Veli Snorkeling

Accommodation

Overnight boat

Special information

Your sailing time today will be approximately 4.5 to 5 hours.

Day 4: 3rd March 2027**Destination: Bodumohoraa - Keyodhoo Shipwreck - Hulhidhoo****Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

Cast your sights northeast today, sailing towards the Keyodhoo Shipwreck – resting on a relatively shallow lagoon, this ship's mast rises just above the water and is a popular spot in the Maldives for snorkelling. This morning is all about exploring the ship, full of life with its colourful corals and reef fish. After lunch aboard, you'll sail to the island of Hulidhoo, which is covered with coconut trees and mangroves. Head out for your second snorkel of the day, as the drop-offs here promise a beautiful aquatic landscape. Continue to Alimathaa and watch the sunset over the lagoon tonight.

Included activities

Keyodhoo shipwreck - snorkelling

Hulhidhoo - snorkelling

Accommodation

Overnight boat

Special information

Your sailing time today will be approximately 4.5 to 5 hours.

Day 5: 4th March 2027**Destination: Alimatha - Coral Garden (Vaavu Atoll) - Fulidhoo****Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

The Maldives is home to one of the largest nurse shark populations and it's only growing in numbers. This morning, go snorkelling and maybe even spot some reef sharks and manta rays, too! After, sail to a coral garden that's filled with life and snorkel among sea anemones and clown fish. Then, set sail to Fulidhoo – famous for the construction of wooden boats. Make your first journey to land for a walk through the local village, learning about the local customs and way of life on the island. Later, take part in a hedhikaa (Maldivian treats) experience at a locally owned cafe. Enjoy some traditional homemade snacks served with black tea and chat with the locals. Tonight, you'll have dinner on the beach accompanied by a performance of Bodu Beru (translating to 'big drums') and Langiri folk music – a form of traditional music centred around percussion with roots from East Africa. This is the most popular traditional music in the Maldives, and you can join in with the locals to learn a few traditional dance moves!

Included activities

Coral Garden (Vaavu Atoll) - snorkelling

Fulidhoo - Village walk

Fulidhoo - Wooden boats construction experience

Fulidhoo - Evening Hedhikaa Experience

Fulidhoo - Visit to a local cafe

Fulidhoo - Maldivian Theme Beach Dinner

Fulidhoo - Cultural show featuring Bodu Beru

Accommodation

Overnight boat

Special information

Your sailing time today will be approximately 4.5 to 5 hours.

Day 6: 5th March 2027**Destination: Fulidhoo Village - Vilivaru - Biyaadhoo - Coral Garden Guraidhoo Island****Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

If luck is shining on you today, you'll see manta rays, triggerfish and turtles! Head to Biyaadhoo's reef and swim with the green turtles and schools of red tooth trigger fish and banner fish. Explore the underwater coral garden near Maafushi, where a beautiful drop off showcases tabletop coral and oriental sweetlips. After an afternoon full of marine wildlife, you'll carry on to the Guraidhoo Island's lagoon. When you arrive, touch the sand and head to the village, where you'll share a cup of tea at a small, locally owned café. Tuck into some freshly made savouries and sweets served with black tea or coffee.

Included activities

Biyaadhoo house reef - snorkelling

Coral Garden Guraidhoo Island - snorkelling

Guraidhoo - Village walk

Guraidhoo Island - Maldivian breakfast Cooking demonstration

Accommodation

Overnight boat

Special information

Your sailing time today will be approximately 4.5 to 5 hours.

Day 7: 6th March 2027**Destination: Guraidhoo Island - Male****Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

For breakfast this morning, enjoy a short cooking demonstration on Maldivian cuisine. Learn how to make traditional mas huni (a typical Maldivian breakfast with tuna, onion, coconut and chili) and tuna curry. Then, sit down to enjoy these traditional dishes for breakfast, usually served with freshly baked roshi flatbread and sweetened hot tea. You'll then set out for a morning of snorkelling through corals and multi-coloured fish. Later, sail back to the capital of Male – only 2.5 km long and 1.5 km wide, this city can easily be explored on foot. When you arrive, you'll visit the mosque, the presidential palace and the bazaar. End at the fish market and the fruit and vegetable market and maybe taste some local specialties like dried fish, huvadhoo bondi (local sweets) and exotic fruits. Tonight, toast to an amazing sailing adventure with your group!

Included activities

Cooking demonstration

Ithaafushi Faru - Snorkelling

Male - city tour

Accommodation

Overnight boat

Special information

Your sailing time today will be approximately 4.5 to 5 hours.

Day 8: 7th March 2027**Destination: Male****Meals: Breakfast**

This morning, transfer to the airport in Male and say goodbye to your home for the last week. With no further activities planned, your sailing adventure comes to an end after breakfast this morning. If you'd like to extend your stay, just speak to your booking agent ahead of time.

Special information

You will be transferred back to the international airport in Male at 9am. Please take this into consideration if booking onwards flights on this day.

Important Information

Is this trip right for you?

This trip is aboard a traditional Dhoni (a traditional wooden motor sailing boat). All cabins have twin bunk beds and will have ensuite bathrooms, are on the lower deck. It's recommended that you pack light, as cabins are cosy.

All cabins will experience a light engine noise when the ship is moving (and occasionally when you drop anchor). It's probably worth packing earplugs if you're a light sleeper.

A good swimming ability is essential on this trip to enjoy all activities.

Many meals are included onboard the boat. Where meals are not included, you'll have time on land in beachside towns and resort towns for optional meals.

Physical rating

No particular level of physical fitness is required for our sailing trips, although you should have a good level of mobility and enjoy good health. We do ask that you read through the essential trip information to ensure that this trip is right for you.

Please keep in mind that there are a number of shore excursions offered on your voyage. Some are walking tours and may involve a reasonable amount of walking over varied and sometimes slippery terrain. We recommend you bring a good pair of walking shoes, carry a water bottle and don't forget the sunscreen and hat. Depending on the excursion, disembarking the ship may be by tender or onto a dock.

Joining point

Velana International Airport

Male

MALDIVES

Instructions

Your trip starts at 12pm on day one at Male International airport. Upon arrival, after clearing customers, exit the arrivals terminal and go to counter number E2 (located outside of the arrivals terminal) where you will meet your Intrepid leader. You'll then take a small boat to the marina where your Dhoni (traditional sailing boat) will be waiting for you.

Problems and emergency contact information

While we always endeavour to provide the best possible holiday experience, due to the nature of travel and the areas we visit sometimes things can and do go wrong. Should any issue occur while you are on your trip, it is imperative that you discuss this with your group leader or local representative straight away so that they can do their best to rectify the problem and save any potential negative impact on the rest of your trip.

We recognise that there may be times when your group leader or local representative may not be able to resolve a situation to your satisfaction - if this is the case, please ask the group leader or local representative to speak to their direct manager.

You may also choose to provide details in your online feedback, which we ask you to complete within 30 days of the end of your trip. Please do be aware that it is very difficult for us to provide any practical help after the trip is completed, so informing us while still travelling will give us the opportunity to resolve the issue in real-time.

For general contact details please use the following page: <https://www.intrepidtravel.com/contact-us>

In case of a genuine crisis or emergency, you can reach our local office on the numbers below:

Intrepid DMC Sri Lanka: Available for phone call or WhatsApp call on +94 76 831 6000

Finishing point

Velana International Airport

Male

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Itinerary disclaimer

ITINERARY CHANGES

Our itineraries are updated regularly throughout the year based on customer feedback and to reflect the current situation in each destination. The information included in this Essential Trip Information may therefore differ from when you first booked your trip. It's important that you review this information prior to travel so that you have the latest updates. Due to weather, local conditions, transport schedules, public holidays, political unrest or other factors, further changes may be necessary to your itinerary once in-country. Your group leader or local representative will keep you up to date with any such changes once your trip is underway and has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if deemed necessary due to safety concerns.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

A selection of optional activities that have been popular with past travellers are listed in the day-to-day itinerary. This isn't an exhaustive list and should be used as a guide only for some of what might be available. Prices are approximate, are for entrance fees only, and don't include transport to and from the sites or local guides unless indicated. All activities are subject to availability, and maybe on a join-in basis. It may not be possible to do all the activities listed in the time available at each destination, so some pre-planning for what you are most interested in is advised. When it's recommended that travellers pre-book these activities, look for a note in the Special Information section of the day-to-day itinerary. For most, they can either be organised independently on the day, or let your group leader or local representative know you are interested at the Welcome Meeting and they can assist.

Where activities are considered medium or high risk, we work with operators whose safety and credentials we have sighted and assessed. Although it is possible that you may find the same activity cheaper with another operator on the ground, we cannot vouch for the safety or quality of that operator. Medium and high-risk activities not listed above have not been assessed by us and as such our staff and group leader or local representative are unable to assist you with organising these activities. Activities that contravene our Responsible Travel policies are also not listed. Please remember that the decision to partake in any activity not listed is at your own discretion and risk.

Feedback

Can't stop thinking about your adventure? Tell us all about it! We read each piece of feedback carefully and use it to make improvements for travellers like you. Share your experience with us at:

<http://www.intrepidtravel.com/feedback/>

Important notes

This trip is operated onboard a traditional dhoni boat.

This trip starts on day 1 at 12pm at Velana International airport in Male and finishes at 9am on day 8 back at Velana International airport, Male.

ACCOMMODATION ONBOARD THE BOAT

This trip is accommodated entirely on board a dhoni style boat (a traditional wooden motor sailing boat). All cabins have one set of twin bunk beds, an ensuite bathroom, and all cabins are located on the lower deck.

Rooms are allocated on arrival by our skipper according to group composition, which means it is not possible to reserve or guarantee any specific berth or cabin. Single passengers will be paired up with another single passenger of the same gender in a twin bunk bed cabin. If you'd prefer not to share a cabin, a single cabin supplement is

available at an additional charge and is subject to availability. Couples travelling together on the same booking number will be placed in a cabin together.

While not everyone may feel entirely comfortable living in such close quarters, those who are looking to revel in the adventure and exhilaration of a sailing trip usually find any discomfort from cramped living conditions is more than made up for by the whole experience.

Passports, visas and entry requirements

PASSPORT

You'll need a valid passport to travel internationally and most countries require your passport to have a minimum of 6 months validity, so remember to check the expiry date.

We need your passport information to get everything ready for your trip so it's important that the information on your booking matches your passport exactly. Please take care to provide the correct details. We recommend carrying a copy of the photo page of your passport while travelling and leaving a copy at home with family or friends.

VISAS & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Many countries require a visa and obtaining the correct visa for your trip and any countries you may transit through is your responsibility. We recommend you check your visa requirements as soon as you have booked your trip. This will ensure you have time to prepare your documents and for your visa application to be processed. You can check the entry requirements for your nationality on your government's foreign travel advisories, consular websites or on our page here: <http://www.intrepidtravel.com/visa-entry-requirements>

Mandatory Government Declaration form

There is currently a mandatory declaration form you must fill in within 96 hours of your flight arrival time into the Maldives. The most up to date information can be found here <http://www.intrepidtravel.com/visa-entry-requirements> under "Passport and document" information once Maldives is selected. When asked to provide your accommodation on this declaration form, please select "Kethi" which is the name of the boat you will be on.

Medical and health information

GENERAL HEALTH

All travellers need to be in good physical health in order to participate fully on this trip. For the safety and wellbeing of yourself and others, if you are unwell prior to travelling, please stay at home and contact us to make alternative arrangements.

When selecting your trip please make sure you have read through the itinerary carefully and assess your ability to manage and enjoy our style of travel. Please note that if in the assessment of our group leader or local representative a traveller is unable to complete the itinerary without undue risk to themselves and/or the rest of the group, we reserve the right to exclude them from all or part of a trip without refund.

You should consult your doctor for up-to-date medical travel information or for any necessary vaccinations before departure. We recommend that you carry a first aid kit as well as any personal medical requirements in their original packaging as they may not easily be obtained while travelling. If you are carrying medication, ensure you check your government's foreign travel advice for any local restrictions or requirements.

Food and dietary requirements

All meals are included onboard the dhoni boat. Additionally, cordials, juice and tea/coffee are available on complementary basis. We also provide complimentary unlimited drinking water onboard. Soft drink, alcoholic drinks and Lavazza coffee are available onboard for purchase. You can set up a bar tab and pay for any additional drinks at the end of your trip. Please bring cash for these purchases.

Accommodation

Traditional dhoni style boat (7 nights)

On this trip you will travel onboard a traditional Dhoni boat (a motorised vessel used in the Maldives) which houses 12 passengers with a small crew of five, including your captain and onboard chef. The six cosy cabins all feature ensuites with wooden interiors. You can spend your days aboard looking out to sea on the sundeck, chilling out in the dining area or the bar, or making the most of the snorkeling equipment. At night, maybe watch the sunset from the sun loungers with a drink.

Transport

Dhoni

This trip is aboard a traditional Dhoni (a wooden motor sailing boat). All cabins are located on the lower deck, have twin bunk beds and have ensuite bathrooms. It's recommended that you pack light, as cabins are cosy. All cabins will experience a light engine noise when the ship is moving (and occasionally when you drop anchor). It's probably worth packing earplugs if you're a light sleeper.

Money matters

SPENDING MONEY

When it comes to spending money on the trip, every traveller is a little different. You know your spending habits better than we do, so please budget an appropriate amount for things like optional meals, drinks, shopping, optional activities, and laundry. Make sure you have read the itinerary and inclusions thoroughly so you know what is included in the trip price and what you may need to pay for while travelling.

ONBOARD ACCOUNT

You will have an account for any bar purchases made during the trip. You will need to settle your account on the last night of the trip. You can pay in USD cash or by credit card. Credit card payments attract an additional 5% processing fee.

We recommend travelling with additional USD cash to cover expenses on your last day and tips.

TIPPING

Tipping can be an appropriate way to recognise great service when travelling. While it may not be customary in your home country, it is an entrenched feature of the tourism industry across many of our destinations and is greatly appreciated by the people who take care of you during your travels. It is always best to avoid tipping with coins, very small denomination notes, or dirty and ripped notes, as this can be regarded as an insult rather than the goodwill gesture it is intended to be.

YOUR LEADER & BOAT CREW

You may like to tip your leader and the boat crew who take care of you during your trip. We recommend you budget approximately USD 15 – 20 per day, which will be shared among the leader and entire crew.

CONTINGENCY FUNDS

We try to plan for every eventuality, but there are still some things beyond our control. We reserve the right to change an itinerary after departure due to local circumstances or a Force Majeure Event. In such emergency circumstances, the additional cost of any necessary itinerary alterations will be covered by you. Please note we are not responsible for any incidental expenses that may be incurred as a result of the change of itineraries including but not limited to visas, vaccinations or non-refundable flights. Make sure you have access to an extra US\$500 for emergencies (e.g. severe weather, natural disasters, civil unrest) or other events that result in unavoidable changes to the itinerary (e.g. transport strikes or cancellations, airport closures). Sometimes these things necessitate last-minute changes to enable our trips to continue to run, and as a result, there may be some extra costs involved. The recommended amount is listed in USD for the reliability of universal travellers, however, local currency may be needed once in the country to cover these costs.

Packing

Please travel as lightly as possible so as not to restrict space in your cabin. Soft bags are more practical than hard suitcases.

The dress code on board ship is casual.

Swimming will be offered so swimwear is essential.

Below is a suggested general packing list.

Daypack (a smaller back pack that you can take with you on shore excursions)

Comfortable clothing for warmer temperatures [shorts, t-shirts, light long sleeved tops and pants]

A sweater or jacket for the cooler evenings or early mornings

A light rain coat or poncho

Comfortable walking shoes for shore excursions

Sandals or thongs/flip flops/jandals

Sunscreen [bio degradable and waterproof if available] and lip balm [to combat the effects of wind burn]

Sunglasses

Sunhat [that can be secured as it can get windy out on the water]

Swimming costume

Water bottle

Bio-degradable shampoo, conditioner and soap

Pegs [so you can hang your swimming costume or towel out to dry]

Insect repellent

Adaptor/electrical plug Type G

Camera

LOCAL DRESS

Maldives is a liberal Muslim country, with standards of dress and behaviour conservative in many parts of the Maldives. As a general guideline, shoulders, cleavage and knees should be covered when visiting Male and many of the non-resort islands. Wearing skimpy clothing is considered disrespectful to local culture in many of the local islands we visit. Swimwear and beach attire onboard your Dhoni boat is completely acceptable.

Climate and seasonal information

The Maldives has a tropical climate and as such there is relatively little change in the overall temperature throughout the year.

The Maldives, like many tropical destinations, has two main seasons: dry and wet. The dry season between approximately November through April, sees temperatures ranging from 77 degrees Fahrenheit (25 degrees Celsius) to 89 degrees Fahrenheit (32 degrees Celsius). The low, monsoon season runs from May through October, with the wettest month usually falling in September. Temperatures in rainy season range from 77 degrees Fahrenheit (25 degrees Celsius) to 87 degrees Fahrenheit (30 degrees Celsius).

As like many tropical destinations, even the wet season can bring sunny days and any heavy downpours can often only last a few hours and then it can be dry and sunny for the rest of the day.

Air conditioning is provided onboard on the dhoni for those warm days.

Group Leader

All group trips are accompanied by one of our group leaders. The aim of the group leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. We endeavour to provide the services of an experienced leader however, due to the seasonality of travel, rare situations may arise where your leader is new to a particular region or training other group leaders.

Your leader will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues, and introduce you to our local friends. You can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the places visited on the trip.

Safety

TRAVEL ADVISORIES & ALERTS

We recommend that you check your government's foreign travel advisory for the latest information about the destination before you travel. You will also need to ensure that your travel insurance covers you for all destinations and activities on your trip. We also recommend saving the phone number for emergency consular assistance for

your government's consulate in the destination/s you'll be travelling. Links to travel advisories and any current travel alerts for our trips can be found here: <https://www.intrepidtravel.com/travel-alerts>

PERSONAL SAFETY

Ensure you have a secure method of carrying your passport, phone, credit cards and cash while travelling such as a money belt. Leave all other high value items, including jewellery, at home Use safety deposit boxes at hotels to store your valuables when available and ensure your luggage is lockable. Be aware of the risk of pick-pocketing and petty theft. Exercise caution when walking at night, don't walk alone and stick to well-lit streets wherever possible. Be vigilant on public transport and look out for your fellow travellers. Take precautions such as carrying your bag in front of you and never leaving personal items unattended.

LGBTQIA+ TRAVELLERS

Intrepid welcomes all LGBTQIA+ customers on our trips, however we operate in parts of the world that are less accepting. We support LGBTQIA+ customers to travel to these destinations and are committed to ensuring they face no discrimination on any part of the trip we control. We recommend you visit Equaldex (<https://www.equaldex.com/>) and your government's foreign travel advice for LGBTQIA+ travellers when choosing your trip.

<https://www.intrepidtravel.com/safety-guidelines>

Community guidelines

Intrepid won't tolerate any kind of violence, harassment (whether physical, verbal or sexual), or disrespect toward fellow travellers, our teams or local communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of everyone on the trip, decisions made by your group leader are final.

Romantic relationships between travellers and group leader or local representative are not permitted while on trip.

Any behaviour that prevents your leader from continuing the itinerary as planned, breaks local laws or opposes any of these guidelines may result in Intrepid denying your booking or removing you from the trip.

If something concerns you during your travels, please speak to your group leader immediately. Alternatively, you can contact us on the emergency contact number detailed in the Problems and Emergency Contact Information section of this Essential Trip Information.

Travelling on a group trip

As you travel on a group trip you will be exposed to all the pleasures and maybe some of the frustrations of travelling in a group. Your fellow travellers will probably come from all corners of the world and likely a range of age groups too. We ask you to be understanding of the various needs and preferences of your group - patience with your fellow travellers is sometimes required for the benefit of everyone's travel experience. Remember too that you have responsibilities to the group. If you are requested to be at a place at a certain time, ensure that you don't keep the rest of the group waiting. We have found time and time again that the very best trips we operate are those where the dynamics within the group work well - this takes just a little effort on your part. Due to privacy reasons, we are unable to provide you with contact details and any personal information about your fellow travellers booked on your trip prior to departure.

SOLO TRAVELLERS

On our trips, rooming is organised on a twin-share basis. We pair up solo travellers with another traveller of the same gender, as per the gender marker on each of their passports.

We also offer an optional single supplement on most trips for travellers who prefer to have their own room. This only applies to accommodation during the tour. Pre-trip and post-trip accommodation booked through us will always be on a single-room basis.

On a small selection of trips some accommodation will be open-gender and multishare, such as a felucca in Egypt or an overnight train in Vietnam. Please review the Accommodation section of the Essential Trip Information for details about your trip.

LGBTQIA+ TRAVELLERS

We strive to create a safe and inclusive environment for everyone. If your gender identity differs from what is indicated on your passport, please contact us so that we can discuss rooming options with you.

Travel insurance

Travel insurance is compulsory on all our trips for those travelling internationally. We require that, at a minimum, you are covered for medical expenses, including emergency repatriation. If you are travelling within your home country or region, please confirm before travel that you are entitled to access the public medical system easily should an accident occur. We strongly recommend all travellers have a policy that also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage or personal effects. For international trips, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance and the insurance company's 24-hour emergency contact number has been sighted by your group leader or local representative.

If you have credit card insurance, your group leader or local representative will require details of the participating insurer/underwriter, the level of coverage, policy number, and emergency contact number, rather than the bank's name and your credit card details. Please contact your bank for these details prior to arriving in-country.

For travellers who reside within the European Union, Switzerland or the USA, the requirement to purchase travel insurance cannot be compulsory. However, the purchase of travel insurance is still highly recommended, and each country you visit may have its own specific entry requirements. For example, some mandate travel health insurance for all foreign travellers, regardless of their nationality. Travellers from the European Union, Switzerland or the USA who decline travel insurance when travelling outside their home region must sign a Travel Insurance Waiver Form at the Group Meeting, recognizing personal responsibility for emergency medical and repatriation costs should they arise.

For assistance with travel insurance or other services, please visit the link below:

<https://www.intrepidtravel.com/booking-resources/our-services>

Responsible travel

Our Responsible Travel Policy outlines our commitment to preserving the environment, supporting local communities, protecting the vulnerable, and giving back to the places we travel. All our trip group leaders or local representatives, suppliers, and staff are trained on these principles and are core to us delivering sustainable, experience-rich travel.

Explore the different parts of our Responsible Travel Policy by visiting:

<https://www.intrepidtravel.com/responsible-travel>

The Intrepid Foundation

Our non-profit, The Intrepid Foundation, gives travellers more opportunities to make a positive impact in the places they visit.

We have over 50 Intrepid Foundation partners across the globe addressing four key focus areas: protecting the environment, taking a stand for wildlife, addressing inequality and empowering communities.

Intrepid matches all post-trip donations dollar for dollar and takes care of the admin fees – this doubles your impact and ensures every cent goes to our partners on the ground.

Visit our website for more info: <http://www.theintrepidfoundation.org/>

This trip directly supports Eden Reforestation Projects, who are tackling climate change by restoring forests across the world; they also hire locally and create job opportunities within local communities. Donations support restoration across planting sites in 10 countries, including Madagascar, Kenya and Nepal. To find out more or make a donation, visit: <http://www.theintrepidfoundation.org/t/eden-reforestation-projects>

Booking Conditions

By booking this Intrepid Travel Tailor-Made Adventure, you agree to the Intrepid Standard Booking Conditions <https://www.intrepidtravel.com/au/booking-intrepid/booking-conditions> and any deviations specified below that apply to your Tailor-Made booking as set out below.

If you are making a booking on behalf of a group, you must ensure each traveller has read and agrees to our Booking Conditions before making the booking.

- You must provide a travellers' name list and details including name as per passport, passport number and expiration date, nationality, DOB, gender, rooming requirements, dietary requirements, medical concerns at least 60 days prior to departure of the trip.
- All rates are per person, based on indicated numbers travelling together as one movement. Any changes to the group size at any time before or after confirmation of services will require the trip to be repriced.
- The details set out in your proposal are a quotation only. The pricing and itinerary are subject to availability of accommodation, transport, leaders, and other suppliers at time of booking. We reserve the right to amend and requote itinerary if such suppliers are not available.
- By making your payment, you are agreeing to the most recent itinerary and price quote. All revisions will be subject to requote and additional approval.
- A contract will exist when we accept your deposit.
- If we, or a third-party operator, is required to make amendments to your original proposal, subsequent pricing may become applicable to your booking.
- Any changes to the itinerary made by you AFTER services have been confirmed will require a revised quote and may be subject to an additional charge (as levied by hotels, ground operators or airlines). No additional changes are permitted within 30 days prior to departure.
- Hotels listed in the quote are indicative only and are subject to change. If the hotel listed in the quote is unavailable, we will confirm an alternative hotel of similar standard.
- If complimentary transfers are included, (on a group basis) they are only applicable if going to accommodation booked through us. Please advise flight arrival details (flight number and arrival time) at least 30 days prior to departure if you wish to have this transfer provided. There is no guarantee we can arrange this transfer if we receive these details within 30 days of departure.
- Some Tailor-Made tours, such as our Tailor-Made Australia trips, may have cancellation terms that deviate from those set out in the Intrepid Standard Booking Conditions. Your Tailor-Made consultant will advise you of the cancellation conditions that apply to your booking prior to you paying your deposit.
- You acknowledge that you are choosing to travel at a time where you may be exposed to the COVID-19 virus. We will take all reasonable steps to ensure your safety and may require you to follow additional safety protocols before and during your trip. Depending on the most recent health information available to us, we may require you to comply with mandatory health policies, including the need for proof of vaccination or medical tests. More information can be found on our Covid-19 Customer Information page [here](#). Please note that these policy requirements are subject to change following advice from relevant authorities.